



THE MODEL T FORD

ITS REPAIR, SERVICE, & RESTORATION

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From Our Readers...

Dear Dan,

I read in the *Model T Times* some time ago that you should leave the fuel lever pulled down a little when turning off the car. This allows for easier starts and it does. Several members of our T club say this is the wrong thing to do and I should have the gas lever all the way up. What is your opinion?

John Polakovic
Hockessin, DE

Dear John,

I use this method when on tour at stops on the same day, where I will be re-starting the warm engine. To stop the motor, open the throttle a trifle to accelerate the motor and then throw off the switch. The engine will then stop with the cylinders full of explosive gas, which will naturally facilitate starting.

But when putting the T away overnight or longer in the garage, I just idle the T down with throttle closed for a few seconds and switch off. That way any un-exploded fuel is minimal, as it's that excess fuel that could wash down and leave the walls or rings with less protective oil which could increase wear of the engine. Of course, those cold restarts will need a bit of choke most times!

*Regards,
Dan*

Dear Dan,

I own a 1915 Model T Roadster. The tail light and tail light bracket were missing when I purchased the car. The previous owner had replaced the sheet metal, covering the sill where the bracket should be attached. I need a template so that I can mount the tail light bracket in the proper location. Can you help me?

Wayne Jorgensen
Batavia, IL

Dear Wayne,

These pictures will help you locate the holes for the tail lamp bracket. The 1915 used a two-piece bracket - the part that fit to the rear of the Runabout and the part that holds the plate. A nut fixed the two parts together. Later in 1915, for the 1916 model year, that bracket was still two-piece but riveted together;

then in 1917, cost savings made the part one piece. Modern reproductions are cast in one piece.

Carriage bolts from the back side in the wood cross sill hold the bracket. Square nuts with lock washers are placed over the bracket bolts, the square nuts are exposed on the outside. (Note: the pictures with measures for locating the bracket shows hex nuts, original were square nuts.)

*Best regards,
Dan*



Dear Dan,

My friend from Worcester, MA, Arthur H. Cote, III, asked me to email you for a wiring diagram for a 1923 Model T without a starter. He had previously written to you about the Kelsey wheels and rims on his Touring car. His T does not have a starter or generator. He removed the junk wiring that was on the car and the coilbox with the integral switch. He plans on using a regular coilbox with the dash-mounted switch and transformer along with magneto bulbs. The terminal block on the firewall is a 4-post block.

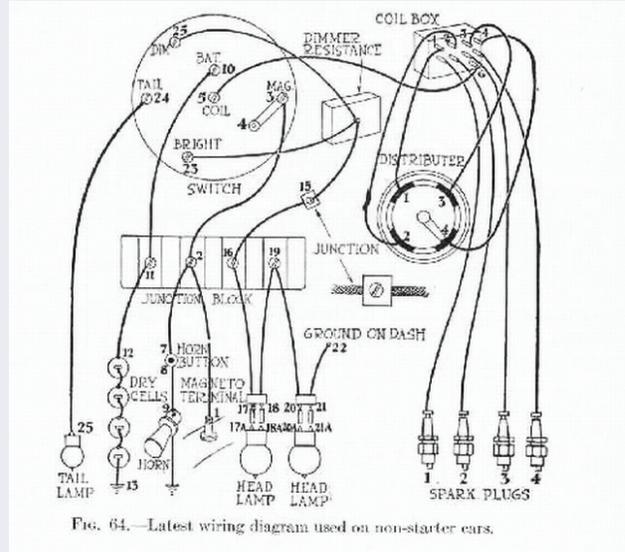
Could you please send to me a wiring diagram without a starter that would be appropriate for a '23 T and I will get a copy to him.

George W. Danek
Salem, MA

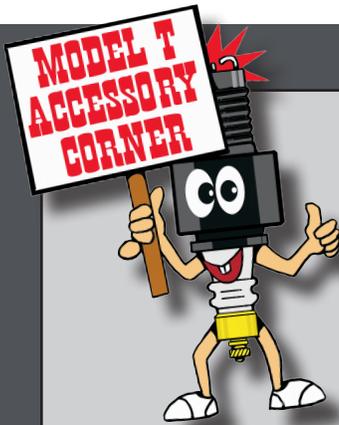
Dear George,

Thanks for the request. To the right is a drawing of the wiring diagram for the non-starter car which has the dash board-mounted switch. You can print it out and send on to Arthur H. Cote, III, for assistance in the re-wire.

Best regards,
Dan



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By Dan Treace
Technical Editor

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