

Eliminating a Fuel Leak at the Sediment Bulb

One of the aggravating problems one has with a Model T is a fuel leak. One of the most common fuel leaks can be found where the sediment bulb is screwed into the gas tank. I have found that teflon tape can be used successfully, but this is not a guaranteed repair. A permanent repair can be accomplished by filling the threads on the sediment bulb with solder. First, remove the sediment bulb and thoroughly clean the threads on the bulb which screws into the tank. Next, once the threads are clean, "tin" the threads with solder. While the sediment bulb is hot, fill the threads with solder and then quench the bulb with water. If you have a power wire brush wheel, remove the excess solder so the top of the threads can be seen. Now screw the bulb back into the gas tank, and any leaks should be a thing of the past.