

REGISTERED MECHANICS Service Training

PRESSURE PROVES THE PROBLEM
on • Two-Speed • Single-Range
• Dual-Range Transmissions

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THE CAR IS TOO

WHEN THE TRANSMISSION IS OUT OF ORDER...THE CAR IS, TOO

Then it's YOUR job to make the right diagnosis to find what ails the transmission . . .

... so the car, and the driver, can get back in the hustle-bustle of everyday traffic.

There are several steps in diagnosing transmission failure

SHIFT TEST

STALL TEST

HYDRAULIC

PRESSURE TEST

THE AIR PRESSURE TEST

It may be necessary to use any one or all of the other tests to find which major units are not functioning properly. An AIR PRESSURE test will help you verify the results of these tests.

The purpose of this presentation is to show how the air pressure test, which involves substituting air pressure for oil pressure, helps to locate the cause of unsatisfactory operation.

THERE ARE THREE BASIC TRANSMISSIONS TO CONSIDER:



They are known by the following product names:

TWO-SPEED	Edsel Mile-O-Matic
SINGLE-RANGE	Mercury Merc-O-Matic
DUAL-RANGE	Edsel Dual Power
	Mercury Multi-Drive
	Lincoln and Continental Mark IV Twin-Range

You can quickly recognize these transmissions by...

TRANSMISSION APPLICATION

	Transmission	Engine Cylinder	Cu. In. Displace- ment	Serial No. Prefix	Serial No.
EDSEL	Mile-O-Matic Mile-O-Matic Mile-O-Matic Mile-O-Matic Dual Power	6 8 8 8 8	223 292 332 361 361	PBP-A PBR-A PBS-A PBS-B PBL-U	B9PA-7000A B9PA-7000B B9PA-7000C B9PA-7000D PBL-7000U
MERCURY	Merc-O-Matic Merc-O-Matic Multi-Drive Merc-O-Matic Multi-Drive Multi-Drive	8 8 8 8 8 8	312 383 (2V) 383 (2V) 383 (4V) 383 (4V) 430 (4V)	PBM-G PBL-S PBL-T PBL-K PBL-L PBB-F	B9PM-7000A B9PM-7000D B9PM-7000E B9PM-7000B B9PM-7000C B9PM-7000F
LINCOLN	Twin Range	8 5	430 (4V)	PBB-E	PBB-7000E

Each transmission has a different system of band and clutch application.

TWO-SPEED TRANSMISSION BAND AND CLUTCH APPLICATION

	Front Band	Clutch	Rear Band	Parking Pawl
PARK	_	_	_	ON
REVERSE	-	—	ON	1
NEUTRAL	_	-	-	
DRIVE LOW	ON	—	—	—
DRIVE HIGH	—	ON	—	—
MANUAL LOW	ON		_	—

TWO-SPEED

THE SINGLE-RANGE TRANSMISSION BAND AND CLUTCH APPLICATION

	Front Clutch	Front Band	Rear Clutch	Rear Band	Parking Pawl
PARK	—	_	_	_	ON
REVERSE	_		ON	ON	
NEUTRAL					
INTERMEDIATE	<u>ON</u>	ΩN			
	on				
HIGH	ON	_	ON	_	
LOW	ON		<u> </u>	ON	

SINGLE-RANGE

THE DUAL-RANGE TRANSMISSION BAND AND CLUTCH APPLICATION

	Front Clutch	Front Band	Rear Clutch	Rear Band	Parking Pawl	One Way Clutch
PARK			_		ON	—
REVERSE			ON	ON		
NEUTRAL	_	_	_			-
DRIVE-2						
INTERMEDIATE	ON	ON	_			
HIGH	ON		ON		_	
DRIVE-1						
LOW	ON					Holding
INTERMEDIATE	ON	ON	_			_
HIGH	ON	_	ON	-		- 1
MANUAL LOW	ON			ON		



SUPPOSE THE CAR BELONGING TO OUR HITCHHIKING FRIEND IS TO BE TAKEN TO THE DEALERSHIP...

The first thing to do, if possible, is to make a SHIFT TEST to verify the customer's complaint. Then make a STALL TEST and ... check the HYDRAULIC OPERATING PRESSURE.

Then to pinpoint the cause of the trouble ... make an AIR PRESSURE TEST.

But first ... there are some Preliminary Checks and Adjustments that must be carried out.

FLUID LEVEL EXTERNAL LEAKAGE ENGINE IDLE LINKAGE

These Concern:

CHECK THE FLUID LEVEL

Be sure the car is standing level.

Place the transmission in park or neutral and apply the parking brake.



Then start the engine. When engine is warm, shift the PRNDL transmission through all the drive ranges . . .

Then place the transmission in park position ...

With the engine running... remove the indicator and read the fluid level.

If the dipstick does not read FULL ...

Add Type "A" Automatic **Transmission Oil (Part Number** MK-19582).

To bring the fluid level to the FULL mark.

CHECK FOR EXTERNAL OIL LEAKAGE

LOOK FOR OIL LEAKS AT THESE POINTS:



- speedometer cable connection
- extension housing gasket

oil pan

- oil filler pan connection
- transmission oil cooler lines
- transmission oil cooler
- throttle and manual lever seals





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- convertor drain plugs
- front pump oil seal and gasket
- servo covers and seals
- Iow servo apply pressure plug

ADJUST THE ENGINE IDLE SPEED

This step must be taken before adjusting the linkage. First, install a tachometer. Set the parking brake firmly. Then start the engine.

Place the selector in the correct drive position . . .

> Two-Speed — Drive Dual-Range — Drive 2 Single-Range — Drive







Engine must be at normal operating temperature. Carburetor lever must be positioned against the hot idle screw. Then adjust the hot idle screw for an engine R.P.M. of 450.

Also, adjust the anti-stall dashpot to specified clearance.

Then . . . ADJUST THE THROTTLE LINKAGE

There's a step-by-step procedure to follow here:

1	the engine idle speed
2	the carburetor connecting link
3	the accelerator connecting rod
4	the throttle control rod
5	the manual linkage
	Of course, we've already adjusted the engine idle speed so

THE NEXT STEP IS TO ADJUST THE ...

CARBURETOR CONNECTING LINK



Insert the Gauge Pin Tool (Part No. 77230-MB).

And hold the carburetor lever against the hot idle screw...

Then adjust the carburetor connecting link so the pin enters the carburetor lever freely.

Lengthen the carburetor rod pin so that the throttle lever is held against the hot idle screw.

NEXT STEP... ADJUST THE ... ACCELERATOR CONNECTING ROD



With the engine off, depress the accelerator to the floor.

Then... check the alignment of the accelerator linkage. Check for binding, too.

Adjust the accelerator connecting rod so that the accelerator pedal height is within specifications.

On single- and dual-range transmissions – NEXT. ADJUST THE ... THROTTLE CONTROL ROD

Raise the car and install a pressure gauge and tachometer.

With the car lowered ...gently pull the control rod up against its stop. Adjust the clevis so the pin enters the clevis and arm freely. Then lengthen the



clevis 3½ turns. Next, set the brakes, place the selector in the correct drive position . . . accelerate the engine to 1,000 r.p.m. Pressure gauge must read 80-85 p.s.i. LENGTHEN clevis to increase pressure. SHORTEN clevis to reduce pressure.

CAUTION: Make checks quickly. Return the selector to neutral after each check to avoid overheating the transmission.

NOW . . . ADJUST THE MANUAL LINKAGE

Disconnect the manual shift rod from the shift lever.

CORRECT DRIVE POSITION



SECOND DETENT FROM REAR

Place selector lever in correct drive position. Place the selector on the transmission in the second detent from the rear.

Adjust the manual shift rod so . . . the clevis pin enters clevis and detent freely.

Then lengthen the clevis 1 full turn.

Reassemble and check the selector in each position. Also check operation of the neutral switch in park or neutral only.

NOTE: On Edsel models adjust the manual shift rod clamp in the same way.

THROTTLE LINKAGE ADJUSTMENT

ON A SIX-CYLINDER CAR WITH A TWO-SPEED TRANSMISSION



There are FIVE steps to follow ... after the engine idle speed and dashpot adjustments have been made.

- 1. Remove the clevis from the throttle control rod.
- 2. Adjust the accelerator connecting rod so that the accelerator pedal height is within specifications.
- **3.** Then . . . turn the throttle control rod clevis until the pin fits the hole in the throttle lever.
- Lengthen the throttle rod 3½ turns. (Not less than 3 nor more than 4.)
- 5. And ... connect the throttle rod to the throttle lever.
- NOTE: It is not necessary to use the pressure adjustment method on a two-speed transmission.

REMEMBER OUR HITCHHIKING FRIEND? HE'S STILL THUMBING



Let's get down to brass tacks ... or worn bands ... and see what's ailing his car.

After making the preliminary checks and adjustments . . .

we're ready to give his transmission the AIR PRESSURE TEST.



TO MAKE THE AIR PRESSURE TEST...

DRAIN THE TRANSMISSION OIL REMOVE THE OIL PAN AND . . . THE CONTROL VALVE ASSEMBLY

THEN

USE A RUBBER TIPPED AIR HOSE TO APPLY PRESSURE TO THE OIL PASSAGES THAT LEAD TO THE

CLUTCHES
 SERVOS
 GOVERNOR



IF IT'S A SINGLE-RANGE OR DUAL-RANGE TRANSMISSION

CHECK THE FRONT CLUTCH

LISTEN FOR A DULL THUD

- **CHECK THE REAR CLUTCH**
- LISTEN FOR A THUD



CHECK THE GOVERNOR



Listen for a click. Notice the valve snap forward.



AND CHECK ...

THE FRONT BAND AND SERVO

THE REAR BAND AND SERVO

Of course, this applies only to single-range or dual-range transmissions...





IF IT'S A TWO-SPEED TRANSMISSION

USE AN ADAPTOR AND ... CHECK THE FRONT SERVO

First, the apply passage. The low band should tighten...then relax when pressure is released.

Second, the release passage.

Listen for excessive leakage.

CHECK THE REAR SERVO

The reverse band should tighten... then relax when pressure is released.

NEXT...

CHECK THE CLUTCH

Listen for a dull thud.

If no noise ...

feel the drum to see if you can detect the piston moving.

If necessary ...

REMOVE THE CLUTCH FROM THE TRANS-MISSION CASE AND CHECK.

IF THESE PARTS OPERATE CORRECTLY WITH AIR PRESSURE

THEN

THE NEXT STEP IS TO CHECK THE

CONTROL VALVE

TROUBLE IN THE CONTROL VALVE

means these steps should be followed ...

disassemble the valve body

clean and dry all parts

check mating surfaces for flatness

inspect all parts

NOTE: Always lay parts on a clean dry surface.

INSPECT EACH..

for scores, burrs, scratches or distortion.

PROPER MAINTENANCE OF MACHINED SURFACES

involves...

POLISHING valves and plugs with a crocus cloth.

But do not round the sharp edges.

CHECKING valves for free movement in the bores.

Rotate to ease the entry.

Valves and plugs should fall into the bores by their own weight when dry.

Avoid shearing of soft body casings. Also ... check mating surfaces for flatness.

TO ASSEMBLE THE Control Valve

FOLLOW THESE STEPS: Tip the assembly back and forth. Listen for the valve and plug to slide freely in their bores...

then

... test each plug and valve in its bore for free movement.

Assemble all the valve body sections .

INSTALL THE SEPARATOR PLATE TO THE UPPER BODY

torque to ... 4-6 pounds-feet

MOUNTING BOLTS

torque to ... 6-10 pounds-feet

DO NOT OVERTIGHTEN ... OVERTIGHTENING may distort the Control Valve Body and ... cause the valves and plugs to stick.

When assembling a job, check the units for leaks or obstructions by using

AIR PRESSURE

Air should only come out holes as indicated. On single-range and dual-range transmissions, check the PRIMARY SUN GEAR SHAFT.

ALSO ... CHECK NEW SHAFTS, TOO!

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The Front Clutch Housing

The Rear Clutch Housing

... Air should come out the proper holes.

THEN CHECK—

The Front ServoThe Rear Servo

... and make a final check on ...

... before installing the control valve.

• THE AIR PRESSURE CHECKS MADE PRE-VIOUSLY ON TWO-SPEED TRANSMISSIONS SHOULD BE RECHECKED AT THIS POINT.

WELL, THAT'S IT...

The preliminary checks and adjustments and a careful AIR PRESSURE TEST should lead to the transmission ailment so it can be corrected and our hitchhiking friend can finally get a ride.

SUMMARY

Transmission troubles can be located by SHIFT TEST ... STALL TEST ... HYDRAULIC PRESSURE TEST and AN AIR PRESSURE TEST

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There are three basic transmissions to consider:

• TWO-SPEED • SINGLE-RANGE • DUAL-RANGE

Know the band and clutch application for each.

Make these preliminary checks and adjustments:

- FLUID LEVEL
 ENGINE IDLE
- EXTERNAL LEAKAGE LINKAGE

Then make an Air Pressure Test of the transmission circuits.

- FRONT CLUTCH GOVERNOR
- REAR CLUTCH
 FRONT AND REAR SERVOS

If the trouble is in the Control Valve:

- CLEAN AND INSPECT
- CHECK AND REPAIR MACHINED SURFACES
- MAKE PROPER ASSEMBLY

Use Air Pressure when assembling a job. Test...

- PRIMARY SUN GEAR GOVERNOR
- CLUTCHES
 SERVOS

QUESTIONS

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- 1. There are four basic transmissions to con- ()() sider.
- 2. The engine must be running when the fluid ()() level is checked.
- 3. It is necessary to use a tachometer when ()() making preliminary checks and adjustments before an air pressure test.
- The throttle control rod clevis must be short- () () ened to increase pressure, and lengthened to reduce pressure.
- The control valve assembly must not be re- ()() moved when making an air pressure test.
- An air pressure test is made by applying air ()() pressure to the oil passages in the transmision case.
- In checking single- or dual-range transmission, the governor should make a clicking sound.
- 8. The front band should tighten when pres- ()() sure is released from the front servo.
- 9. Valves should not drop by their own weight ()() into the control valve assembly bores.
- The primary sun gear shaft can be air pres- () () sure checked only on a single- or dual-range transmission.

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