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Dear Mr. Choppen

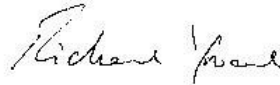
I enjoyed Issue 7 of the Newsletter but disagree with Rob Bird when he says that the tools he pictures are "what mechanics of the day used". Well, maybe they are but the picture shows the contents of the owner's tool kit-see the enclosed copy of the "Tools and Accessories Supplied" with a 1934 Seven according to that year's Handbook.

Leafing through the Handbook it deals with (among other things)

How to start the car and what to do about "Difficulty in Starting"
How to Change Gear
Monthly Attentions (Seven of them)
The Fuel System and how it works (with a picture of the pump, in section)
The Ignition System, including Ignition Faults
Timing the Ignition, with details of the Timing Marks on the flywheel
The Cooling System
The Grease Gun
Lubrication, with an illustration of the engine's lubrication system
Road Springs
Hubs, with a picture of the front hub in section
Lubrication Chart, showing weekly and monthly lubrication duties
Electrical Equipment, including a complete Wiring Diagram
Running Adjustments, including tappet adjustment and de-carbonizing.
(No wonder a Valve Spring Lifter is included in the Tool Kit!)
Brake Adjustment and Relining
Clutch Slip.

This all shows how much an owner/driver was expected to do, without taking the car to a garage. The large tool kit was essential, as well as some practical ability. But did you notice that the tool kit didn't include a single ring spanner? Not invented then I suppose.

Yours sincerely



Richard Youard

TOOLS and ACCESSORIES SUPPLIED WITH THE CAR.

The tools are supplied in a soaked cardboard box. The owner should see the seals are intact when the car is delivered.

The tools should be carefully checked against the list shown at the end of the handbook, then put into their places in the wraps, and stowed away in the car.

$\frac{1}{2}$ in. and $\frac{3}{8}$ in. box spanner.	Spanner for monobloc nuts.
$\frac{3}{8}$ in. \times $\frac{3}{8}$ in. box spanner.	Tool wrap.
$\frac{3}{8}$ in. and $\frac{1}{2}$ in. box spanner.	Sparking-plug box spanner and tommy bar.
$\frac{3}{8}$ in. and $\frac{1}{2}$ in. double open-end spanner.	Brace for detachable wheels.
$\frac{3}{8}$ in. and $\frac{1}{2}$ in. double open-end spanner.	Tyre lever.
$\frac{3}{8}$ in. and $\frac{1}{2}$ in. double open-end spanner.	Tyre pump.
Adjustable spanner, 4 in.	Lifting jack, with handle.
Hub-cap and steering column sleeve spanner.	Screwdriver.
Ignition spanner.	Sparking plug and tappet clearance gauge.
Tappet adjusting spanner.	Grease gun with adaptor.
	Valve-spring lifter.
	Combination pliers.
	Hub extractor and screw.

A spare cylinder-head joint washer is also supplied.

Extra with supercharged sports model: Rear axle oiling adaptor, valve grinding tool, special valve lifter, induction pipe flange spanner.

Extra with unsupercharged sports model: valve grinding tool, special valve lifter.

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