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cause we all have questions!

A suggestion to help your Airflow run cooler

Airflow engines are designed to need a thermostat to properly cool. If you remove the thermostat a portion of the coolant always goes through the bypass instead of all of it going through the radiator with the thermostat operating when the engine is warmed up. This results in the coolant failing to be properly cooled and boiling when it is hot outside. My DeSoto climbed the grade from the Colorado River at Needles on the way home from the National Meet with the outside temperature at 103° without boiling. I am running distilled water and *Water Wetter*. Needless to say I was delighted.

Jim Lightfoot

I tried Jim's advice and put a new 160° thermostat in my DeSoto. No more overheating!!!! Now it rises to about 170° - 180°, then drops to about 160° and stays right there. A good lesson learned for me.

I also have a 1947 Dodge pickup (same basic engine) that occasionally got a little hot with a 180° thermostat. I replaced that one with a 160° also. We ran it in a 2-hour parade on July 4, with no problem whatsoever.

Here in Minnesota we need to use anti-freeze, about 50 %, and run it year around so we don't forget in the Fall, and it seems to work well.

John Hansen