



***Bumper guard
color; then
running boards***

To all,

I need urgent advice regarding the bumper bars on the 1936 Chrysler Airflow. Were the three grooves that traversed the centre of the bumper bars from one side to the other and the centre medallion painted black or were they just left in the chrome plated finish.

The C11 Chrysler Airflow Limousine is currently being detailed in preparation for entering the 'Preservation Class' at Motorclassica 2011 here in Melbourne Australia and our Car Detailer sprung this question on me this afternoon and the mind went blank.

Please help ASAP

Regards

John Spinks

Pakenham, Victoria, Australia

John,
Yes, they are painted black.

Chandler Smith
Ft. Worth Texas (Source: Yahoo forum)

Airflowers,
What has been the experience of replacing the rubber on running boards. Do they rehab or supply new new ones? Any suggestions as to a source?

Mike Delapp
Barrington, Illinois

Mike,

Check with Hunley Acuff in Georgia. You can find him on Google. He does a fantastic job.

Norm Mulloy
Paris, Ontario, Canada... (Source: Yahoo forum)

Letters to the EDITOR



Dear Jerry,

I thought you might be interested in seeing some of the items discussed on the Airflow Chat Room at <<Airflow@yahooogroups.com>>. Here is an item on running board restoration - maybe others in the club would be interested in posing their questions on the internet.

Jim Lightfoot, Simi Valley, CA

Airflow Running Board Help Needed

I'm trying to strip the old rubber off a pair of running boards for my S-2 and need to know if anyone has any easy way to do it. It's chipping off inch by inch and there must be a quicker and easier way.

Ron Robbel, Bend, Oregon

I suggest that you either burn it off or warm the underside with a gas torch in the area that you are working in and then chip away, remember patience is a virtue and anyone who works on Airflows develops heaps of that!!!!

John Spinks, Australia

I have to second John on that! Lacking a chemical strip vat, heat, scrape, heat, scrape...and so on...heat should be limited so as not to warp metal.

John Heimerl, Suffolk, VA

Where do I purchase a replacement set of running board rubbers for my 1936 C-9 Coupe, as mine are a little on the rotted side.

John Spinks, Australia

Steele Rubber Products has C10 - C17 running board rubber. Phone: (800)544-8665. It is listed as part #40-0260-49 and the cost is \$ 638.00 per set. This is the design you need, however, I don't know if it is the same size board. I could measure my C-10 to see if it would fit or easily modified.

Jon Chulow, Pasadena, MD

I just came across a flyer I picked up two years ago at Hershey for running boards for the '34-'36 DeSotos.

Hunley Acuff Runningboards,
1423 Wilson Road,

Rossville, Georgia 30741

Phone 1-706-866-4875 After 5:00 p.m. EST

His price at that time was \$650 a set, add \$50 if he sandblasts or \$150 if he cleans and sandblasts. Member Tom Prince got a set within the last six months and is quite pleased with them. I got a set

several years ago and they look brand new.

Jim Lightfoot, Simi Valley, CA

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kind of funny. I have body hair on my arm. I got a spot on the arm that once was his belly.

During his stay in London, Bob Hope visited the USO while on a USO tour. Actress and singer Frances Farmer, part of Hope's group, stopped by Wiltgen's dressing room and kissed him, he remembers. But Wiltgen says, "The comedian visited the wing where the amputees lived and Wiltgen still had both his arms.

"When they sent you back to the States, they put you close to your folks," Wiltgen says. "I was put in but my folks were working in the shipyards in Walla Walla (Wash.) then, so they sent me to McCaw General Hospital in Walla Walla, which was pretty close."

Later he was moved to Madigan Army Hospital at Fort Lewis near Puget Sound to continue his recovery. He'd been hospitalized for so long, he talked his way through a 85-day pass and doctors into figuring out a way to fix his weakened left leg, where surgeons had replaced part of bone to graft into his left arm.

"I'm the type who can't just sit around," Wiltgen says. "The doctors understood. I wanted to get back to my girlfriend, wanted to get out to Illinois and see my folks. That was one of the real nice things about it there, and it was back in the day when nobody would soldier hitchhiking."

There were training programs at Fort Lewis. Wiltgen got to type with his good hand; they tied a string around his right leg to the space bar to operate it. And in the lab, where wounded soldiers could learn to use prosthetics, enlargers, mix chemicals and take and develop pictures.

So when Bob Hope arrived at Fort Lewis with a troop that included Jimmy Durante, Wiltgen got over the logistics with the USO show's coordinator before the show, that's how a corporal from the show got to walk up to him with a camera in hand and take the comedian's picture.

And that's the story of how the corporal got his arm back. Reporter Vince Devlin can be reached at 523-5260 or @missoulian.com>.