



UPHOLSTERY IDEAS FOR 1934 AIRFLOWS By Richard D. Gray

EDITOR'S NOTE - Richard Gray prepared a super "TRICKS AND TIPS" article published in the October 1987 "Newsletter". His focus was on restoration of headliners in 1934 Airflows. His car is a 1934 "CY" Chrysler. What follows are Richard's "TIPS" on saving door panels along with other upholstery restoration hints.

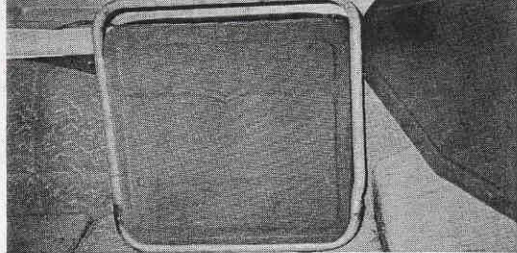
DOOR PANELS -

The pictured door panel was coated with fibreglas resin and where needed was reinforced with fibreglas cloth. The panel's surface was sanded and cleaned. Spray glue was applied to the panel's surface as well as the upholstery cloth. The cloth was smoothed by hand. Be sure that the panel fasteners are in good order or substitute suitable alternate fasteners prior to applying glue and cloth.

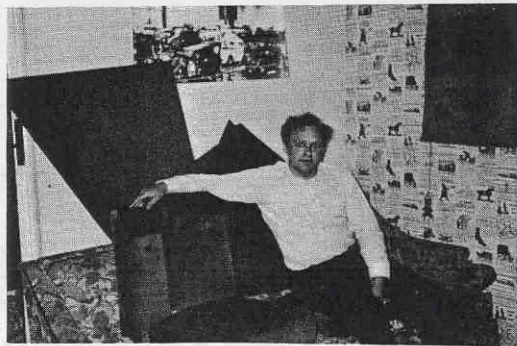
RESTORING SEAT SPRINGS -

The front seat frame of my Airflow contained coil springs that were so old and soft that added support was given by rolling poly-foam padding and inserting it inside the coils to the full height. Full height diaphragms were placed between the rows of coils - front to back. A layer of 1 1/2" foam was placed on top of the coils. Cover this surface with cotton batting, or an acceptable substitute, before adding the finish fabric.

The rear seat cushion and back were covered as original except the deteriorated springs were replaced with foam substitutes. No squeaks!



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