1930-31 Open Car Lower Stanchions Made to Original Specs in the U.S.A.

Due to body tolerance variations, some trimming of the lower contour may be necessary. This may vary between right and left side. An inspection of original parts and cowls verified this requirement. The original blue print shows this as "allowance for fitting" and apparently was done at the time of installation. The fit on reproduction steel bodies has not been determined.

In order to achieve the neatest curtain installation the two post holes are omitted as they were originally. (See Ford service bulletin information and illustrations, reproduced below) This will avoid having extra holes to add, or misaligned holes. Six original pairs were checked and all had different hole locations.

Our recommendation is to tape the area of the holes with masking tape and mark. Then center punch the center of the holes. Make a pilot hole using a drill smaller than 1/8". Follow with a Number 21 (0.159") drill and deburr slightly. Tap holes for 10-32 thread perpendicular to the surface using tapping lube.

Certain replacement wing nuts are not tapped as deep (1/2") as original. This could result in the nut not locking down on the post. To correct, use spacer washers or shorten the stud by sanding and chamfering the top edge. An alternative is to retap the nut deeper using a 3/8-24 bottoming tap.

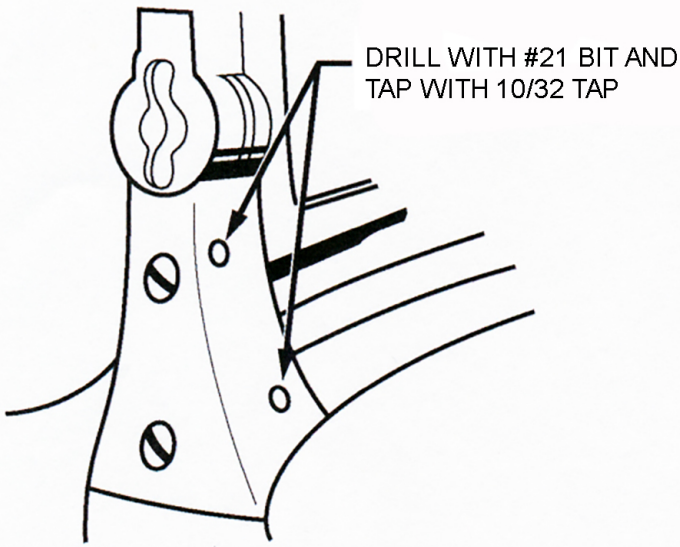


Fig. 1018

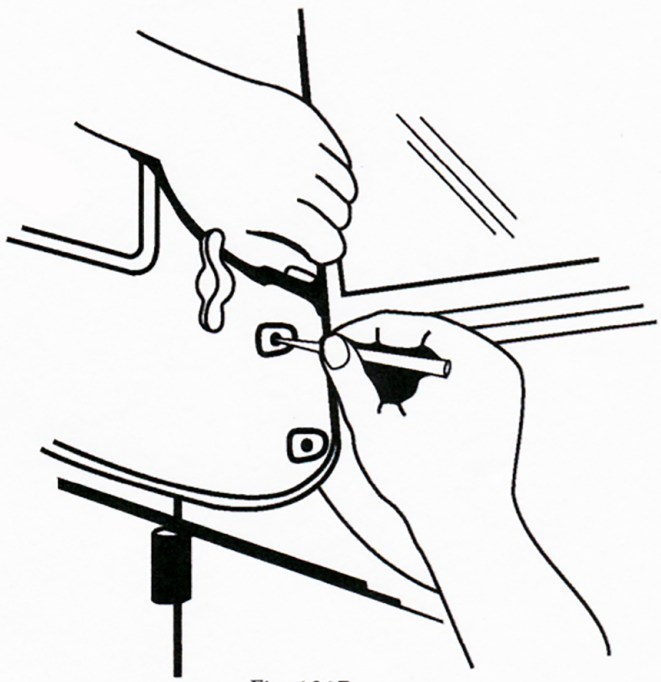


Fig. 1017

LOWER WINDSHIELD STANCHION SHIPPED LESS STUDS

Windshield stanchions, lower (A-37130 and A-37131) are shipped less the A-34575 curtain fastener studs as a much neater curtain installation can be made when the curtains are fitted individually to the job.

After installing a new lower stanchion it is necessary to locate the exact points at which to install the studs. To do this, first attach the curtain to the upper stanchion, then after pulling downward on the curtain so as to draw it into a position that will insure a snug fit, insert a scriber through the grommet holes in the curtain and mark the exact location for the stud holes on lower stanchion. (See Fig. 1017)

When drilling the stud holes in lower stanchion use a No. 21 drill and follow with a 10-32 tap.