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Instruction Sheets, Stickers and Related Topics

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In the previous two issues of *Stock Was . . .* I described the contents of the dispatch boxes of new Corvair 95s. This issue will look at other printed materials delivered from the factory. Usually, the placement of these items was simply included in the relevant stock or RPO sections of the assembly manual. Such was the case for the jacking instruction sheets, positraction warning sticker, heater duct sticker, and oil bath air clearer tag discussed below, but not for items included in the Miscellaneous Shipping List. I'd like to thank Dave Newell for providing an original FC visor sleeve and discussions of the Miscellaneous Shipping List.

The Miscellaneous Shipping List

The section of the Assembly Manual called the "Miscellaneous Shipping List" (MSL) identified items such as the contents of the glovebox that needed to be placed in the vehicle before exiting the assembly line. These include paperwork and documents such as Owner Guides and Warranty booklets as well as a few other items discussed below. The list also includes items sent to the dealer for installation, such as the antenna, outside mirrors, floor mats, and wheel covers. The MSL indicated which model(s) would receive each item, where the item was to be placed, whether it was part of a RPO, if it was intended for export vehicles, and other particulars.

Like other sections of the Assembly Manual, these lists often have errors and omissions. For example, in the Figure showing the 1962 list, #3781610 is mistakenly specified as the warranty booklet for all models – this was actually the 1961 booklet used only for R10 (non-Greenbrier) models.

PART NUMBER	PART NAME	NOTE REFERENCE	MODELS				SHIPPING REFERENCE
			05	06	44	54	
3798326	BOOKLET-INSTRUCTION (OWNERS GUIDE)	1 3	1	1	1	1	
3798342	BOOKLET-INSTRUCTION (OWNERS GUIDE)	7 8	1	1	1	1	
3798348	BOOKLET-INSTRUCTION (OWNERS GUIDE)	6 8	1	1	1	1	
3781610	BOOKLET - OWNER SERVICE POLICY	1 8	1	1	1	1	
3809446	PAPER BAG	5 3	1	1	1	1	9
3797840	POLICY - BATTERY SERVICE	1 3	1	1	1	1	
3822013	BOOKLET - SPORTS WAGON	1		1			
3785443	ENVELOPE - OWNER INSTRUCTION BOOKLET	10	1	1	1	1	
3817520	TAG - SEAT BELT INSTRUCTION	1 3	1	1	1	1	
3781459	FRONT FLOOR & TOE PAN MAT	4	1	1	1	1	
3813881	FRONT FLOOR & TOE PAN MAT ASM. (FOA 128 OR 138)	4	1	1	1	1	11
3817520	FRONT FLOOR & TOE PAN MAT (R.P.O. 451 WITH OR WITHOUT SEE SIGNER CHART F.O.A. 128 OR 138)	4		1			
3785336	WHEEL TRIM COVER EQUIPMENT (F.O.A. - 132)		4	4	4	4	
3796122	RADIO ANTENNA UNIT (F.O.A. - 123)		1	1	1	1	16
3785002	SCREW	2	4	4	4	4	13
3780880	NUT	2	4	4	4	4	
121173	STRING	12		1			
3817080	CONTAINER - TOOL	14	1	1	1	1	11 17
369210	PAPER	15	1	1	1	1	
36A243	TAPE	15	1	1	1	1	

1 To be furnished by Chevrolet Material Department to Assembly Plants.

2 Used to attach Front & Rear License Plates.

3 Domestic use only.

4 Roll & tie with string.

5 Used as License Plate attaching parts container.

6 To be printed in Spanish & supplied directly by G. M. Export Service Dept.

7 To be printed in English & supplied directly by G. M. Export Service Department

8 Used when specified for Export.

9 Place in Instrument Panel Compartment.

10 Used as Owner Instruction Booklet container.

11 Place behind Front seat.

12 Used to tie front Floor & Toe Panel Mat.

13 PLACE IN PAPER BAG.

14 USED AS CONTAINER FOR ANY EXTERIOR PARTS SUBJECT TO PILLAGE.

15 USED TO WRAP TOOL CONTAINER.

16 PLACE IN TOOL CONTAINER.

17 PLACE ON RIGHT FRONT FLOOR. (44-54 MODELS ONLY)

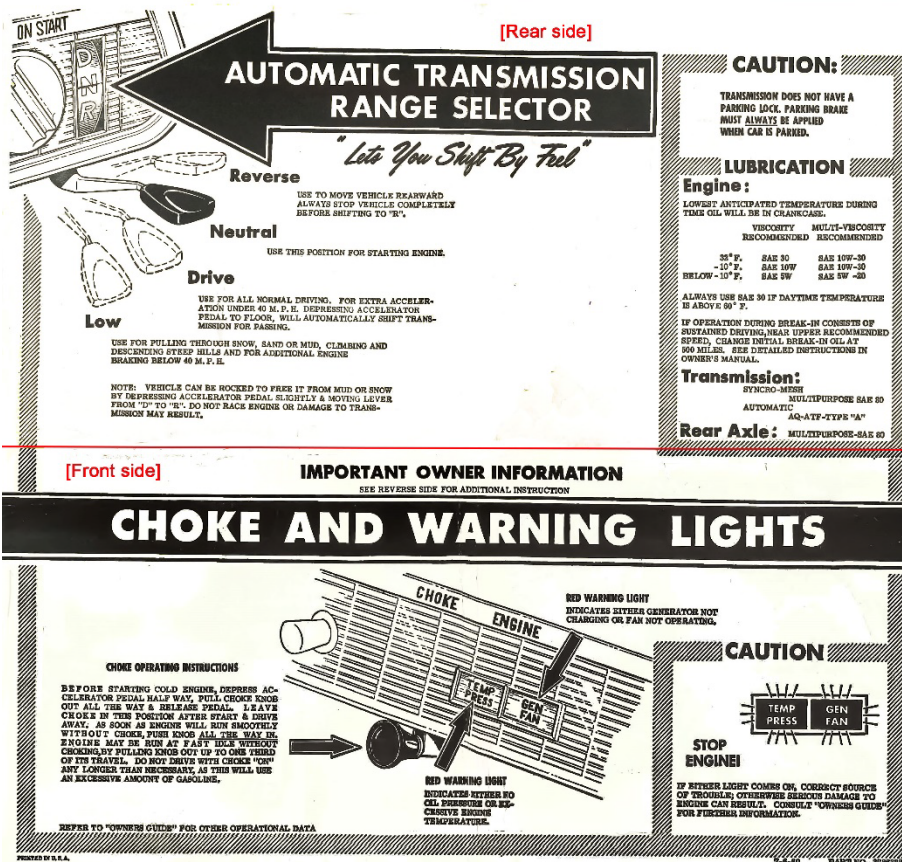
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Transmission and Warning Light Instruction Sheet

1961 FCs came with an instruction sheet (#3786328) wrapped as a sleeve over the driver-side sunvisor. The front side (visible when the visor was folded above the windshield, explained the warning lights and use of the choke. The flip-side gave instructions for using the powerglide control and powertrain lubrication. 1961 cars came with the same instruction sheet, but a different version was used in 1960. The instruction sheet was discontinued after 1961.

1961 visor sleeve, shown unfolded below



The Jack and Jacking Instruction Sheets

The FC jack differed from the car jack in being somewhat heavier and having a pin in the center of the lift surface. The pin fits into a hole in the undercarriage jacking pads at each of the four jacking positions. The jack was mounted on brackets behind the spare tire in vans and on the floor below the spare tire in pickups. The jacking instruction sheets showed the position of the jacking pads in the vehicle undercarriage and described the use of the jack. The sheets for pickups (#3784292) and vans (#37844760)



FC Jack

differed mainly in the instructions for accessing jack. The instruction sheet was attached below the jack spare tire in vans and alongside the spare tire in pickups, as shown in the figures. The location of the jacking instructions and positraction sheet in the van seems unfortunate, both being hidden behind the spare tire.

Positraction Caution Sheets

The Positraction rear axle was introduced in 1962 as RPO 481, becoming RPO G81 when the new alphanumeric RPO system was introduced in 1963. When RPO 481/G81, positraction rear axle, was ordered, the positraction caution sheet (#3745926) was installed near the jacking instruction sheet, as shown in the figures for a van and pickup.

There is an interesting article from Bob Kirkman in the 1983 issue 11-6 of *Corvanatics* in which he recounted early concerns that the FC positraction differential did not work correctly. Engineers had found that when one wheel was free turning, a single person pushing on the front of the vehicle could prevent forward movement. Thought to be a defect, it actually wasn't. Since the positraction differential only generates 50 lbs of forward thrust, enough to roll over a 2 x 4, which was adequate to move the vehicle forward under most normal situations.



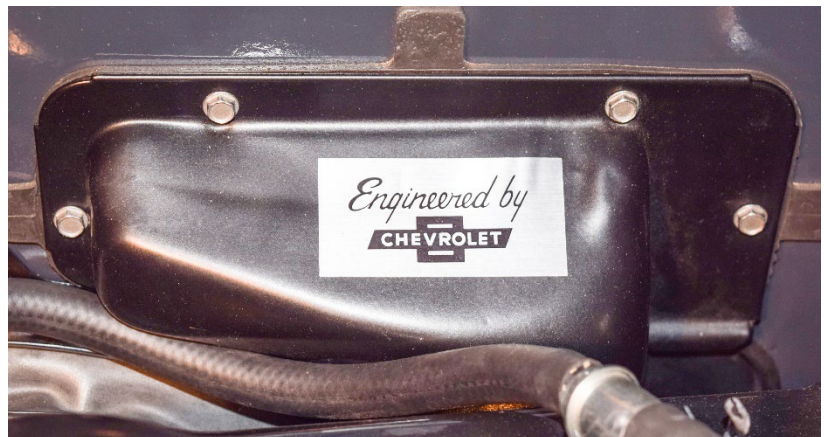
Jacking and Positraction stickers in pickups.



Jacking and Positraction stickers in vans.

Heater duct sticker

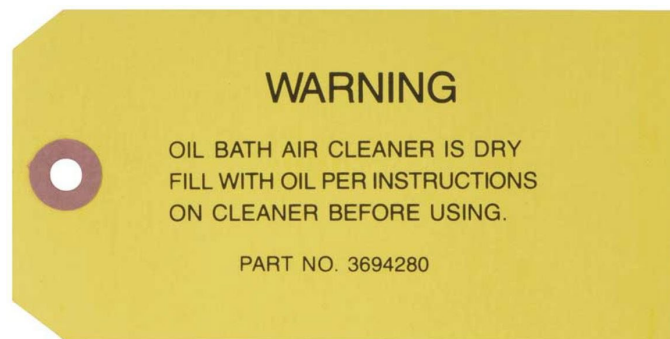
The fresh air inlet duct attached to the engine firewall received a small silver "Engineered by Chevrolet" sticker (# 3154128). The same sticker was used in other Chevy vehicles.



Heater duct sticker

Pre oil-bath air filter warning tag.

The oil bath pre-filter was available for 1963 – '65 FCs as RPO K47. Vehicles with RPO K47 received a tag (#3634280) attached to the steering wheel pointing out that oil needed to be added to the air filter. However, a qualifying statement in the Assembly Manuals indicates that the tag was only for “models not driven away”. Apparently the filter received oil if the vehicle was picked up by a customer from the factory.

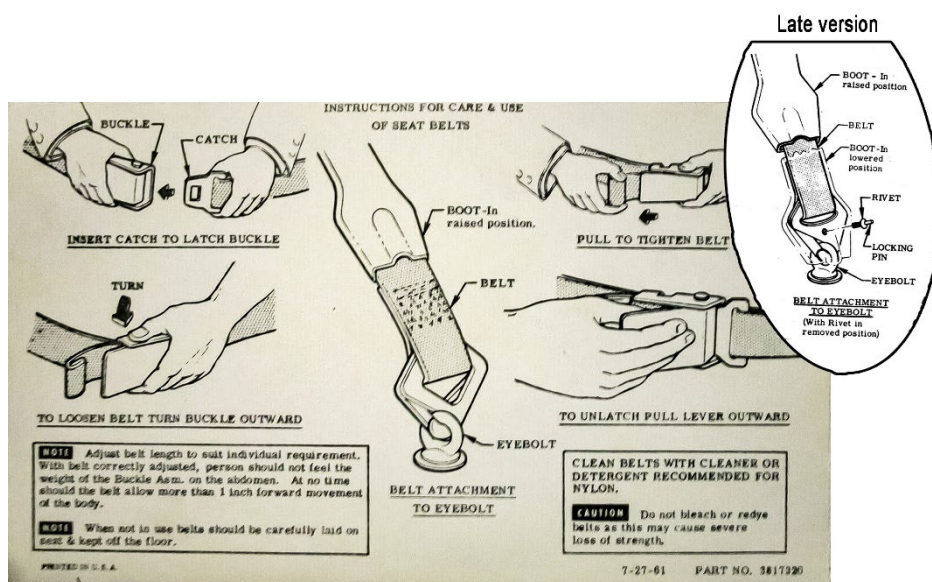


TAG - FOR ALL MODELS NOT DRIVEN AWAY, ATTACH TO STEERING WHEEL.

Seat belt Instruction sheet.

Seat belts became a Factory Optional Accessory in 1962. When seat belts were installed at the factory for 1962 and 1963 FCs, an instruction sheet was provided. This was the same sheet used for Corvair cars and many other GM models.

There were two versions, both carrying the same part number (#3817320) and showing the scissor clamp bracket of the '62-'63 style seat belts. The earlier version was dated 7-27-61 and most likely came with '62 and early '63 FCs. The modified version is dated 9-5-62.



Dealers also were to provide an instruction sheet for accessory seat belts that they installed. The sheet was the last page of the installation instructions. And the next issue of Stock Was . . . will be all about seat belts.