

Tech Tip: Where to Find the Answer
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There is an overwhelming likelihood that whatever problem or question you have about your Studebaker, someone has already had that problem or question. There are numerous sources for getting the information you need to solve your problem. First and foremost are the Shop Manual, the Chassis Manual, and the Body Manual. If you don't have these for your Studebaker car or truck, you should get one. I have each of these manuals for our three Studebakers and they are invaluable in not only working on the vehicle but in identifying particular parts and part numbers. Studebaker International sells newly reprinted versions and used manuals are also available at York and Reedsville.

The next great source of information is the Cooperator section in Turning Wheels. Each month several topics are covered. But how to find the answer to a specific problem that was discussed several months or years ago? The answer is to buy an index of Cooperator articles. The index is sold by a vendor and you can download it to your computer. I've purchased the index and have used it frequently to look up answers to questions in Turning Wheels articles as far back as 1980, which is the oldest Turning Wheels I have.

For the past few years, the source I turn to first for help with a tech problem is the Studebaker Forum. If you haven't logged onto the forum, you really should give it a try. Access is through the SDC website, www.studebakerdriversclub.com. Once there, click on the Studebaker Forum link. One of the forums is "Technical Talk" where you can ask questions and get comments back from other SDC members. You can also comment on others' questions. By using the search function you can find previous discussions on a topic. For example, searching for "oil pressure" lists many previous discussions of this topic. The SDC home page also has a link to a tech tip page that has tech tips on many topics. Finally, the Racing Studebakers website (www.racingstudebakers.com) has a forum where technical and other information can be exchanged. This website more or less focuses on high performance Studebakers. Good luck with your searches!