

LETS KEEP OUR MODEL A HAPPY

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TOOLS & PARTS

I have been asked several times, what parts should I carry in my Model A? What tools should I carry? My answer is "this is a very hard question to answer, because there are so many variables." When I give that answer the next question is usually "well what do you carry?" I usually answer this question with "just because I carry one that doesn't mean you should!" Well I am going out on a limb and come up with a list of parts and tools I would recommend to be carried in your Model A! Some of us may carry a lot more than I recommend and some may prefer to carry only a cell phone and "AAA" card! Your individual "Mechanical Ability" as well as the type of driving you do ie: short trips or long trips, by yourself or always with other Model A'S, the condition of your vehicle, is it completely stock or is it modified? All of these will have an impact on the parts and tools you should carry. Of course if we knew what was going to fail on our next trip we would repair/change it before we left! But the surprise and creativity on the road is always a fun part of the "Model A" experience

PARTS

2 gallons of radiator water/coolant
1 quart engine oil
radiator hoses with new clamps
points & condenser
distributor cap & rotor
spare inner tube
spare fan belt
spare fuse

TOOLS

Jack & lug wrench with a good spare tire
6/12 volt test light
roll of electrical tape
4 in flat screw driver
6 in flat screw driver
#2 Philips screw driver
combination pliers
diagonal cutting pliers [dikes]
8 in crescent wrench
set of open / box wrench 3/8----3/4
small can of WD 40



I know this list is a minimum but again it depends not only on you but also your Model A and your type of driving. If you do have trouble on the road and you can make repairs, it is only a slight inconvenience and you and your Model A will be HAPPY.

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