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AMC, NASH AND HUDSON SUPPLIERS

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It's about time we gave some of the American independent enthusiasts their due. These orphan-car owners have been patiently reading this column the past months as we focused our topics on parts suppliers for the Big Three. American Motors enthusiasts deserve their "month in the sun," too. Although there are not as many AMC, Nash or Hudson restorers out there, I can assure you that they are just as passionate about their collector cars as any Ford, GM or Mopar owner. This can be attested to by some of the parts locator requests we have received recently:

"I'm looking for parts catalogs for a 1946 Hudson Commander car."



"I'm attempting to locate a repair manual for a 1962 Nash American."

"My daughter has a 1955 Nash Statesman. Do you know of a good source for parts? The clutch needs replacing."

"How can I find someone else with the same and/or similar interests in a 1963 Rambler Classic? I own one and I am having a very difficult time finding any parts."

"I'm looking for any and all parts for a 1959 American Rambler two-door wagon! If you have any information, it would be greatly appreciated. I've tried everywhere!!!"

"I've been searching for a throttle cable for my wife's 1970 AMC Javelin for two years now. Can you help? The car has a 304-cu.in. V-8 with an automatic transmission and a 4-bbl. Holley carb. Do you have any info that may point my nose in the right direction?"

"I have a 1965 AMC Nash Rambler 220 with a straight-six. I'm looking for three-speed standard transmission and fuel pump. The fuel pump also powers the windshield wipers."

The roots of American Motors go all the way back to 1897 with the production of the first Rambler cars, which were built in Chicago. Rambler moved to Wisconsin in 1902 and continued to produce various models up into 1913. From 1914 to 1917, the Rambler Company continued to have modest success with the production of the Jeffery line of vehicles. Jeffery was eventually sold to Nash in 1916, and the last Jefferys actually rolled off a Nash production line in 1917. Nash/Rambler cars found their niche among the American independent manufacturers such as Studebaker and Packard, and enjoyed some success until after WWII when competition from GM, Chrysler and Ford started to force them to change or go out of business. Eventually, Nash combined their resources with Hudson in 1954 to become American Motors, as most of us baby boomers would remember them. Consequently, because of the many varied makes and models, finding even basic parts to repair one of these cars can be a real challenge. Fortunately, your latest copy of *Hemmings Motor News* can be one of the very best resources you can have to find parts for your Nash/Rambler, Hudson or American Motors car.

Hudson restorers seeking parts to rebuild their engines can turn to Dale Cooper at Ace Auto Parts/Hudson Motor Car Company for gaskets, bearings and other engine mechanical parts. Dale has many replacement engine parts for Hudson, Essex and Terraplane vehicles from 1914 to 1957. Other longtime *Hemmings* advertisers who deal in new and used Hudson parts include K-Gap and Garth Peterson. Transmission parts for Hudsons are the specialty of Doug Wildrick at Vintage Auto Restoration. Doug can supply throw-out bearings, flywheels,



pressure plates and friction discs. He is also one of the few suppliers of the original Hudson clutch fluid. Doug is available for transmission overhauls as well. Additional Hudson parts dealers include Bill Albright, and Dave Kostansek, Ken Amman and Ed Faust. Each has his own unique inventory of new, NOS and used Hudson items.

Readers who are undertaking a Nash restoration also have some options listed within *Hemmings*. Suppliers such as Nashional Auto Parts, High Plains Nash, and Charles Chambers Parts can assist restorers with most things mechanical for Nash-specific models. A very popular Nash model among collectors is the Metropolitan. Several advertisers in the publication deal specifically with Metropolitan parts. Kip Motors and the Metropolitan Pit Stop are two of the largest parts sources for these classic vehicles.

Nash and AMC Rambler parts are available from many AMC suppliers; however, a couple that specialize in these models include Bob Pendelton at All American Rambler, Galvin's AMC Parts and Blaser Auto. Bob Pendelton is considered "Mr. Rambler." All three of these suppliers would have AMC parts as well; however, their inventories include many Fifties Nash and early AMC Rambler part numbers. Another good source for hard-to-find Rambler parts is Wenner's Nash and AMC Parts.

For items needed to restore your Sixties and Seventies American Motors cars, regular advertisers in *Hemmings* have you covered there as well. Performance products for the Javelins, AMXs, Rebels and Machines are available from American Performance Products, Planet Houston AMX and South Texas AMC. These advertisers can also supply aftermarket replacement items such as brakes, suspension, cooling, and drivetrain parts.

For other models like the Gremlin, Hornet, Ambassador, Matador and 880, parts can be extremely difficult to track down due to their less-appreciated status, which creates a lower parts demand among car restorers. But advertisers such as American Parts Depot and California Classic AMC should be able to assist you with parts for these models as well as the other AMC muscle cars. Body parts will be very difficult to find in NOS or new aftermarket items; however, Sherman Parts does have Gremlin, Javelin and Spirit patch panels available. Sheetmetal for other models will, for the most part, have to be located at used parts suppliers or salvage yards. Two excellent used-parts vendors are Webb's Classic Auto Parts and Robert Antonelli. Their used-car inventories are tailored specifically for AMC enthusiasts.

I have also been informed that Mike's Auto Parts has recently acquired a large inventory of NOS AMC parts for later model American Motors cars. You will need to direct specific part number requests directly to Mike as he does not yet have all of these items catalogued.

For those of you who regularly read this column, you know that in previous issues we have

covered many system-specific suppliers who would also have AMC parts available. Rubber and weatherstripping companies, interior suppliers, light and lens vendors were all featured in previous issues. Engine, suspension, brake and transmission parts vendors were also featured. In the event that you do not save your old copies, you can still access most of the articles by logging onto our website, www.hemmings.com, and registering with your subscription number for access to our entire site. This would include my old articles from this section as well as others. Once you have registered to our website, you will also be able to submit an online parts request through our parts locator service for any items you are having difficulty finding. This service is free and exclusively for our subscribers, as an added benefit for your business.

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