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TO ALL ROOTES GROUP DEALERS

Where cases are reported of seat frames fracturing around the seat frame base angle, the frames can be suitably reinforced by the addition of plates at these points as shown in the attached illustration.

MATERIAL AND PARTS REQUIRED

Mild Steel Plate: 12 SWG x 12" x 2", 2-pieces per seat.

Upholstery Webbing: 3" long x 1½" wide, 2-pieces per seat.

Self-Tapping Screws: No. 6 x 1/2", Part No. 9762085, 5 per seat.

Cup Washers: No. 6, Part No. W.522, 5 per seat

PROCEDURE IN SERVICE.

1. Remove the two bolts from the 'U' clips at each front side of the seat assembly and take the assembly from the car.
2. Remove all trim from the seat.
3. Using 12 SWG x 12" x 2" mild steel plate, shape two reinforcement plates to conform to the rear of the seat base frame as shown in the illustration.
4. When shaped, hold the plates in position by hand and mark where the rear down tube of the seat frame touches the reinforcement plate. Now cut out a small rectangle (in the position marked) to allow the plate to follow a straight contour around the seat base when welded in position. The front and rear lower corners of the plates should be removed and all edges dressed up with a file.
5. Weld the plates in position. Note that the plates are fitted inside the flanges of the seat base frame (see dotted lines on illustration.)
6. Paint the frame before refitting the trim.
7. It will be noted that after replacing the seat squab trim, the

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original fixing of the lower edges of the trim cannot be used owing to the addition of the reinforcement plates. It is recommended that at the sides of the squab trim a piece of webbing 3" long x  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " wide is stitched so that the sides can be pulled down and around the plates, and thus attached to the seat spring case in a similar manner to the original fixing. At the back of the squab, use self tapping screws with cup washers to retain the lower edge of the trim to the seat frame.

Kindly bring the foregoing to the attention of all concerned at your location.

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