GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND SYMBOLS

	BATTERY Stores chemical energy and converts it into electrical energy. Provides DC current for the auto's various electrical circuits.	HEADLIGHTS 1. SINGLE FILAMENT Current flow causes a headlight filament to heat up and emit light. A headlight may have either a single (1) filament or a double (2) filament.
	A small holding unit for temporary storage of electrical voltage.	2. DOUBLE FILAMENT
	CIGARETTE LIGHTER An electric resistance heating element.	HORN An electric device which sounds a loud audible signal.
	CIRCUIT BREAKER Basically a reusable fuse, a circuit breaker will heat and open if too much current flows through it. Some units automatically reset when cool, others must be manually reset.	IGNITION COIL Converts low-voltage DC current into high-voltage ignition current for firing the spark plugs.
	A semiconductor which allows current flow in only one direction.	LIGHT
	A didde which allows current now in one direction but blocks reverse flow only up to a specific voltage. Above that potential, it passes the excess voltage. This acts as a simple voltage regulator.	Current flow through a filament causes the filament to heat up and emit light.
	DISTRIBUTOR, IIA Channels high–voltage current from the ignition coil to the individual spark plugs.	• Upon current flow, these diodes emit light without producing the heat of a comparable light.
-	FUSE A thin metal strip which burns through when too much current flows through it, thereby stopping current flow and protecting a circuit from damage.	METER, ANALOG Current flow activates a magnetic coil which causes a needle to move, thereby providing a relative display against a background calibration.
	FUSIBLE LINK A heavy–gauge wire placed in high amperage circuits which burns through on overloads, thereby protecting the circuit.	FUEL METER, DIGITAL Current flow activates one or many LED's, LCD's, or fluorescent displays, which provide a relative or digital display.
14	GROUND The point at which wiring attaches to the Body, thereby providing a return path for an electrical circuit; without a ground, current cannot flow.	MOTOR A power unit which converts electrical energy into mechanical energy, especially rotary motion.

RELAY 1. NORMALLY CLOSED Basically, an electrically operated switch which may be normally closed (1) or open (2). Current flow through a small coil creates a	SPEAKER An electromechanical device which creates sound waves from current flow.
2. NORMALLY OPEN a tached switch.	SWITCH, MANUAL Opens and Closes circuits, thereby
RELAY, DOUBLE THROW A relay which passes current through one set of contacts or the other.	stopping (1) or allowing (2) cLOSED current flow.
An electrical component with a fixed resistance, placed in a circuit to reduce voltage to a specific value.	A switch which continuously passes current through one set of contacts or the other.
A resistor which supplies two or more different non–adjustable resistance values.	SWITCH, IGNITION A key operated switch with several positions which allow various circuits. Particularly the
A controllable resistor with a variable rate of resistance. Also called a potentiometer or rheostat.	primary ignition circuit, to become operational.
SENSOR (Thermistor) A resistor which varies its resistance with temperature.	SWITCH, WIPER PARK Automatically returns wipers to the stop position when the wiper switch is turned off.
SENSOR, ANALOG SPEED Uses magnetic impulses to open and close a switch to create a signal for activation of other components.	Image: State stat
SHORT PIN Used to provide an unbroken connection within a junction block.	WIRES (1) NOT CONNECTED Wires are always drawn as straight lines on wiring diagrams. Crossed wired (1) without a black dot at the junction are not
SOLENOID An electromagnetic coil which forms a magnetic field when current flows, to move a plunger, etc.	joined; crossed wires (2) with a black dot or octagonal (〇) mark at the junction are spliced (joined) connections.