## E GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND SYMBOLS

|    | <b>BATTERY</b><br>Stores chemical energy and converts it into electrical energy.<br>Provides DC current for the auto's various electrical circuits.   | GROUND<br>The point at which wiring attaches<br>to the Body, thereby providing a<br>return path for an electrical circuit;<br>without a ground, current cannot<br>flow.   |
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|    | A small holding unit for temporary storage of electrical voltage.   | <b>HEADLIGHTS</b><br><b>1. SINGLE</b><br><b>FILAMENT</b><br><b>Current flow causes a headlight</b><br>filament to heat up and emit light.<br>A headlight may have either a<br>single (1) filament or a double (2) |
|    | CIGARETTE LIGHTER<br>An electric resistance heating<br>element.   | 2. DOUBLE<br>FILAMENT   |
|    | CIRCUIT BREAKER<br>Basically a reusable fuse, a circuit<br>breaker will heat and open if too<br>much current flows through it. Some<br>units automatically reset when cool,<br>others must be manually reset.       | HORN<br>An electric device which sounds a<br>loud audible signal.   |
|    | DIODE<br>A semiconductor which allows<br>current flow in only one direction.  | IGNITION COIL<br>Convert low-voltage DC current<br>into high-voltage ingition current<br>for firing the spark plugs.  |
|    | DIODE, ZENER A diode which allows current flow 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. | LIGHT<br>Current flow through a filament<br>causes the filament to heat up<br>and emit light.   |
|    | PHOTODIODE The photodiode is a semiconductor which controls the current flow according to the amount of light.  | LED (LIGHT EMITTING DIODE)<br>Upon current flow, these diodes<br>emit light without producing the<br>heat of a comparable light.  |
|    | DISTRIBUTOR, IIA<br>Channels high-voltage current<br>from the ignition coil to the<br>individual spark plugs.   | METER, ANALOG<br>Current flow activates a magnetic<br>coil which causes a needle to<br>move, thereby providing a relative<br>display against a background<br>calibration.   |
|    | FUSE<br>A thin metal strip which burns<br>through when too much current<br>flows through it, thereby stopping<br>current flow and protecting a<br>circuit from damage.  | FUEL METER, DIGITAL<br>Current flow activates one or<br>many LED's, LCD's, or fluorescent<br>displays, which provide a relative<br>or digital display.  |
| 16 | (for Medium Current Fuse)<br>(for High Current Fuse or<br>Fusible Link.)<br>(for High Current Fuse or<br>Fusible Link.)<br>(for High Current Fuse or<br>Fusible Link.)  | MOTOR<br>A power unit which converts<br>electrical energy into mechanical<br>energy, especially rotary motion.  |

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