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Studebaker Parts - Part II

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Last month, we began to give you some people you could contact to find parts for your Studebaker. Because of the limited space this column is allotted each month, we only mentioned about half of these suppliers in the December issue. As promised, we will attempt to complete that task in this month's installment. Most of the vendors we spoke of last month dealt in component parts for specific systems for your Studebaker, such as brakes, suspension, interior and engine parts. In part two, we will attempt to mention a few more Studebaker suppliers who offer specialized products, but we will also discuss vendors who can provide a wide range of parts from all systems. And we want to talk about some of the used parts suppliers and salvage yards that are also Studebaker and Avanti aficionados. These also happen to be additional Studebaker suppliers we use here at the Hemmings Parts Locator Service on a regular basis.

Suppliers such as Myer's Studebaker and Schrock Brothers can supply you with most of your NOS and new aftermarket parts needs. Myer's Studebaker offers a rebuilding service for radiator surge tanks and for McCullough and Paxton superchargers that were used as optional equipment in the late '50s and early '60s. Schrock Brothers produces running board rubber covers for early Studebakers, and they offer a steering wheel restoration service. In addition, they offer some of the best replica Studebaker die-cast models you will find anywhere. Suppliers such as Stephen Allen's Auto and Chuck Collins' Studebaker Parts are longtime advertisers and Studebaker parts experts. Allen's can supply both new and used parts and some of their specialties include reproduction headlight bezels and correct wiper arms and blades. Allen's can supply new power window motors as well as rocker panels, rear gravel deflectors and an extensive inventory of used original doors. Some of the products you can find from Chuck Collins include sill plates, reproduction fender scripts and some pretty specific and hard-to-find tools. Chuck not only offers an A-arm spreader for installing new king pins, but he also has the special headlamp switch installation tool, an external nut driver with a hollow center shaft, and a timing gear puller set is offered too. Windshields, door glass and rear window glass can be found by contacting Vic Phillips at Phillips Classic Glass for all Studebaker models. Vic carries glass for many other

classic cars as well. We did speak of some body and sheetmetal suppliers in part one of this article last month; however, we neglected to mention that fiberglass replacement body parts for '51 to '64 vehicles are also available from Frank Marowski at The Glass Shop.

Turner Brake is the authority on Studebaker disc brake conversions. Turner offers front disc brake changeover kits for post-war cars and trucks, as well as offering a rear disc brake conversion for cars with a tapered rear axle. Additionally, they offer a bracket to convert your single-reservoir master cylinder to a dual-reservoir cylinder with booster combination, which better accommodates the disc brake conversions they sell. And we heard recently that they are also in the process of offering 11" finned aluminum brake drums.

Studebaker Auto Parts Sales Corporation or SASCO is another full service parts supplier. SASCO offers the full range of aftermarket replacement items as well as NOS and used parts. They have a large supply of trunk mats and lenses and they carry the replacement units for the Strato-vue, Super-vue and Strato-line exterior mirrors. Some refurbished gauge clusters are offered by SASCO as well. Post-war Studebaker restorers can find many reproduction, used and NOS parts through Phil's Studebaker and from Studebaker of California. Both are well versed in '46 and up cars and Phil's Studebaker offers some post-war NOS Studebaker door panels too. Additional advertisers who deal in parts for all mechanical systems on Studebakers include Parts of the Past and Studebaker West. Parts of the Past is a multi-make supplier offering parts for other American independents as well as Studebaker and Avanti, and Studebakers West keeps over 13,000 mechanical, transmission, engine and chassis parts in stock. Studebakers West has almost 100 new wiring harnesses available as well.

Dave Thibeault can offer many replacements parts and has electronic ignition conversions to fit your car as well as over-sized sway bars, Studebaker script batteries and Avanti interior upholstery. Steve's Studebaker and Packard Parts specializes in strictly '53-'66 Studebaker parts, sales and service and they are experts regarding all '57 and '58 Packards which were produced on the Studebaker assembly line in South Bend on Studebaker platforms. Royal Gorge Studebaker can assist you with restorations and parts for your post-war Lark, President or Hawk, and their parts availability covers right up to the end of production in '66. Studebaker Parts and Locations can also supply both new and used items for pre- and post-war models from '39-'66, including Avanti.

If you haven't gotten a repair manual to help you through the restoration process, we would recommend you get one soon. Literature pertaining specifically to these cars is available from Charles Schnetlage and Dennis Dupont. Both of the advertisers can supply you with original literature such as owner's manuals, repair manuals or parts books. Original sales literature is on their list of offerings as well.

Believe it or not, there are still some salvage yards located throughout the country that collect old Studebakers. This is quite a testament to Studebaker hobbyists, considering the manufacturer has been out of business for 40 years.

E&V Motors has over 150 cars and trucks on-site for used parts in addition to carrying some new Studebaker items. Heiple Studebaker has a large inventory of parts cars as well, and their focus is on convertibles and coupes from the early '50s. Moore's Auto Savage and Freman's Auto are multi-make project car salvage yards, but have large inventories of Studebaker parts cars they are currently parting out. Freman's currently boasts an inventory of 46 parts cars on hand, Moore's is currently showing 15 models ranging in years from '35-'63. While on the subject of used parts, Dakota Studebaker is an outstanding source for used body and mechanical items for Studebaker trucks and cars.

Of course, no Studebaker parts column could be complete without mentioning some of the Avanti specialists too. Although you will find that most of the suppliers we have mentioned in this article do have fairly good access to Avanti parts, these cars have their own niche of "Avantiphiles" whose major enjoyment in life is to restore and maintain these particular cars. Technically, Studebaker only offered the Avanti body design in the '63 and '64 model years (the last 809 Avantis were produced before the end of December in 1963). Two former Studebaker-Packard dealers, who were trying to keep the Avanti model and name alive, formed the Avanti II Company in South Bend, Indiana, in 1965. Avantis are still manufactured in limited quantities even today.

Nostalgic Motors is a supplier focusing on both the early Avantis and the '65 to '85 Avanti II cars. Nostalgic Motors is said to be the world's largest aftermarket and original equipment parts supplier for the Avanti II cars built before 1985. Penn Auto Sales and Southwest Avanti Sales are two other Avanti dealers offering parts and service for the later Avanti II. Roger Penn has been a new Avanti dealer for cars, parts and service since 1970. Both Penn Auto and Southwest Avanti Sales can assist you with any newer '85 to '91 Avanti II parts as well as the earlier years. Bob Ziff is another Avanti parts source specializing in the later Avanti IIs.

Keep in mind that these suppliers offer a wide range of parts for your car, be it NOS, rebuilt, aftermarket new or used items. We highlighted some of their specialty items to give you an idea what they offer that few other suppliers do. Additional online help for post-war vehicles is available through the Studebaker Drivers Club online. For pre-war cars, assistance can be found inline from the Antique Studebaker Club of America, which is an affiliate of the AACA and has a wealth of information available on the Internet. Also, the Doc Hemp reading room #3 is another Studebaker pre-war make resource for seeking technical advice and finding other information. Bob Johnstone is an outstanding source for technical assistance as well as information when it comes to restoring Avantis.

As you can see, devoting two months of column space to highlight some of the Studebaker and Avanti suppliers is hardly enough room to list them all. I'm sure you know of a few I haven't mentioned, and I also know that if someone got left out, I'll be hearing from them too. As always, if there is an item that you are having problems finding, your Hemmings Parts Locator Service is here to assist you if at all possible. Simply fill out the submission form enclosed in this issue to mail or fax. Also, you can fill out and submit a form

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Antique Studebaker Club of America

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Doc Hemp's reading room #3 Studebaker page

www.dochemp.com/emailstude3.html

As a footnote to an earlier column on Ford truck parts, we spoke to Asher Rayburn from Obsolete Ford Parts in Canada. He has indicated that since the article was published, he has changed his company name and website to Obsolete Pickup Parts (.com for the web site). Items for other makes, including Mercury trucks and International, complement his assortment of Ford parts. Their address and phone number were correct:

Obsolete Pickup Parts
Hwy. 401
Pickering, Ontario, Canada L1V 2R5
1-905-839-8551

And Neil Riddle, who was mentioned in our Mopar parts column for '46-'54 Plymouth parts, has recently changed his address as well:

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20303 - 8th Avenue NW
Shoreline, WA 98177-2107
1-206-285-6534