



# MOPARS ON STEERIODS



We steer you in the right direction with a lifetime of accumulated tiller tricks.

We put the "steer" in steering, for ultimate control.

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**L**ike, wow, man. A few issues back, we showed you how to swap Grant's new lookalike Tuff steering wheel onto any muscle-era Mopar for pocket change. This relatively simple tech article (by M.A. standards) unleashed a torrent of pent-up steering-related tech questions. Truthfully, we've become a tad tired of keypunching all those answers, hence this article. What we're gonna do here is not any particular swap or upgrade. Instead, we're gonna go "broad spectrum," passing along a lifetime of steering-related

hints, tips, and tricks, kinda like what we did re: "Electricks," in the last issue. Many of these fall into the lowbuck/nobuck category that has been our stock in trade for 20 years.

One more caveat before we get into the heavy-breathing exercises: Everything that follows is specifically for vehicles equipped with Chrysler-built steering, primarily 1962-up. Therefore, Dodge pickup trucks, which had Saginaw (GM) steering, are excluded. (Not that these are necessarily bad, we're just not Saginaw box mavens.) Saginaw pumps, however, which were used heavily across the board starting in the late '60s, and became universal by 1977, are included (and are the class act in PS pumps for Mopars).

B-vans, through 1993, are also included.

Due to space constraints, we can't steer all this info into just a few pages, so we'll save some of the good stuff, including most manual-steering info, for the next issue. (This also helps guarantee our paychecks for at least one more go-round). At that point, we'll also get into bump-steer, and pass along some coupler and column tricks, too. And, no, Vern, we won't get into linkage slop. If you can't find a beat tie-rod end or bad idler arm, go back to your Toyota—or read Mopar Muscle!

Stay tuned. Regular readers know M.A. gives you the most for your tech nickel. Still.