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DEPARTMENT ENGINEERING

SUBJECT RESPONSIBILITY RE-ALIGNMENT AND CLARIFICATION :
EXPERIMENTAL, VEHICLE SAFETY, AND
PROVING GROUND OPERATIONS

In recent months we have changed the organization and responsibility of the Experimental, Vehicle Safety, and Proving Ground operations within the Engineering Department. The changes were made in order to strengthen our product engineering efforts and to ensure that vehicle testing and safety received increased attention. This memorandum is to further clarify the responsibility, re-alignment, and functions of these groups.

Experimental Department :

The major function and responsibility of the Product Engineering Experimental groups is to perform all required tests on vehicles, their parts and/or component systems, and to make their findings and recommendations a matter of record.

To fulfill these responsibilities in an efficient and co-ordinated manner, the Experimental Section will also have the responsibility:-

1. For procurement of all components and materials for all product programs.
2. To process all test requests through the Experimental Section for assignment to appropriate Melbourne or Proving Ground facility.
3. To instigate tests and test procedures for adequate vehicle and component evaluation.
4. To collate, evaluate, and report all pertinent test data and recommendations.
5. To maintain records of test programs, round-out reports and document evidence of "due care" in all product parameters.

Vehicle Safety and Proving Ground Sections :

The major functions and responsibilities of the Product Engineering Vehicle Safety and Proving Ground groups are:-

1. The conduct and maintenance of the Proving Ground and all its facilities.
2. The conduct of Proving Ground durability and special tests relative to Proving Ground facilities, upon receipt of test requests, and the reporting of pertinent findings and recommendations.
3. Advise Management of pending legislation in all product parameters.
4. Co-ordination of all safety and compliance programs.
5. Arranging for all necessary legal documents required by safety legislation.

It is expected that this new re-alignment between Experimental, Safety, and Proving Ground operations will strengthen the overall Engineering Department.

Further details of organizational and personnel changes in these two groups will be covered in bulletins issued by the Experimental Engineer and the Assistant Chief Engineer - Vehicle Safety and Proving Ground Operations.

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