

From the Glove Box



Answer for Donna Onat about her 1954 210 (continued from last month)

Question: This is topic 54 Horns in forum Electrical - 6 volt at Vintage Chevrolet Club of America (VCCA). To visit this topic, use this URL: <http://vccachat.org/cgi-bin/ultimatebb.cgi?ubb=get_topic:f=12;t=000081>

Posted by Chevykid (Forum Member # 6) on October 08, 2004 08:37 AM October 08, 2004 08:37:

The horn on my friend's 1954 210 Powerglide has been working intermittently, and lately it is not working at all. When you press on the ring, you do hear the relay click and the horn makes a quiet "punk" sound, but does not blow. So there seems to be no problem in the horn ring. Here's what I know from some checks that have been done:

When the horn rim is pressed with the horns connected, the ammeter goes completely negative. When the horns are disconnected, the relay makes its noise, and shows only a slight draw. Direct connection from the battery to the terminal on the horn produces the same "punk" sound as happens when power is provided through the relay. It appears that there may be a dead short in the horns. Are the horns bad, both of them? Is this a possibility? Or, could there be a problem on the load side of the horn relay? Any other ideas?

Answer:

Posted by AntiqueMechanic (Forum Member # 13) on October 08, 2004 10:44 AM October 08, 2004 10:44:

Hi Chevykid, You stopped too soon on your testing. Disconnect one horn and check the results. The horn that still "squacks" may have gotten so far out of adjustment that the points are stuck. The solution is another working horn or an attempt to adjust the points on the sick horn.

Jim



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