

FUEL FILTER ELEMENTS ONE LAST TIME

An old issue of this magazine reported that replacement elements for glass bowl fuel filters were all but impossible to find. Not so, in fact they are as easy to find as a dealer that sells Fram filters.

Fram still makes their part number CG3 the "old fashioned" way, using a felt or cotton material formed similar to a bowl shape. This is the same type of manufacturing method used by AC filters when our cars were new. The only difference between the current Fram element and a N.O.S. AC element is the color. The Fram uses a purple hue to color their material while AC did not. However, when you consider that Fram is the only one to continue this bowl style when all the other manufacturers have changed to a pleated paper style, then you can understand the wrong color of the Fram element is really not such a big deal! In other words, Fram is about the only game in town if you are concerned about originality. Oh sure, you might lose a small amount in judging because of the purple color but that is better than losing a lot if you use the pleated paper element.

Just one word of warning, while this Fram part number is currently available (not discontinued as previously reported) it probably will not be on the shelf at every Fram dealer. Since this element only fits 50's vintage applications I suggest you seek out a Fram dealer that specializes in industrial or heavy truck customers. If you have a real problem locating this item on your local shelves, then let me know and I will get them for you, but first please try to find them yourself.

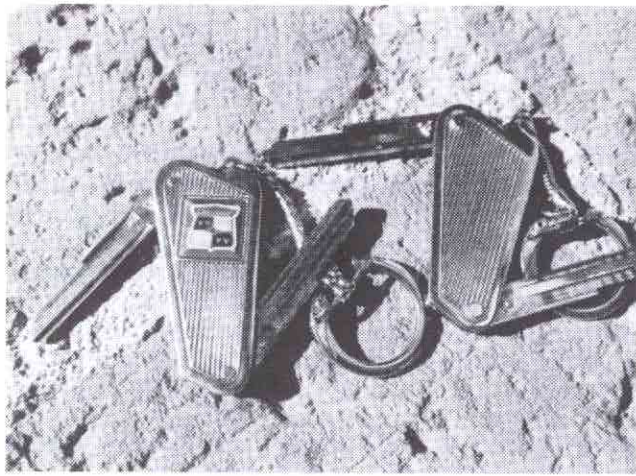
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HOLLYWOOD NECKER KNOB —FLIPAWAY

AAAAAWWWW the 50's when only the wealthy middle age guy could afford a caddy with power steering. Guys like me drove older \$50 cars until either the tires got bald or the engine gave out, then we would find another \$50 car. BUT — I ALWAYS took my necker with me to reinstall in the next prize I bought. You older guys know what I mean! To drive down the boulevards with your arm around your girl, her pony tail rubbing against your cheek, while having full control of that machine (that was usually a 6 banger) your left hand sweating and straining against the sheer power the machine is putting out (maybe 100 horsepower). Turns, no problem, if you had a stick shift, no problem, your girl would shift it for you when you said shift! NEED a cigg. she would get it out and light it for you. OK if you're too young FIG 1 is what I am talking about, and if you still don't know, ask an older guy or your mother. If they or you have a story to tell write me, someone else may want to know what this thing is — Roy



Back side original on left repro on right.

DEALER KEY GIVEAWAY 53 TO 55

Many years ago when I started Vintage Corvettes of Southern California, 20 years to the day, a friend gave me a key chain for my 54 that I bought for \$75.00 and I always kept it. Then while at a swap meet I saw another one, but the colors were different and the Chevy logo was missing. I asked the guy if he knew anything about the difference? He happened to work as a dealer back east in the 50's and told me that this one was an after market one and because of this they can't use the Chevy logo and changed the color. Two keys were used, one for the ignition and one for the trunk. So I thought I would throw that at you, so that maybe if you saw one you might like to have one, Fig. 1 is the original with black at the top and red at the bottom, also the Chevy logo on the back, the repro or after market with red at the top and black at the bottom and no logo.

—Roy

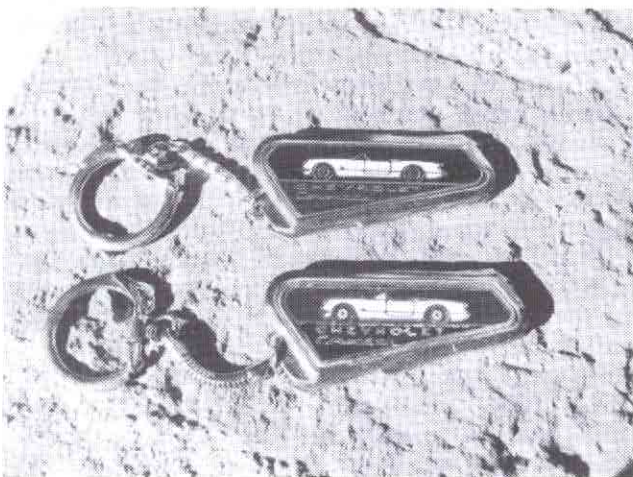


Fig. #1, top original, bottom repro.