

1959 Corvette: Service Bulletin: Headlamp Flicker

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Headlamp flicker, similar to but not as severe as that encountered on early 1958 models may be noted on some 1959 passenger cars. The condition is attributed to oxidation of the voltage regulator contact points due mainly to a quantity of regulators remaining unsealed at the plant for an abnormally long period of time.

The regulators in question were built during September, October and November, 1958 and may be identified by the date codes, 8J, 8K, or 8L stamped on the base. Regulators built prior to September, 1958 and during January, 1959 (code 9A) should be satisfactory. Regulators produced in December, 1958 (code 8M) having a dash mark between the three part number digits are the letter "C" stamped on the regulator (001-C) should also be satisfactory.

This point oxidation condition will not result in electrical system failure nor will it reduce the life of any electrical parts, but may cause headlamp flicker which is annoying to some owners.

When objectionable headlamp flicker occurs, the voltage regulator should be replaced. Replacement regulators are OK as only a very small quantity manufactured during the period in question reached parts stock.

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