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CLEANING TARNISH OFF OF THE BRASS TUBING AND KEEPING IT CLEAN

Although the purpose of the technical articles was intended to deal with the car itself, I have spent so many hours lately cleaning 50 years of tarnish off of the 13 central lubrication tubes that I decided to write about my findings.

After hours of rubbing with very little headway, I decided to try approaching the problem different. I got out my metal-prep solution (deluted phosphoric acid). I cleaned the tube with metal prep which removed some of the tarnish and seemed to loosen the remaining. I then took the strongest tarnish remover that my wife had for her pots-pans-and silver and the balance of the tarnish came off much easier. Maybe you have the ideal polish material but I found "NOXON" produced by Noxon Inc. of Jersey City N.J. to work the best.

After hours of cleaning I hated to put the shining tubes on the car to sit out in the garage in a frequent temperature and humidity changing environment so I wanted to protect my finish. My local paint dealer supplied me with a tarnish proof, clear "paint" that he said is guaranteed not to "yellow" as clear laquer will. I did not find any such claim on the spray bomb but it says it is "Impervious to boiling water, alcohol, ammonia, salt, fruit juices, gasoline fumes, and strong soap." It is a polyurethane. What I have is called "INVISIBLE ARMOR" by Illinois Bronze Paint Company, Lake Zurich, Ill. I sure hope it works. Ask me in a few years.

Right now the miles of brass tubing is cleaner then when the M.G. Car Company originally installed it! That was my bit in over-restoration!

Another "tarnish proof" material is Tester's Clear Dope, available at hobby shops and comes in spray cans so reports a friend of mine.