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A. STRIPPED CONNECTING ROD BOLTS and NUTS

(Attach Service Bulletin Sticker on Page SA-9 of Your Service Manual.)

Occasionally, complaints are received about new connecting rod bolts and nuts which strip during installation before recommended torque is reached. Investigation indicates that this failure is caused by lubricant on the nut and bolt. Wash all new connecting rod bolts and nuts with solvent before installation.

B. THUNDERBOLT IGNITION ANALYZER (C-91-62563A1)REGISTRATION

(Attach Service Bulletin Sticker on Page 9-18 of Your Service Manual.)

Many dealers are failing to register their Thunderbolt Ignition Analyzers (C-91-62563A1). New information about this analyzer will be mailed out when available, therefore it is important to register every analyzer. When registering, be sure to include the analyzer serial number.

C. REVERSE LOCK CAM - 1974 Merc 40 Model

(Attach Service Bulletin Sticker on Page 6A-9 of Your Service Manual.)

Improper assembly procedures have caused premature failure on the reverse lock cam of Merc 40 Outboards with Serial Nos. 3764825 thru 3767955. Failure of the cam (A-65216) restricts release of the reverse lock when the engine is shifted to forward. Such failures will be covered under warranty.

Cam Replacement Time: 1.0 Hr.

D. WATER PRESSURE GAUGE INSTALLATION - 6-Cylinder 1974 Models

(Attach Service Bulletin Sticker on Page 1B-13 of Your Service Manual.)

Merc 1500 arid 1150 Model 1974 6-Cylinder Outboards have the telltale water outlet hose connected to a fitting in the rear of **the** cylinder block. To install a water pressure gauge hose, it is necessary to replace the straight fitting with a "T" fitting (C-22-53491). Future water pressure gauge kits will have the "T" in the kit.