

Monthly Newsletter December '09

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Build Sheet and PHS Documents (Cont'd)

Last month I talked about the build sheet for your car and how important it was. Well, if you are one of those to where your build sheet is long gone, all hope is not lost in documenting your car. The next best option that you have is to obtain the PHS Documents (Pontiac Historical Services) for your car. You can visit www.phs-online.com or call 1-586-781-5164 to order your packet. Jim Mattison and PHS has recently moved to new facilities and now accept phone orders where in the past it was either by e-mail or fax. They are located in Sterling Hts., MI and can supply you with the next best thing to your factory build sheet.

When you order you PHS Documents, here is a list of what you get:

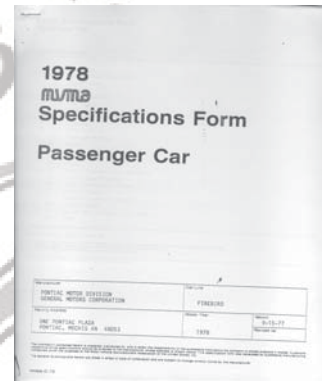
1. A Copy of the Factory Invoice
2. A Letter decoding the Options
3. A Copy of the Dealer Order Form
4. Other specific information for that year and model

Now this information is not as complete as your Factory build sheet would be, but this is about the only other option you have left. The main item that documents your car is a copy of the Factory invoice. This will give you what general options came with your car when it left the Factory such as colors (interior and exterior) and options plus some other little options such as the power windows and locks. But it is just a general list of what your car came with when it left for the dealership to be sold. It does also list which Dealership it was sold to and the date it was shipped there. So this isn't the exact build date of your car, but it is about as close as you can get. The ship date is usually within a few days of when the car was built.

The second item you get is the decoding letter that decodes some of the options that were listed on the Factory invoice. So for an exterior color, it will list 19L and 19U and for the interior it will list something like 19B. So you can use this letter to show you that the 19L and 19U was the codes for the Starlight Black upper and lower body paint and the 19B was for a Black Deluxe Cloth Interior. So this will help decode what options that not only do you see on the Factory invoice, but also the Cowl plate on your car.

The next item is a copy of the Dealer Order form which if a Customer was to special order the car, this is the form the Dealer would use to check all the options you wanted for your car. The last piece of information that you will receive is also a very important document. Now even though this is not specifically for your individual car, it does list alot of the specific you need to know about your car. This is the MVMA Specifications Form. Basically this lists all of the specifics about that car line for that year. So, even though it is not specific

to your car per say, it does give you other specifics you do need to know about your car and could be helpful.



Inside this 40 to 60 page document, it lists what specifics you need to know such as weight of the car, height and measurements for the car, but also goes into greater detail and gives you specifics about the engine and drive train. It is a great document to have when working on or restoring your car.

And sometimes if you are lucky enough, there will be some other information and goodies inside your packet such as the Factory photo used for promotions for your year car. So make sure you contact PHS and get your documents ordered for your car.

Option Code	Description	Price
19L	Starlight Black	127.00
19U	Starlight Black	127.00
19B	Black Deluxe Cloth Interior	127.00
19C	Black Deluxe Cloth Interior	127.00
19D	Black Deluxe Cloth Interior	127.00
19E	Black Deluxe Cloth Interior	127.00
19F	Black Deluxe Cloth Interior	127.00
19G	Black Deluxe Cloth Interior	127.00
19H	Black Deluxe Cloth Interior	127.00
19I	Black Deluxe Cloth Interior	127.00
19J	Black Deluxe Cloth Interior	127.00
19K	Black Deluxe Cloth Interior	127.00
19L	Black Deluxe Cloth Interior	127.00
19M	Black Deluxe Cloth Interior	127.00
19N	Black Deluxe Cloth Interior	127.00
19O	Black Deluxe Cloth Interior	127.00
19P	Black Deluxe Cloth Interior	127.00
19Q	Black Deluxe Cloth Interior	127.00
19R	Black Deluxe Cloth Interior	127.00
19S	Black Deluxe Cloth Interior	127.00
19T	Black Deluxe Cloth Interior	127.00
19U	Black Deluxe Cloth Interior	127.00
19V	Black Deluxe Cloth Interior	127.00
19W	Black Deluxe Cloth Interior	127.00
19X	Black Deluxe Cloth Interior	127.00
19Y	Black Deluxe Cloth Interior	127.00
19Z	Black Deluxe Cloth Interior	127.00

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Happy Holidays from www.78ta.com

Well www.78ta.com has now been on the Internet for going on 10 years now and has grown beyond what I had first imagined it to be. It started as just a little site to gather information about the Second generation Pontiac Trans Am and has grown into a large information source with it's own Store, Gallery, Forum and more. The Store deals with many of the Trans Am Restoration parts to help keeping your car looking new. It doesn't carry alot of the parts found at the larger restoration places, but it does carry the parts that offer a savings over the other companies. The Gallery is now over 24 pages with hundreds of photos submitted by the Visitors of the website. And the Forum has grown to almost 4,000 members and continues to grow more each and every day.

So I wanted to take this time to thank everyone who has supported the website over the past decade. Everyone who has been there for support and information along the way. You have been a great help and inspiration in making this one of the best site dedicated to the Second Generation Pontiac Trans Am. I also wanted to wish everyone a safe and Happy Holidays. This is the time of year when we should give thanks to the ones who

are there for us including Friends and Family. And there is no bigger Family than those in the Trans Am Community. If you have been on the Forum you will see that it is more than just a place to talk Trans Ams and get information. There is also alot of conversation about things other than Trans Ams that goes on there. You will see that alot of us get together not only at some of the larger shows,

and who have made a big difference in your life. Take this time to spend quality times with friend's and family. I hope 2010 will offer even more friends here both on and off of the website.

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but there are also many other times where members get together to help work on each others cars and more. So it is not only about getting together on the Internet, but also meeting on the outside of the website as well. There is so much more that goes on outside the pages of the Internet and when you have a group of guys that share the same passion as you, then you do build a bond up together. So I wish everyone would have a safe and Happy Holiday's this Season and remember to thank those close to you





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Spotlight of the Month - 1977 Trans Am of Larry Miller

Well the Holiday Season is upon us now and we are in the last month for the year 2009. To round out the year, I picked the 1977 Special Edition Trans Am of Larry Miller. Larry has only been around the forum a short time here, but has made a huge impact not only here, but around our local club as well. Larry's first Firebird was a 1976 Firebird and has three other Trans Am's since then including a 1981 Turbo Pace car. Now Larry has this great example of a 1977 Special Edition. Of course he didn't know it was a Special Edition car when he purchased it, but found out for the better soon afterwards.

It was only two years ago that Larry restored the 1981 Pace Car and then sold it. Still always having the "itch" as we all do for these cars, Larry was on the search for another Trans Am. He went searching around for cars for the right price in the right condition... as it turns out what Larry (and most of us) consider "good condition" isn't what others who are selling the cars think of as "good condition". After searching for a while and almost giving up, he went out to check out one more car close to him. Car had a few issues and a few incorrect items, but the car was solid and the price was right.

Larry still continues to do work to the car with replacing the rims, having

the dash bezel re-done and alot of the little odds and ends. He is always looking for items to put the car back to it's former glory and make things right with the car not only with the looks, but also all of the mechanical aspects as well. Little by little the car is coming back to life and look the way it should and he wants it to....

I have met Larry a few times since he is local here and he is a great guy to have around. Hollywood is a real pleasure to have around here on the Forum and even a greater member to be a part of the Ohio Firebirds.



Parts Unlimited, Inc (PUI) was founded in 1977 with a commitment to serve the automotive aftermarket industry. Since then, we have proudly continued the tradition of providing the finest quality interior restoration components available at the fairest possible price. Because of our extensive in-house capabilities, we are able to maintain nearly all of our quality control right here at PUI. We believe that quality is our future and we stand behind our products.

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Due to popular demand, 78ta.com in conjunction with Fbodywarehouse will be doing a full color Calendar for the 2010 Year. The Calendar will be a 12-Month full color calendar with all of the major US Holidays listed. It will be a full 11x17 calendar to hang on your wall or at your desk. I will also include any of the Major Trans Am Shows such as the Trans Am Nationals, The Ames Tri-Power Nationals, The POCl Convention, and More ! The Calendars will be printed The first week of December and sent out to you so that you will receive them by Christmas 2009. The calendars will be priced at \$19.99 plus \$5.01 for World Wide shipping.



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Here is a brand new reproduction Hurst Hatch storage bag for your 1976 to 1978 Trans Am with the Hurst T-tops. This will work for any of the cars that had the Hurst t-top roof like the Firebird/Trans Am, or the Olds 442, or anything with the Hurst T-top roof. \$159.00

