

DRIVING IN TRAFFIC

SHATTERED WINDSCREEN

276 Windscreens are sometimes shattered by stones or hard objects flung from the wheels of other vehicles or from the loose loads of lorries. Do not follow too closely behind lorries carrying load or gravel. Also, stay further behind other vehicles when travelling on stony roads. If the windscreen shatters:

- (a) remain calm;
- (b) turn on the hazard lights;
- (c) slow down and move to the side of the road;
- (d) stop at the roadside and remove the shattered screen and broken bits of glass;
- (e) do not use your bare hands to take away the glass. Use a rag or cloth;
- (f) drive slowly to the workshop.



ENGINE OVERHEATING

277 Overheating of the engine could be due to a leak in the radiator or a snapped fan belt. Indications of an overheated engine are a very fast idling speed and the temperature indicator moving into the red section of the gauge. When overheating occurs:

- (a) switch on the hazard lights;
- (b) slow down and drive safely to the side of the road and stop the vehicle;
- (c) wait till the engine has cooled down. Open the radiator tank cap and top up with water or coolant. Do not open the radiator tank cap of a hot engine as steam will gush out and you are likely to get scalded.

