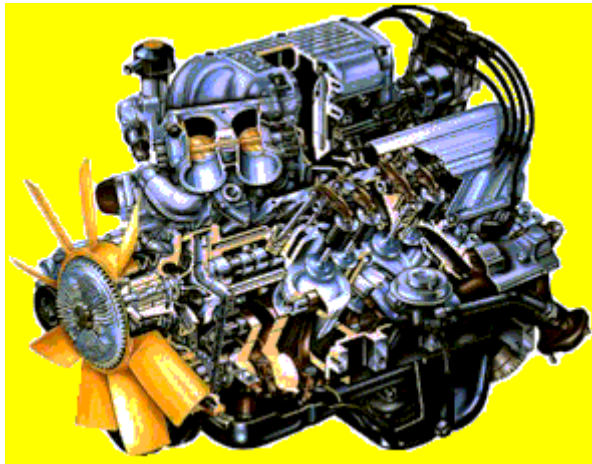


Extreme Maintenance for the Merkur Scorpio



For the fanatical, adventuresome, committed, budget-conscious, or just desperate Scorpio owner/mechanic, here are a few procedures for keeping everything functional, including some items not covered in the excellent factory service manual. Some are no-brainers, and some are true meditations in patience and skill.

I've owned at least one Scorpio since 2000. This collection of fixes chronicles my effort in keeping them running as safely and economically as possible.

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Disclaimer: the assumption here is that you have some skills in automobile work. Some of these repairs involve a fairly high degree of expertise and/or fabrication and can be dangerous if you don't know what you're doing, such as air conditioning system evacuation and recharging or anti-lock brake systems. Don't attempt them if you aren't familiar with the techniques. You have been warned!

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Alternative a/c compressor**

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