E GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND SYMBOLS

Stores chemical energy and converts it into electrical energy. Provides DC current for the auto's various electrical circuits.	GROUND The point at which wiring attaches to the Body, thereby providing a return path for an electrical circuit; without a ground, current cannot flow.
A small holding unit for temporary storage of electrical voltage.	1. SINGLE FILAMENT Current flow causes a headlight filament to heat up and emit light. A headlight may have either a single (1) filament or a double (2) filament
CIGARETTE LIGHTER An electric resistance heating element.	2. DOUBLE FILAMENT
CIRCUIT BREAKER Basically a reusable fuse, a circuit breaker will heat and open if too much current flows through it. Some units automatically reset when cool, others must be manually reset.	HORN An electric device which sounds a loud audible signal.
A semiconductor which allows current flow in only one direction.	IGNITION COIL Converts low–voltage DC current into high–voltage ignition current for firing the spark plugs.
DIODE, ZENER A diode which allows current flow in one direction but blocks reverse flow only up to a specific voltage. Above that potential, it passes the excess voltage. This acts as a simple voltage regulator.	Current flow through a filament causes the filament to heat up and emit light.
PHOTODIODE The photodiode is a semiconductor which controls the current flow according to the amount of light.	LED (LIGHT EMITTING DIODE) Upon current flow, these diodes emit light without producing the heat of a comparable light.
DISTRIBUTOR, IIA Channels high–voltage current from the ignition coil to the individual spark plugs.	METER, ANALOG Current flow activates a magnetic coil which causes a needle to move, thereby providing a relative display against a background calibration.
FUSE A thin metal strip which burns through when too much current flows through it, thereby stopping current flow and protecting a circuit from damage. FUSIBLE LINK	METER, DIGITAL Current flow activates one or many LED's, LCD's, or fluorescent displays, which provide a relative or digital display.
(for Medium Current Fuse) A heavy–gauge wire placed in high amperage circuits which burns through on overloads, thereby protecting the circuit. The numbers indicate the crosssection surface area of the wires.	MOTOR A power unit which converts electrical energy into mechanical energy, especially rotary motion.

SPEAKER RELAY An electromechanical device which Basically, an electrically operated 1. NORMALLY switch which may be normally creates sound waves from current **CLOSED** closed (1) or open (2). Current flow through a small coil creates a magnetic field which either opens or closes an attached switch. 2. NORMALLY SWITCH, MANUAL **OPEN** Opens and closes circuits, thereby 1. NORMALLY stopping (1) or **OPEN** allowing (2) current flow. **RELAY, DOUBLE THROW** A relay which passes current 2. NORMALLY through one set of contacts or the **CLOSED** other. **RESISTOR** SWITCH, DOUBLE THROW An electrical component with a fixed A switch which continuously passes resistance, placed in a circuit to current through one set of contacts or the other. reduce voltage to a specific value. **RESISTOR, TAPPED** SWITCH, IGNITION A resistor which supplies two or A key operated switch with several more different non adjustable positions which allows various resistance values. circuits, particularly the primary ignition circuit, to become operational. **RESISTOR, VARIABLE or RHEOSTAT** A controllable resistor with a variable rate of resistance. Also called a potentiometer or **SENSOR** (Thermistor) SWITCH, WIPER PARK A resistor which varies its resistance Automatically returns wipers to the with temperature. stop position when the wiper switch is turned off. SENSOR, SPEED **TRANSISTOR** A solidstate device typically used as Uses magnetic impulses to open and close a switch to create a signal an electronic relay; stops or passes for activation of other components. current depending on the voltage (Reed Switch Type) applied at "base". **SHORT PIN WIRES** Used to provide an unbroken Wires are always drawn as connection within a junction block. (1) NOT straight lines on wiring **CONNECTED** diagrams. Crossed wires (1) without a black dot at the junction are not joined; **SOLENOID** crossed wires (2) with a An electromagnetic coil which forms black dot or octagonal (()) a magnetic field when current flows, (2) SPLICED mark at the junction are to move a plunger, etc. spliced (joined) connections.