

Carefree Driving

New Saab 900 Series Promotes Cleaner Air



LINKOPING, Sweden - Almost since the dawn of the auto industry, designers have taken great pains to ensure that air was thoroughly filtered before being drawn into a car's engine.

Until now, however, with the launch of Saab's new 900 Series, nobody has attempted to do the same for a car's passengers—cleaning up the air they must breathe in traffic jams and on dusty roads.

Saab's filter system, mounted under the hood of the 900 and easily replaced when dirty, has been tested by the Ear, Nose and Throat Department at the University of Linköping, and has been determined very effective in keeping the passenger compartment air free of dust, pollen and bacteria.

All air entering the interior through the heating and ventilation system passes through a filter. This contains an efficient strand-filter element which purifies the air, not only of sooty particles and other solid impurities, but also of pollen and a large percentage of air borne bacteria. To allergy sufferers, the new air filter will be both an essential safe driving aid and a comfort feature.

Saab's initiative in equipping its 900 series cars with the special air filter has been of considerable interest to medical experts and was tested by a Professor Gunnar Aschan at the Swedish University.

He found that with an airstream of 1,000 litres per minute, all pollen in the air was caught in the filter and this despite the fact that the forced air contained considerably more pollen

than is normally found in nature.

When the filter was removed and the same test was repeated, large amounts of pollen passed through the car's ventilation system. By microphotography of comparable surfaces, with and without filtering, it was shown that the Saab

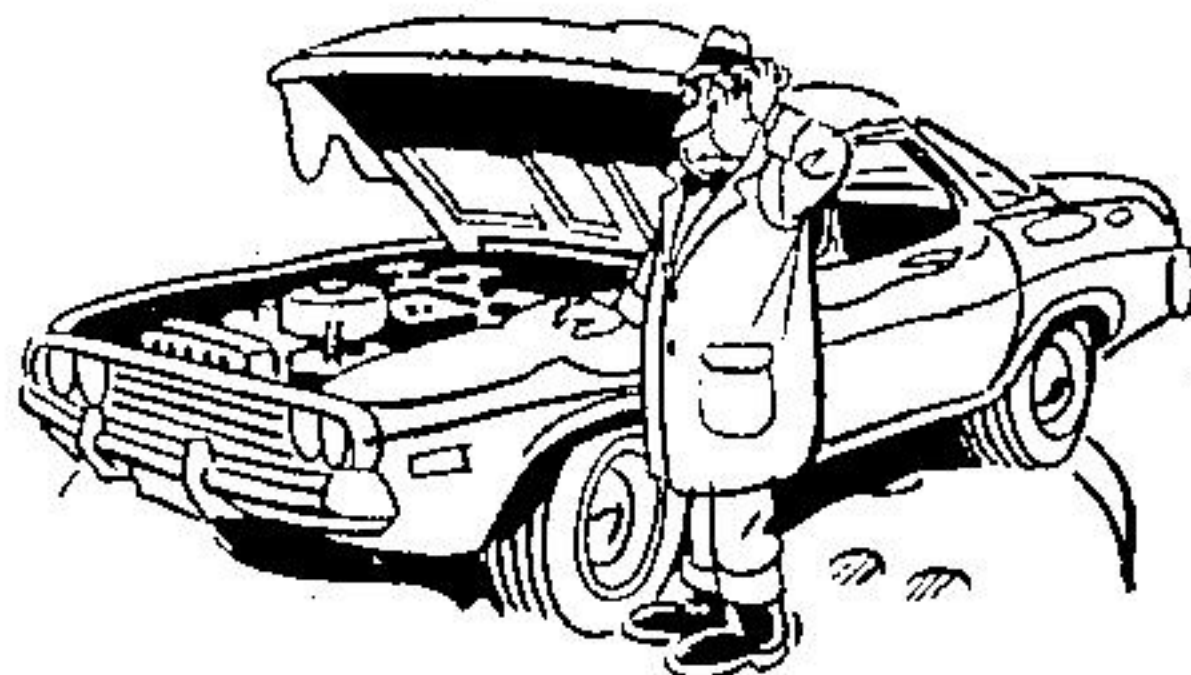
900 filter is able to absorb 100 percent of all pollens.

Tests have also shown that the filter also effectively blocks dust and other pollutants entering the passengers compartment. This lessens the risk of misting the car's windows, caused by exterior humidity, before the car is thoroughly heated up, and

can also diminish the build-up of oil on the inside of the windows.

It is estimated that under normal conditions, the filter element should be changed after about 15,000 miles (or 25,000 km) of driving in order to retain the full effectiveness of the unit.

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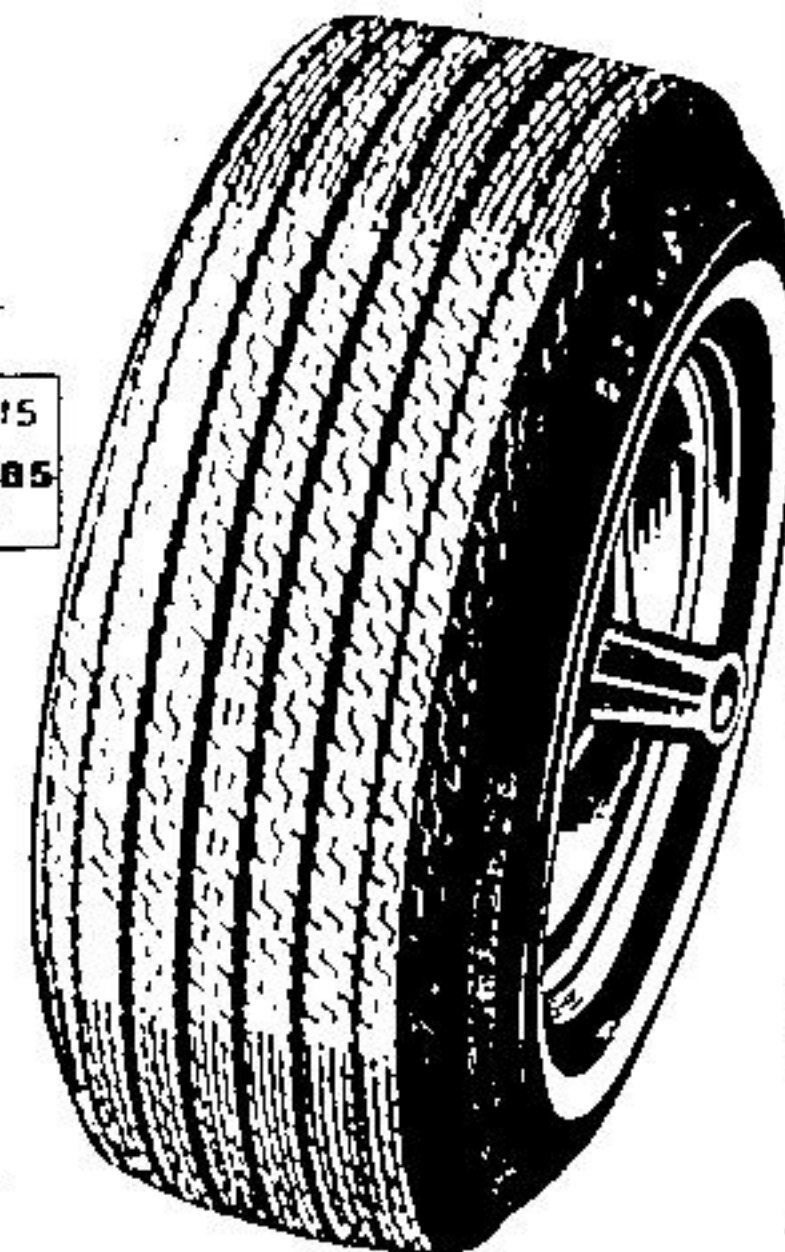
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