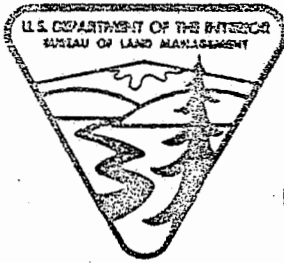


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POTENTIAL FIRE HAZARD ON 1970 DODGE PICKUPS

This condition can result when battery hold-down bolts loosen sufficiently to free the battery and allow it to tip over.

The battery hold-down bracket is secured with a J-bolt on each end. Some of these bolts have become loose, the "J" hook ends slip out of the slots in the battery base plate. This allows the battery to tip to one side. Several things can happen. The most serious occurs when a battery terminal comes in contact with the fuel line and causes a dead short.

J-bolts can become loose for the following reasons:

1. Engine heat may cause the hold-down brackets to become imbedded in the softened top of the battery.
2. A large percentage of the battery hold-down bolts are loose when the vehicles are received from the factory.

Instruct each operator to check and service battery hold-down bolts for proper tightness when he performs each monthly operator preventive maintenance inspection.

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