(B) *When Gasoline Fails to Reach Gasoline Strainer*

If the fuel fails to reach the gasoline strainer when there is some fuel left in the gasoline tank and the operation of fuel pump is known to be satisfactory, check the following points.

(When it is difficult to confirm the delivery of fuel at the strainer, loosen the connector at the fuel intake of the carburetor.)

(1) Check to see if gasoline pipe is clogged with dust and dirt. This can be easily checked by disconnecting the connector of the pipe and blowing with compressed air toward the direction of the tank. Then from the tank end blow the pipe again and clean the pipe.

In many cases the tip of gasoline intake pipe of tank unit is clogged with dust and water.

Therefore, together with cleaning of the pipe, the interior of the tank should be cleaned by removing the drain plug at the bottom of the tank.

Check to see if the gasoline pipe of the tank unit is so bent as to fail to reach the fuel surface.

The standard position of the bottom end of the pipe is about 3/4 in. apart from the bottom in order to prevent its sucking up sediments on the tank bottom.

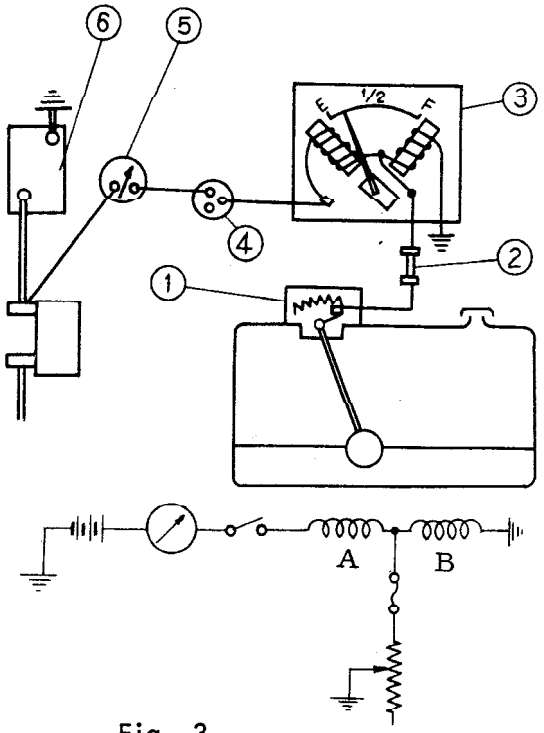

Fig. 3
Wiring of fuel gauge

(1) Unit gauge (4) Ignition switch
(2) Fuse (5) Ammeter
(3) Fuel gauge (6) Battery

If not normal, remove tank unit and adjust the bend of the pipe.

Check to see if the vent hole of the filler cap is clogged with dust and dirt, not supplying air to the tank.

According to the degree of vacuum within the tank, fuel cannot be drawn up even by the operation of fuel pump.

So be sure to clean the air vent of the cap.

If you should lose the cap and substitute a wooden plug for it, a measure which is sometimes witnessed, the condition inside of the tank becomes the same as though it were sealed up. Always use only the standard cap.

Operation and Repairs of Fuel Gauge

As shown in Fig. 3 , the fuel gauge consists of the dash unit and tank unit.

The dash unit, which is installed on the instrument panel, has two coils that cross each other at right angles, whose magnetic forces control the movement of a keeper (iron piece) with a hand (indicator).

On the tank unit, a contact arm slides over a resistance in response to the float level.

As shown in Fig. 3 if the ignition switch is turned on when the tank is empty, electic current will flow from the battery through the ammeter into coil A, and then through the contact arm to the ground.

Coil A is then magnetized, attracts the iron piece, and the indicator points to E.

As the float is raised and the contact arm moves, tank unit increases resistance in the circuit and thus the current which traveled through coil A then flows, this time, both contact arm and coil B, and finally to the ground.

As both A and B coils are so wound as to have their magnetic poles in the same direction, the iron piece will rotate to the direction where the magnetic power of the two coils can be balanced, with the indicator deflecting in the direction of F.

That is, this is a gauge of electric resistance control type; E signifies Empty level and F, Full level.

Troubles with Fuel Gauge and their Remedies

When something is wrong with the readings of the fuel gauge, first disconnect the wiring at the unit and, turning on the ignition switch, ground and unground the terminal end of the said wiring to the body of the car.

If the indicator of the dash unit swings actively between E and F, the wiring between the dash unit and the said terminal end is in good condition, with the defect existing either in tank unit itself or in poor ground of this unit.

In the test mentioned in the preceeding section, if the indicator does not swing but it moves (moves to E) when the dash unit end of the wiring from the tank unit is grounded, the wiring between the dash unit and tank unit is defective.

Therefore rewiring or repairing is required.

If, when indicator fails to swing but sparking is observed when the wiring connecting the battery with the terminal on the dash unit is disconnected at the dash unit end and grounded, it proves the wiring is satisfactory, and the trouble is in the dash unit itself.

If sparking does not occur, the wiring, which is thus indicated to be out of order, should be repaired or replaced.

Incorrect readings of the indicator probably means that the height of the float of the tank unit is in error.

In this case, adjust the height of the float by bending the rod.

Trouble with the unit are difficult to repair so it should be replaced by a new unit.

In checking the tank unit, be sure to insert a fuel gauge in the circuit between the battery and the unit.

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