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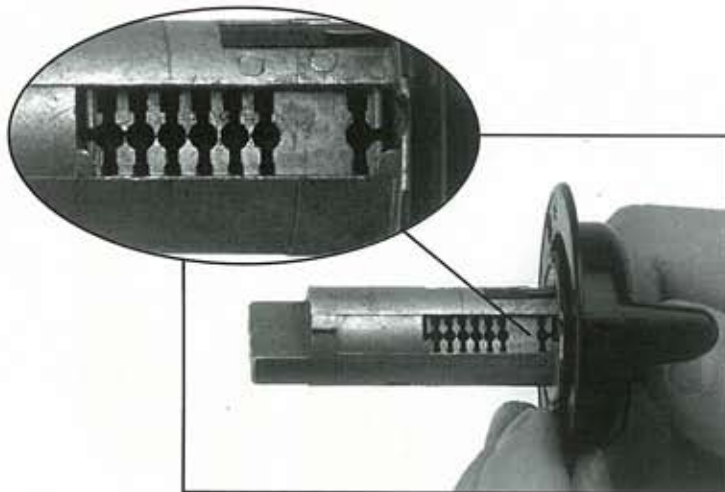
SUBJECT: GM IGNITION 2/3 TUMBLER POCKETS

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GM 10-Cut Ignition 2/3 Tumbler Pockets Filled



Some GM ignition locks are supplied with the 2/3 tumbler positions filled. This is not a defect.

For an undetermined period, STRATTEC is producing some GM 10-Cut ignitions with the #2 and #3 position tumbler pockets filled, leaving positions 1 and 4-9 open for pinning. Distributors, dealers and technicians should be aware that this is not a defect.

This temporary design change is introduced to eliminate the possibility of lock malfunction. In a few reported cases, ignition locks became inoperative after continued use, where the key tip was tilted up and into the tumblers on insertion. The tilted key would strike and deform the tumbler pockets in the 2nd and 3rd positions causing the tumblers to jam.

Technicians coming across ignition failure in the field should first check to see if all tumblers on the ignition lock are functional. If a jammed tumbler is present, lubricate the lock and use a hook pick to free the tumbler. Insert a working key and turn to allow lock removal. If the lock does not turn, gently rap the head of the key with a small, hard mallet and try again. If the lock still does not turn, it will be necessary to use an alternate means for lock removal.

Once the lock has been removed, replace with the appropriate STRATTEC original equipment lock. Locks may be supplied with or without the #2 and #3 tumbler positions filled.