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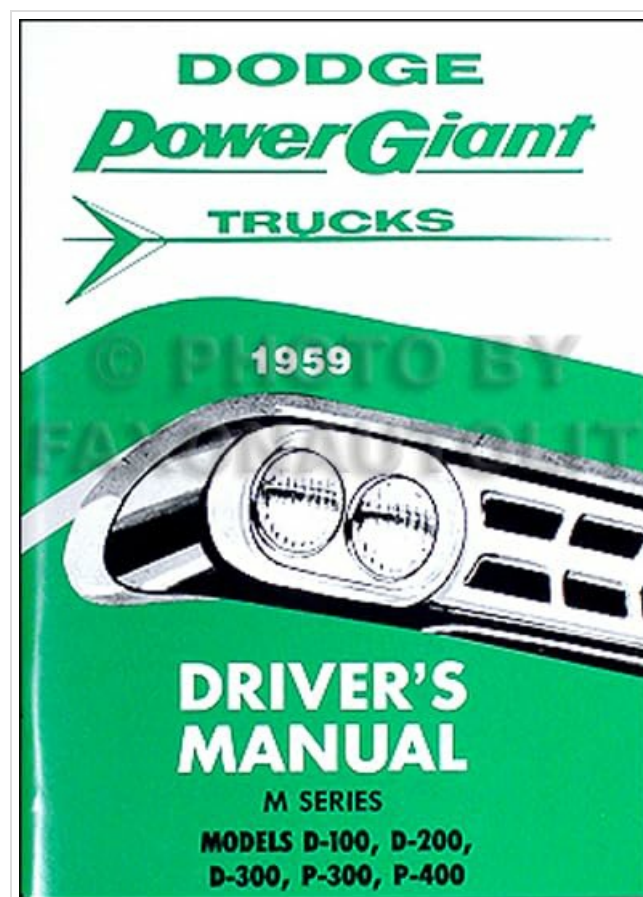
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1959 Dodge Power Giant Trucks Driver's Manual

Models: D-100, D-200, D-300, P-300, P-400

INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential information for the operation, maintenance, and care of your 1959 Dodge Power Giant Truck. Familiarizing yourself with its contents will ensure safe and efficient use of your vehicle and help maintain its performance and longevity. Please read this manual thoroughly before operating your truck.



This image displays the front cover of the 1959 Dodge Power Giant Trucks Driver's Manual. The cover is predominantly green and white, featuring the 'DODGE Power Giant TRUCKS' logo at the top. Below this, the year '1959' is visible, along with an illustration of the front grille and headlights of a 1959 Dodge truck. The title 'DRIVER's MANUAL M SERIES' is prominently displayed at the bottom, followed by the list of models: 'MODELS D-100, D-200, D-300, P-300, P-400'.

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INSTRUMENTS & CONTROLS

This section details the various instruments, gauges, and controls located within the driver's compartment. Understanding their function is crucial for proper vehicle operation.

Dashboard Layout

The dashboard houses the speedometer, odometer, fuel gauge, oil pressure gauge, and engine temperature gauge. Familiarize yourself with their normal operating ranges.

Switches and Levers

- **Ignition Switch:** Used to start and stop the engine, and to power electrical accessories.
- **Light Switch:** Controls headlights, parking lights, and dashboard illumination.
- **Wiper Control:** Activates the windshield wipers.
- **Heater/Defroster Controls:** Adjusts cabin temperature and airflow for heating and defrosting.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Follow these guidelines for starting, driving, and stopping your Dodge Power Giant Truck safely.

Starting the Engine

1. Ensure the transmission is in neutral (manual) or park (automatic, if equipped).
2. Depress the clutch pedal fully (manual transmission).
3. Turn the ignition key to the 'START' position. Release the key once the engine starts.
4. Allow the engine to warm up briefly before driving.

Driving

Always observe speed limits and traffic laws. Avoid sudden acceleration or braking. Maintain a safe distance from other vehicles.

Stopping and Parking

Apply brakes smoothly. When parking, engage the parking brake firmly. For manual transmissions, leave the vehicle in first or reverse gear on inclines.

CONVENIENCE & SAFETY FEATURES

Your truck is equipped with various features designed for your comfort and safety.

- **Exterior Lighting:** Headlights, taillights, turn signals, and brake lights are essential for visibility and communication. Regularly check their function.
- **Horn:** Use the horn to alert others to your presence when necessary.
- **Rearview Mirrors:** Adjust interior and exterior mirrors for optimal rearward visibility before driving.
- **Seatbelts:** (If equipped) Always fasten your seatbelt before driving.

LUBRICATION & MAINTENANCE

Regular maintenance is vital for the reliable operation and longevity of your truck. Refer to the maintenance schedule for recommended service intervals.

Fluid Checks

- **Engine Oil:** Check oil level regularly and change according to schedule.
- **Coolant:** Maintain proper coolant levels in the radiator.
- **Brake Fluid:** Ensure brake fluid is at the correct level.
- **Transmission Fluid:** Check fluid level as specified for your transmission type.

General Service

- Inspect tires for wear and proper inflation.
- Check battery terminals for corrosion and ensure proper charge.
- Lubricate chassis components as recommended.

TIRE CHANGING INSTRUCTIONS

In the event of a flat tire, follow these steps carefully to ensure your safety and proper tire replacement.

1. Park the truck on a firm, level surface away from traffic. Engage the parking brake and place the transmission in park or a low gear.
2. Place wheel chocks behind the wheels diagonally opposite the flat tire.
3. Retrieve the spare tire, jack, and lug wrench from their storage location.
4. Loosen the lug nuts on the flat tire slightly before jacking up the vehicle.
5. Position the jack securely under the vehicle frame near the flat tire and raise the vehicle until the tire is clear of the ground.
6. Remove the lug nuts completely and carefully take off the flat tire.
7. Mount the spare tire onto the wheel studs and hand-tighten the lug nuts.
8. Lower the vehicle completely and then fully tighten the lug nuts in a star pattern.
9. Stow the flat tire, jack, and tools securely. Have the flat tire repaired or replaced as soon as possible.

SPECIFICATIONS & DATA

This section provides technical specifications and data for the 1959 Dodge Power Giant Trucks.

Category	Detail
Models Covered	D-100, D-200, D-300, P-300, P-400
Engine Type	Various gasoline engines (refer to specific model for details)
Fuel Capacity	Varies by model and configuration
Tire Pressure	Refer to tire placard on vehicle or original specifications
Dimensions	Varies by model (e.g., wheelbase, overall length, width, height)
Electrical System	12-volt system

Note: Specific values for engine displacement, horsepower, and torque will vary based on the exact model and engine configuration. Consult original factory specifications for precise data.

TROUBLESHOOTING

This section offers guidance for common issues you might encounter with your truck. For complex problems, consult a qualified mechanic.

Engine Will Not Start

- Check battery connections and charge.
- Ensure adequate fuel in the tank.
- Verify ignition system components (spark plugs, distributor).

Overheating

- Check coolant level.
- Inspect radiator and hoses for leaks or blockages.
- Ensure fan belt is intact and properly tensioned.

Brake Issues

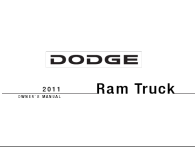
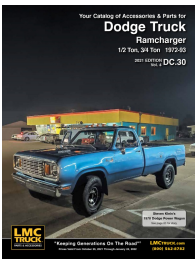
- Low brake pedal: Check brake fluid level and inspect for leaks.
- Squealing/Grinding: Indicates worn brake linings; requires inspection.

WARRANTY & SUPPORT

This manual is a reprint of the original 1959 owner's manual. As such, any original manufacturer's warranty would no longer be applicable. For service and support related to your vintage Dodge truck, it is recommended to consult with specialists in classic vehicle restoration and maintenance. For parts and service information, refer to reputable suppliers specializing in vintage Dodge truck components.

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