

# Early Ford Parts

## **A PROVEN AND CORRECT METHOD FOR ADJUSTING BRAKE RODS ON NEWLY RESTORED BRAKES**

- 1) Jack up all 4 wheels, and put jack stands under the axles.
- 2) Remove all four adjustable ends on the rods — and check to be sure the cross shaft is centralized, with the double ended levers straight up and down.
- 3) Adjust each wheel at the adjusting wedge until it drags — then back off a notch or two.
- 4) Pull each rear rod, taking up the *free play only*, and adjust the clevis until the pin will just go into hole.
- 5) Adjust the front rods the same way — *take up the free play only*, adjust the clevis until the pin will just go in.
- 6) With a helper and spacer blocks, (or a rule taped to the brake pedal) re-adjust rods as necessary until you achieve the correct wheel drag for the rear wheels and for the front wheels at 1-inch, 1½-inches, and 2-inches of pedal depression. The specifications are described on page No. 202 of the Ford Service Bulletins.
- 7) Tighten the lock nuts, install cotter keys, and make any further adjustments at the adjusting wedges during a driving test.

NOTE: Adjust each wheel and brake rod separately. (After an adjust, disengage the rod before proceeding to the next wheel.)