

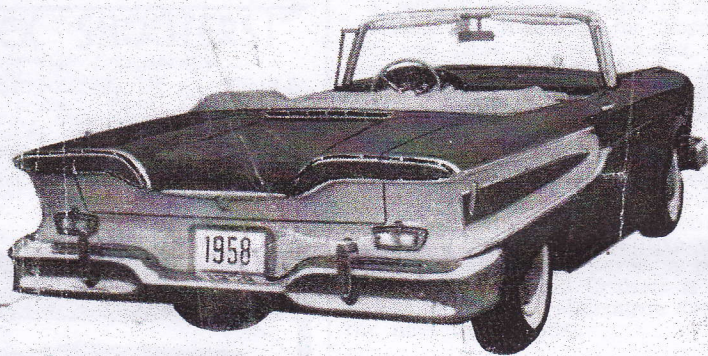
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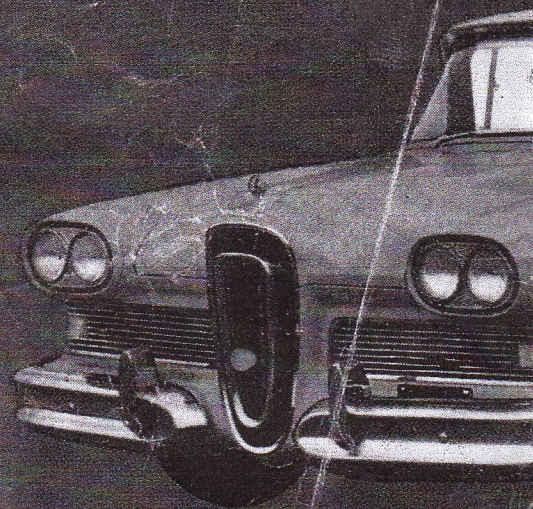
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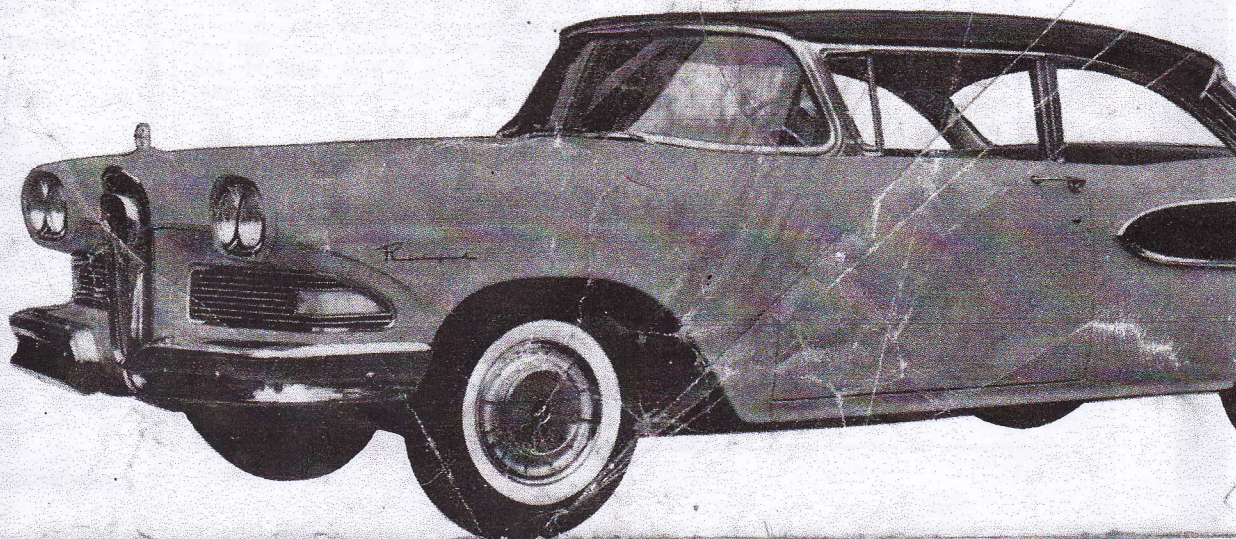
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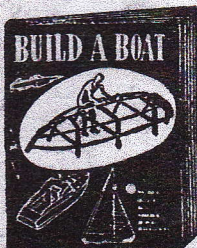


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## NEWS BRIEFS

### New Ford C'line, M'line

New Customline and Mainline models announced by the Ford Motor Company of Australia less than a week ago are claimed to be 85 per cent Australian in content. This is the immediate result of the company's having recently spent three million pounds on an expansion programme, which includes two new 650 ton body presses.

Mechanically, the two ranges differ little from last year's models; but more chrome has been added and exterior styling has been revamped in line with the current trend. Power brakes and tri-tone colour schemes are now available also, as options.

Alterations to the engine include a new carburettor, air cleaner, distributor, and coil.

Comfort is said to be greatly improved, and the smooth Fordomatic transmission is still readily available at extra cost.

### Jap Cars for Aust.?

A Melbourne firm is said to have obtained the franchise for Toyopet cars and Land Cruiser vehicles, the possible importation of which may be one result of the recently concluded Australian/Japanese trade agreement.

While Toyopet cars, if brought here, will undoubtedly be high-priced, it is believed that the Land Cruiser four wheel drive utility type vehicle, will sell at a price competitive with both Jeep and Land Rover. A pilot shipment of 12 Land Cruisers is expected to arrive in Melbourne during the next two months.

### Power Brake Kit Available

A power brake kit, priced at £16/12/0, has been developed for fitting to private cars by Patons Brake Replacements division of REPCO, in Melbourne.

The unit is built under American Bendix licence, and provides vacuum assistance to the normal brake pedal; thus reducing effort and in no way disturbing the normal function of the car's hydraulic brakes should the booster unit fail.

No vacuum reserve tank is provided in the circuit; the makers claiming that sufficient vacuum is retained in the system to give a reserve of three-power-assisted stops, should the engine fail.

The unit is installable on most modern cars with little adaption and the list price, given as £16/12/-, does not include fitting charges. These may vary substantially from car to car.

### EDITOR'S NOTE

We regret the necessity for having to publish our many popular "departments" this month in somewhat abbreviated form. However, we think you will agree that our news content in this issue more than compensates for the deficiency. All departments and columns will be back in full next month.

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