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The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Tuesday, July 10 has two actualities, each dealing with ignition inter-lock systems which will appear on all 1974 cars.

The U.S. Department of Transportation has outlined the new ignition inter-lock system which the consumer can expect in his 1974 automobile. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Legal Counsel, John Womack, referring to the new models expected in September, said:

"The belts in the 1974 models are going to be much better from the standpoint of comfort and design. In particular, the shoulder belts will be redesigned and will have retractors so that they don't restrict your movement in the car.

"But the feature that most people will notice the minute they try to start their car without fastening their belts is that the 1974 models are equipped with starter interlocks. If you don't operate the belt, the starter won't work and a light and buzzer will tell you to fasten the belt. All you have to do then is fasten the belt and the car will start."

Robert Boaz, another Safety Administration spokesman, explains what might happen if the new car owner decides to disconnect the new inter-lock system:

"Most manufacturers are pointing out that this system is now a part of the car's electrical system. And when you begin to try to tamper, when an individual begins to try to tamper with the electrical part of the system, he may do two things. He may affect something that would affect his warranty if repairs were needed on some part of the electrical system. He might also interfere with the rest of the electrical system of the car."

This has been the Transportation News Report.

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