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## New grip plates for your Tension Proof Tester

Metriguard is now offering new metal grip plates for its laboratory tension proof testers. If you need a firmer grip and can tolerate some marking on the surface of your lumber, this may be the solution you have been looking for. These grip surfaces provide a more aggressive gripping that provides less slippage and longer life for the grip plates.

The grip surfaces may be cleaned with a pitch solvent detergent and a wire-bristle hand-brush. Users report excellent performance with these new grip plates and more convenient operation of the equipment. While there will be an increase in the surface distortion in the test specimen, the new grips provide the capability to test more specimens to full failure without slippage.

The actual grip surface has hardness greater than Rockwell-c 55 and bond strength to the steel substrate of more than 4,000 psi so you can expect long life from these grip surface plates.

Please contact Metriguard sales for part numbers and prices for your tension proof tester.



**Metriguard metal grip plate material sample. Grip plates are available for all Metriguard laboratory tension proof tester equipment.**



## Hot Rod Friday \*

This is Eric Sawyer with his Model A Coupe. Unusual modes of transportation tend to show up on Fridays at Metriguard. Eric is a Mechanical Engineer with Metriguard. His recent assignments include panel testing products and R&D on veneer testing equipment. Eric reports that he intends to spend a little time installing some sound deadening material in his A-rod vehicle. The noise level is somewhere near the threshold of pain the way it is now, but you can't hear the rattles when those exhaust header covers are removed (below) from the exhaust system.

## Metriguard Wins ASABE Award

Pullman WA – Metriguard President James D. Logan, PE was recently invited to the Pacific Northwest meeting of the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers where he was presented with the 2007 Industrial Achievement Award for his work in furthering the art and science of grading and testing of wood products. "I want to thank the Society for this award", he said, "and I want to thank the researchers, engineers and staff of Metriguard for all the work they have done over the past 35 years to make Metriguard what it is today." Logan founded the company along with Ed DeKoning and Roy Pellerin in 1973. Metriguard provides nondestructive testing and quality control equipment for lumber, veneer and panel products. Its equipment is in use in production lines and laboratories around the world.





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