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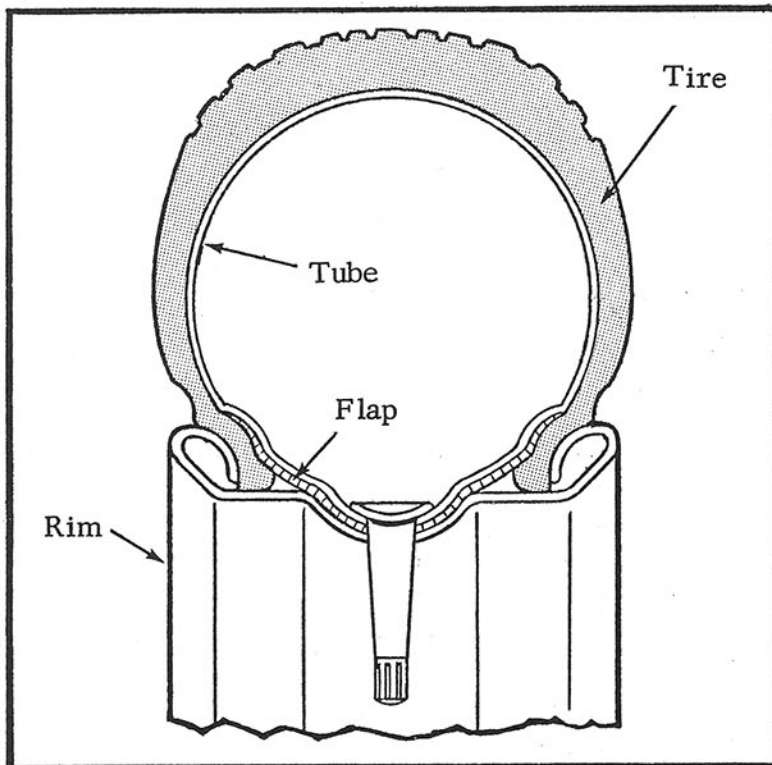
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REAR WHEEL RIM, TIRE AND TUBE FLAP — SPORTSTER

Starting September 20, 1966 a rubber protection band was installed between the inner tube and tire bead on all Sportster rear wheel steel rims only. This is a wide band which is used instead of the narrow band formerly used around the spoke nipple surface on the rim. This change was made to provide greater protection against possible tube wear caused by the tire bead edge rubbing on the tube at this point under very severe operating conditions, such as off the highway service, or maximum acceleration and braking conditions.

This tube flap is available from the factory under Part No. 43148-67 with installation instructions included.

Use of this flap is recommended as a safety precaution on all Sportster motorcycles with rear wheel steel rims, including earlier Sportsters also.

**TIRE FLAP INSTALLATION**

NOTE: Holes are provided in some rear wheel rims for bead seat anchor screws:

Part No. 1445 W for steel rims
Part No. 1440 W for aluminum rims.

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