Assignment: gear up for more "go" in low!

Result: All 3-speed manual transmissions in Ford-built cars with V-8's now are fully synchronized in each forward gear

To get more "go" in low, Ford engineers were asked to upgrade the conventional 3-speed transmission to give drivers more control over all three forward gears—to make "low" a driving gear—and they tackled the problem imaginatively.

Their achievement, another Ford First, is the only U.S. 3-speed manual transmission with all three forward gears fully synchronized. No need now to come to a complete stop when you shift into low—and no clashing gears! It lets you keep more torque on tap for negotiating sharp turns and steep grades; it makes driving more flexible, more pleasurable.

Another assignment completed and another example of how engineering leadership at Ford provides fresh ideas for the American Road.