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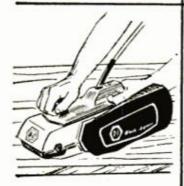
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I think there are reasonable grounds for believing the unidentified submarine found off Block Island (They Dive for Wrecks, page 92, March PM) is the Dorado (SS 248) which departed New London for Panama on Oct. 6, 1943.

I refer you to page 65, U.S. Submarine Losses (NavPers No. 15784, 1949 issue), published by Government Printing Office.

It is entirely reasonable to conjecture that a submarine leaving the base at New London and apparently bound for the Pacific would run up the coast on the surface and then, rounding Block Island and making its departure, would submerge in the area of the wreck. A diving malfunction on the first dive would place the boat in the area of the wreck. Bellwood, Ill.

F. K. Mansfield

Lt. (j.g.), USN, Ret.

Tornado watchers

Having just completed Twenty-two Minutes Over Topeka (page 82, Mar. PM), I feel that E. D. Fales Jr. has done one of the finest literary jobs possible. Lake County Civil

Defense Albert E. Stewart Painesville, Ohio Director

We found the Topeka tornado story very well done, and each member of our family found it so fascinating we read it word for word before putting it down.

Topeka, Kans. Mrs. Niles Kuehn

I commend you for a job well done.
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Topeka, Kans.

NYLE MILLER
Secretary

Sticky feeder

Your article, Bird Cafeteria (page 86, Feb. PM), tells how to construct a bird feeder from a muffin pan and other materials. If a bird is feeding on a very cold day, there's a danger that his wet tongue will stick or freeze to the metal. To eliminate the problem, use a plastic muffin pan. Baldwin, N.Y.

STEPHAN L. GINELL

Winches in the pile-up

I enjoyed The Big Pile-Up of 1966 (page 122, Feb. PM); however, there is a mistake in the picture caption on page 126. It states that "Others [cars] folded

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when plows, of necessity, hurled them aside to clear highway." This is not true and was a mystery until we explained how cars got on the center mall.

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Batavia, N.Y. H. LEE HOUSEKNECHT JR. Houseknecht Motors, Inc.

Thanks for an interesting article, but didn't author Fales overdo the dramatics on page 127: "A cross-country bus came to a stop, brakes screeching."?

Brakes screeching on a snow-covered road? Aw, come on, now! Bartlesville, Okla. H. L. LYNCH

Maybe it was the driver.

Racewatchers' racewatcher

Racewatchers Guide to Competition Cars (page 95, Mar. PM) is a very interesting and informative article. I did notice one flaw, however. Under the heading "Sports Prototype (Under Two Liters)" you show a Porsche Carrera 6 which has a horizontally opposed 6 o.h.c. engine with a top speed of about 174 mph. You describe it as a Porsche 906 with a flat 8 and top speed of 165 mph.

THOMAS J. DETTLOFF JR. Bethesda, Md.

And you, sir, have flawless racewatchers' eyesight. We had to go back to the original (and larger) painting to find the identification mark proving you are right.

Longer and higher

I've just read America's Longest and Highest Thrill Ride (page 118, Feb. PM). The Sierra Nevada Cable Car System in the state of Merida, Venezuela, dwarfs even the Jackson Hole Tramway, making it the highest and longest in the Americas. The Merida cable car climbs from the capital city, Merida, 5172 feet above sea level, to Mirror Peak, 15,269 feet high, covering 734 miles within four hours. Manila, Philippines A. M. VELASCO

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AS MUCH LEARNING POWER is packed in sugar pills as in a highly touted memory drug, magnesium pemoline. This was established in recent experiments at the University of Michigan in which student volunteers gulped pills and performed tests. Not only did the sugar-pill eaters outperform their fellow students, but learning ability actually decreased with increased doses of the memory drug. The drug reportedly enhances learning ability and memory in rats.

BUDDHIST SCROLL discovered in a South Korean temple is thought to be the oldest printed matter ever found. Scholars say it was produced some time between 704 and 751 A.D. The 20-foot-long scroll was printed from 12 wooden blocks bearing carved Chinese characters. Block printing was the precursor of printing with movable type, the method used to produce the Gutenberg Bible, published in Europe around 1455.

CURIOUS OFFICIALS of an English museum wanted to know if a mummy, an Egyptian princess about 2500 years old, was wearing jewels or anything else of value under her wrappings. They couldn't unravel the fragile linen, so they appealed to the British army. An X-ray machine designed to detect land mines was turned on the princess. Nothing of value was found, but the films showed one thing—the old girl had a fine set of teeth.

GOLD-BEARING ROCK, located in northwest Wyoming and estimated to total 50 cubic miles, is a special target of investigation by scientists of the U.S. Geological Survey. In a preliminary report, geologists said the gold content in large units of the rocks ranges in value from 6 to 35 cents a cubic yard. This indicates to government experts that richer zones will be found in the area, which will be-

come "target areas for exploration by private interests."

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LONG, LONG HEAT WAVE DUE. So say researchers at the Naval Oceanographic Office who base their prediction on old historical records indicating that weather is subject to cyclical changes. But don't panic. The heat wave won't hit for a century or so, and the worst heat may not be with us until about 2400 A.D. A cooling trend will then set in, lasting until about the year 3300.

LSD EXPANDS MORE THAN MINDS. It causes spiders to build oversized webs, according to scientists at a Canadian mental hospital who inject small amounts of the controversial drug into the tiny



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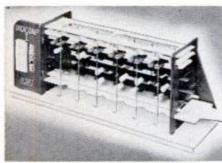
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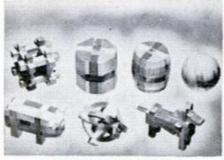
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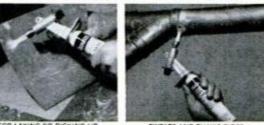
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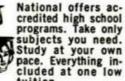
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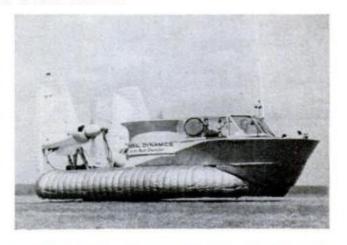
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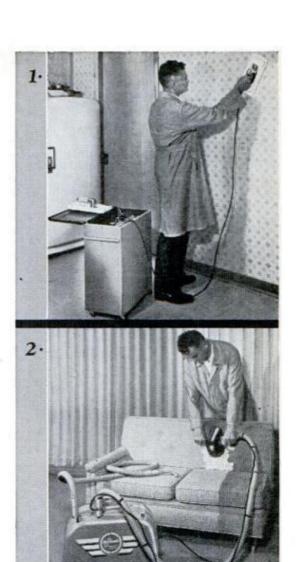
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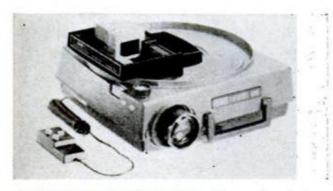
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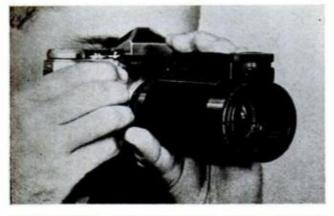
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JUST SQUEEZE—that's how you focus this new lens

PICTURE THIS

BY SHELDON M. GALLAGER

THEY'VE DONE IT AGAIN. Just when you think that the popular little 8-mm movie camera has gotten about as small as it can get, along comes a smaller one. Kodak's newest line of Instamatics can slip in a pocket, are only 2½ inches thick and less than five inches long. Four models range from under \$30 to about \$80. All are electrically driven and take Super 8 cartridges. All but the lowest-priced have automatic exposure control.

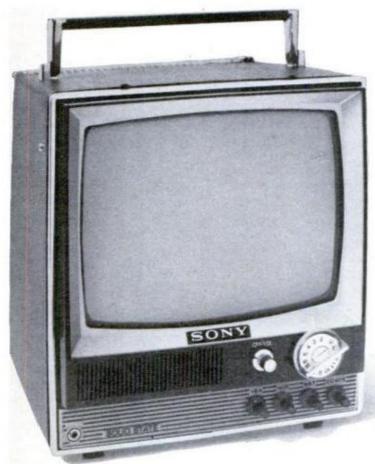
CAROUSEL OWNERS TAKE NOTE: Now you can get a stack loader that fits on the projector in place of the circular tray. It holds 40 slides, makes it easy to quick-preview a new batch or edit a sequence without disturbing your main trays. The Kodak accessory is about \$13.

WHO'D HAVE THOUGHT a few years ago that there'd be a color Polaroid Land camera for less than \$50? That's right—the latest model announced goes for just \$49.95. The new Color Pack Model 210 has a few less frills, but is essentially the same automatic design as its costlier cousins. Four other models are \$74.95 to \$159.95.

YOU SQUEEZE TO FOCUS the unusual new lens at bottom left. The 135-mm telephoto has a bar on top that racks the lens in and out at fingertip touch. The idea: Fast, smooth focusing for rapid-fire shooting. A Xenar f '4.5, the Novoflex lens fits most 35-mm SLRs, is distributed by Burleigh Brooks, Inc., 420 Grand Ave., Englewood, N. J. Price is \$138.

PLANNING TO VISIT EXPO 67 this summer? If so, here are a couple of tips for photo enthusiasts. If you're taking a foreign-made camera, be sure to register it with U.S. Customs before leaving the country to avoid having to pay import duty on it when you return. American-made cameras are not, of course, affected. Stop in at the Kodak pavilion and pick up a free picture-taking guide to the fair. It contains helpful pointers on photographing various scenic attractions. Exposed film can be left for processing at concessions throughout the fair.

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Wild beast

I've been plagued by oil leaking from the fuel pump of my 1961, six-cylinder Ford Fairlane 500. The oil appears to be coming through the two breather holes in the pump. It happened on the original part and now on a replacement pump I installed about 6000 miles ago. All I hear from my mechanic is, "It's the nature of the beast -live with it." Is it?-Joseph L. Marymont, Teaneck, N. J.

Logically, if oil is coming from the pump, the diaphragm in the pump is probably ruptured. A further logical conclusion is that if diaphragms keep busting, they're probably doing so because the pump's lift off the cam is too high. So why not have a mechanic build the pump out away from the engine with gaskets to reduce the lift, and stop ruptured diaphragms and stop oil from leaking? If this solution affects fuel delivery, however, better get a new pump.

Where'd it go?

Figure this one—I can't. I adjusted the carburetor and set the rpm of my stalling 1965 Dodge (383-cu.-in. engine). Then, to test it, I shoved the accelerator all the way to the floor, rolling about 300 feet and coming to a sudden stop. The engine stalled and wouldn't start. It sounded as if all the pistons had disappeared. Ran a compression test on number one cylinder and came up with a reading of only 35 pounds. After about five minutes, the engine started, compression returned to 135 and things have been okay since. Question: Where did the compression go?—William H. Bolling Sr., Baltimore, Md.

Oh, boy. My theory is that your sudden hard goosing of the engine caused the hydraulic valve lifters to build up unmercifully, keeping all valves opened and, consequently, resulting in a tremendous loss of compression. I'm sure if you had taken a reading at the other cylinders, you would have discovered the same low compression.

So, who's infallible?

Well, Mort, you can't win them all, but don't feel bad—I'm using the sharp needle and not the square one. The problem, as you'll remember, involved my 1962 Chev-

rolet Greenbrier. From the day I bought it new, it would start good, run a mile, start to buck and sputter for the next mile or so, and then smooth out and run good again. You and I spoke of adjusting chokes, checking timing, syncing the carbs and overhauling the left carburetor which

was blackened up.

Well, Mort, none of this helped much. But last week I just happened to lean on the left carburetor and the plastic housing on the vacuum break control opened up. Guess what I found? The thing was cracked in one of the molding seams and was sucking air, leaning out the fuel mixture. The car runs like the proverbial top now, but thanks for your help anyway.-Bert Russell, Quincy, Mass.

Dear Bert: Ouch!

In a flap

When the "book" way of starting my 1966 Toronado didn't work, I tried pumping the gas pedal, which didn't help either. The car is just tough starting in the morning. The service manager at the Olds agency said he checked everything. Now he tells me, "It's the nature of the beast." (Editor's note: The way some mechanics talk, you would think there were more animals on America's highways than in the Congo.) Any ideas?—G. B. Tindall, Long Beach, Calif.

Oldsmobile tells us that special servicing instructions have been issued by the home office to stop this nonsense. Advise your service manager to dust off his files and get on the ball.

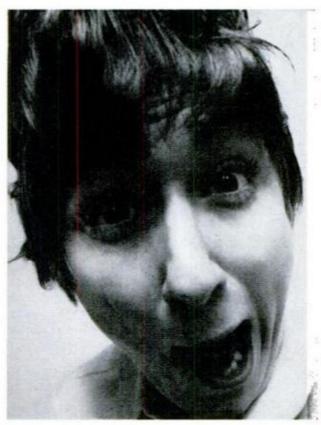
The merry wanderer

Since the day I bought it, my 1964 Mercury Montclair has had a tendency to wander. The dealer checked front end alignment and wheel balance. New tires haven't helped-neither has a stabilizer bar. Do you know what the trouble is?-Chris Hoff, Bloomingdale, Ill.

Not really, but I'll take an educated guess. Some nine months after this car was produced (all other model Mercurys, Comets and Lincoln Continentals, too),

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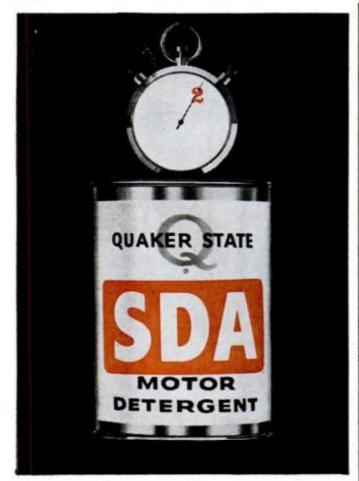
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the front-wheel alignment specifications were changed by the factory. If your dealer didn't spot the change in the service bulletin, he could be adjusting to the old specs. Have him check service bulletin No. 47, 1964 specs (6/19/64). Also remind him to check the steering gear adjustment.

Fly in the ointment

I own a 1962 Corvair. As you know, these cars use a three-piece spring-steel flywheel bonded with rivets. After some driving, these rivets work loose, resulting in acute vibration and much noise. Do you know of a more permanent way of bonding?—Bill Evans, Terre Haute, Ind.

All you can do is replace the flywheel with a new one. There's only one style of flywheel made for this car, and you've got it.

Daffy Dauphine

I have a 1961 Renault Dauphine. When I put it into reverse and release the clutch, it jerks so violently that it often kicks itself out of gear. Reverse gear has no teeth missing or chipped and all seems well with clutch and transmission. Am I overlooking anything?—Bert Loan, Ashland, Ku.

Assuming that clutch and transmission are okay, there are two other possible causes. I'd check engine and transmission mounts and make sure they're tight. If they are, go to the stop rods on the rear axle assembly and check for looseness.

Service Tips

- The Chrysler-Plymouth people have cleared up a lot of Auto Clinic mail for me with service bulletin 67-15 which pertains to 1965 through 1967 Chryslers, Imperials and Plymouths with 383 and 440-cu.-in. engines and airconditioning. Seems that some of you have been having overheating problems because of fan-belt slippage and roll-off. So, what did Chrysler do? Produce a new Dacron cord belt which has great stability. If your belt doesn't fit, see your dealer for a change. The new belt carries part No. 2658793. Be sure that the idler bracket is tightened to the "new belt" spec of 65-ft.-lbs. torque.
- Some 1965 Oldsmobiles from the early production run have fuel gauges that read empty all the time. The trouble is a flat wire connector in the trunk compartment connected (Please turn to page 30)

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180° off, burning out the tank unit. There's no need to run around empty-handed anymore. Have the flat wire connector reversed. The dash gauge will now read past the full mark, but to do a 100 percent correction, the tank unit must be replaced.

- 1966 Rambler three-seat station-wagon owners have been getting diluted gas-but not from their service station. Seems the location of the gas tank filler opening in the crown of the right rear fender makes it susceptible to water entering the tank. For the cure, order up service bulletin 7, group 4.000 (7/27/66), from your Rambler dealer.
- Is your 1967 Cadillac Eldorado losing coolant? If so, you probably have a car prior to No. 108946, which had no radiator antifoam additive installed at the factory. If the loss continues, the temperature could go higher than normal. Have the dealer add a can of cooling system inhibitor and sealer (part No. 1050533).
- · Volkswagen owners have had lots of consternation about valve adjustment specs. In some cases, the figures in service and owners' manuals no longer hold water. So, here's the correct info-right from the larynx of the Beetle itself:

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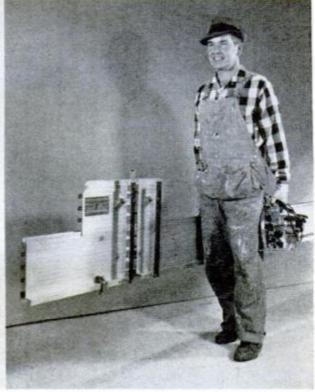
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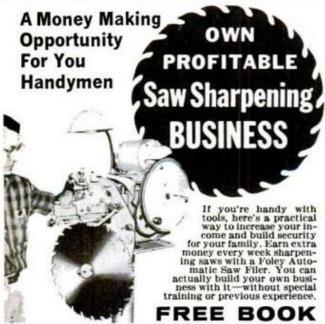
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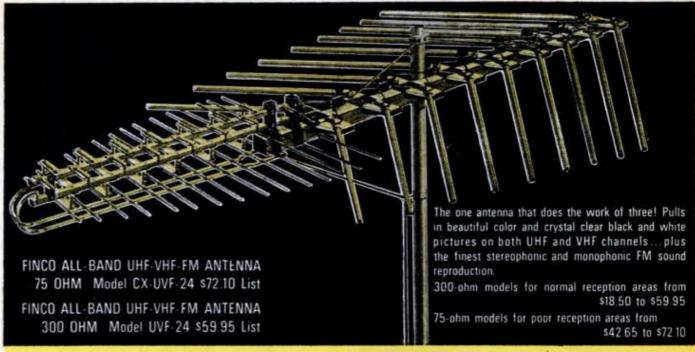
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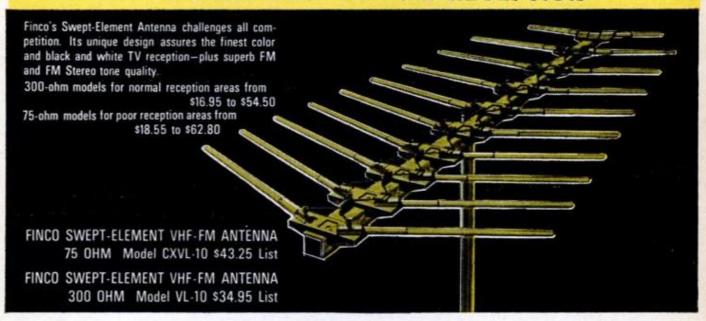
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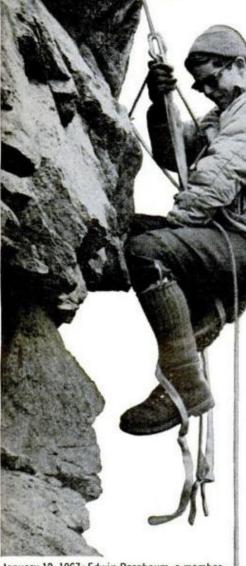
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Q. I just bought a new Chevy 283 CID V8 with standard shift and would like to know how to use the tachometer to save gas. Can you explain?—Henry Patrick, Houston.

A. A tachometer tells you engine speed in terms of revolutions per minute (rpm) at one given moment. If you could establish the most efficient rpm from the fuel economy standpoint (Chevrolet engineering might provide this information), the tachometer would assist you in maintaining the best rpm. Remember, however, the throttle opening has a lot to do with gas economy—keep it closed and you don't use much gas. A vacuum gauge and a light foot will probably help you more here than a tachometer.

Q. I heard recently (and have gotten into several arguments) that General Motors is returning to racing. I'd like your opinion on this, and how you think the Chevrolet 396 CID and 427 CID would perform against the higher-rated Ford and Chrysler engines.—Charles H. Braun, Pittsburgh.

A. First, I don't have any "inside" information. I doubt that we'll see General Motors returning officially. On the other hand, it has never backed out completely because I feel sure it realizes this would cost GM dearly in the form of lost sales to Ford and Chrysler. In many respects it's a bit of a sticky situation. I'm sure GM dealers are crying for more racing. Both Ford and Chrysler have learned a lot about racing by active participation. If General Motors came back it would be weakest in the durability area, which can be insured only by racing evaluation. (If it breaks, re-design it.)

Another problem for GM would be organizing smooth-working teams of men to compete with the outfits representing the competition, who have been at it for years. There is more to racing than car, engine and driver. Still, GM has done it before and I have no doubt it can do it again. In fact, I hope it does.

Q. I will be brief. I have a 1963 Chevy wagon. It has a 283 CID standard transmission and overdrive. This overdrive will engage in all forward gears or it can be completely disengaged. Would you consider this car to have six different forward drive ratios?—Bruce Williams, Lockbourne AFB, Ohio.

A. I will be even briefer . . . yes!

Q. What brakes do you recommend for a typical family car—all-around drums, power drums, or front discs (if available)? Do you consider power discs better than heavy drums?—Kevin Walsh, Brookyn.

A. It isn't quite as easy as that. I don't think it is wise to categorize brake systems and then say one system is best. There are big differences in these systems from one car to another, although they are supposed to be identical. The kind of lining on the brakes makes quite a difference. A power-assist front disc, rear-drum system seems good to me. Even the people who manufacture brakes aren't as yet able to answer your question. In the process of trying, however, brakes

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of all kinds are improving each year. Most racing cars are all discs, stock car racers being the outstanding exception. If stock cars did more road racing, you would soon see them equipped with discs similar to those on the Ford GT Mark II prototypes.

- Q. I've read that the top Formula I drivers neither smoke nor drink. What is your opinion? Does either really permanently impair a driver's reflexes, timing and judgment?—David E. Klutsenbaker, San Francisco.
- A. Most drivers do not smoke, but many excellent drivers do. I have smoked, but I quit, mostly because I suspected it might impair my competence an infinitesimal amount—say, maybe, one inch per cigaret per 68 mph speed on an average summer day. Who knows? It is probably safe to say that 99 percent of the drivers drink to some extent (or hope to—they usually have a swig of champagne in the winners circle, you know), but usually in moderation. I do not think it impairs their reflexes, timing or judgment permanently—or at least not during the first 100 years of life.
- Q. I am thinking of buying an Austin Healey Sprite and I would like your opinion on this car. Also, where can I get the Sports Car Club of America rulebook concerning Classes G and F for the Sprite and rules for Formula Vee?—J. E. Greene, Horsham, Pa.
- A. I'm afraid I can't give you an opinion on the Sprite because I haven't driven one. But it's a cute little car that looks like it would be fun and it fits into a popular class for a light pocketbook in SCCA racing. Write your SCCA regional headquarters, or national headquarters at Westport, Conn.
- Q. I have a 1966 Mustang with a standard 289 CID engine. My friends tell me I can put a 390 or 427 in it, but I don't see how there would be room. Can you tell me how to do it?—Steve Sheffield, Martinsville, Va.
- A. Stick with a 289 in a 1966 Mustang. It's a great engine with plenty of performance in it if you want to work on it. Installing a 390 or 427 would probably require some cutting and welding. Why not open the hood on a 1967 model with one of those engines to measure the difference?

- Q. Is Mario Andretti overly rough on the cars he drives? I know he had to be in a lot of races to become USAC champion, but in the big races I see on TV, he rarely finishes. Why?—Robert Fratini, Broomall, Pa.
- A. When you get down to it, you must be rough on a car when you race it. Overly rough, no. I would say that Mario isn't overly rough on cars as evidenced, as you say, by the fact he is USAC champion and a consistent winner. Just keep watching that TV set.
- Q. Are the engines used at Indy, Sebring and Le Mans started by sparkplugs or by compression? —Lee Thedens, Rock Rapids, Iowa.
- A. They start them with a starter and sparkplugs in much the same way as an ordinary car. The Indy cars do not carry the starter with them, however, but they leave it in the pits.
- Q. I have heard that the Chapman Lotus-Ford is very powerful on the turns at Indy. Is this extra power a threat to your American Eagles? If so, what do you do to make up for the extra power of the Lotus?—Ken Kleinschmidt, Tampa, Fla.
- A. I think we can handle them this year. In our last tests at Indy we beat the Lotus speeds with our improved Eagle.
- **Q.** I know you were experimenting with a turbine-powered race car. How long do you think it will take before cars with this type of power become serious contenders at Indy?—Harry Spangle, Bethesda, Md.
- A. I feel it will be a long time. Turbines are very good under constant speed conditions, but not very good where you must speed up and slow down repeatedly with instantaneous response—such as when racing in "traffic" on a race course. Also, I believe there is still plenty of room for development of the piston engine as we know it today.
- Q. Jim Hurtubise is said to be building a roadster for this year's Indy races. Isn't this type of car obsolete for that race?—Jerry Buffalino, Rochester. N. Y.
- A. Not necessarily. We shall see this month. The old roadsters are obsolete, but a new roadster may not be like the old ones at all. The old rear-engined cars also have had it, by the way.

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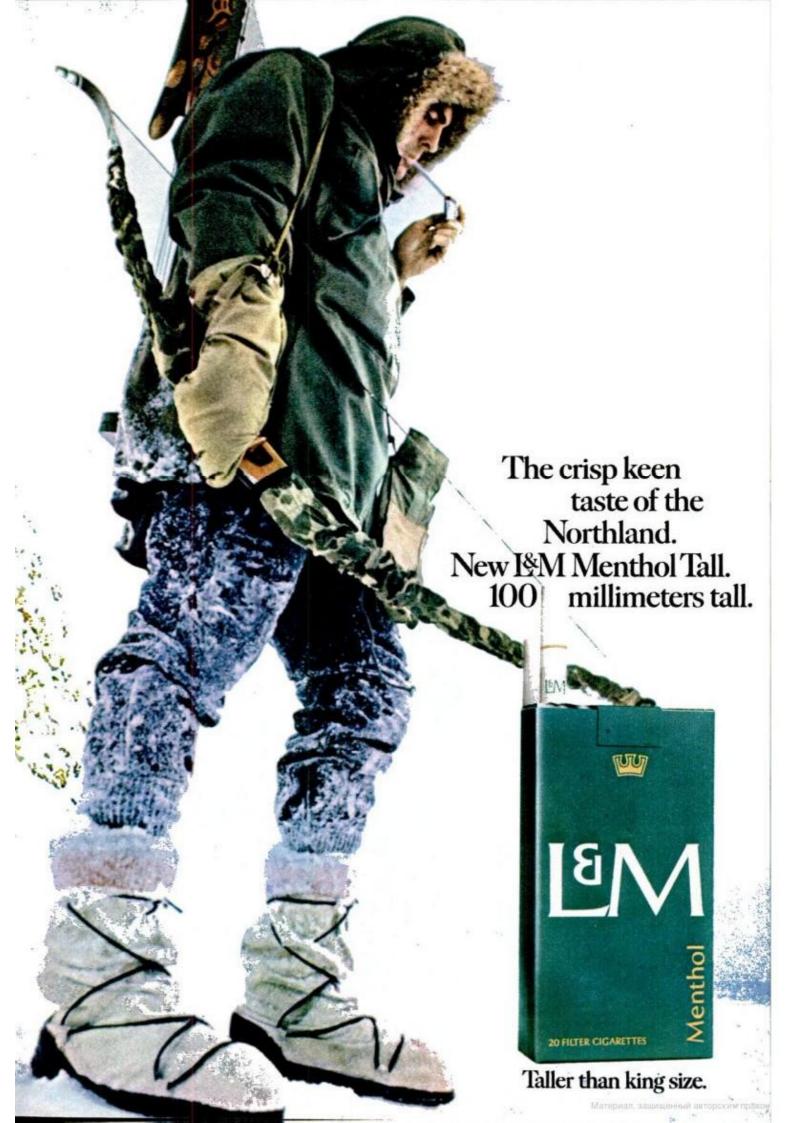
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Plumbing noises can have more than one cause. At long range it's not always possible to say definitely what, where, or why. But I think immediately of the hotwater line passing through a partition, possibly a joist, or some other part of the structure with which it is in contact. When you open the hot-water faucet, the copper line warms quickly, expands, and the movement results in a rubbing action against whatever the line may be touching. Investigate this possibility. If my guess is correct, bending the tubing slightly to free it should stop the noise.

Also, there's a possibility that an insulating coupling was not installed at the point where the copper tubing joins the steel pipe. Electrolytic action at this point could build up a coating and gradually restrict the flow of water, although you will more likely notice a lowering of the pressure and possibly hear a hissing sound rather than the noise you describe. Still this remains a possible cause and I'd suggest you have it checked if the other trouble mentioned does not apply.

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If these skylights are of the "bubble" type and have been properly installed, they shouldn't leak. The wetness you're getting on the attic floor is probably condensate that forms on the underside of the lights and drips onto the floor. The

moisture is condensed from the air in the attic. It does not leak in from outside. I hesitate to suggest closing the skylights with a tight-fitting insert, but this would seem to be the only preventive step. The disadvantage of this is that you may get condensate forming on exposed nails or plumbing vents.

To be effective, the inserts, or covers, must fit tightly to prevent warm air from the attic reaching the inside surface of the bubbles. You might try frames paneled in either glass or sheet plastic; the former sealed with putty, the latter with a mastic. If there is a door to the attic, be sure it is closed tightly in winter and also see that louvers in gable ends are open and that the screening is not clogged with paint, leaves or other debris.

Making varnish vanish

I spilled nearly a pint of dark varnish stain on my basement floor. I mopped it up with paper towels and then scrubbed with a detergent, but much of the stain remains. Can this be removed?—L.N., Ill.

You may be able to get off most, if not all, of the remaining residue with a paint and varnish remover of the nonflammable, wash-off type. Be sure the remover is of the type specified. Brush it on in the normal fashion—a fairly heavy, uniform coating over the whole affected area. Allow it to "work" for 10 minutes or more, then wash it off with a wet cloth. Go over the area several times with the wet cloth to make sure you get up all the remover residue. Then wipe the surface and let it dry. A second application might be necessary.

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While you're painting the jacket, allow the edge of the brush to apply a narrow strip of paint to the floor as well. Then form a fillet of glazier's putty all the way around to close openings between the metal and the floor. If you're careful to seal all openings, this might do it. **

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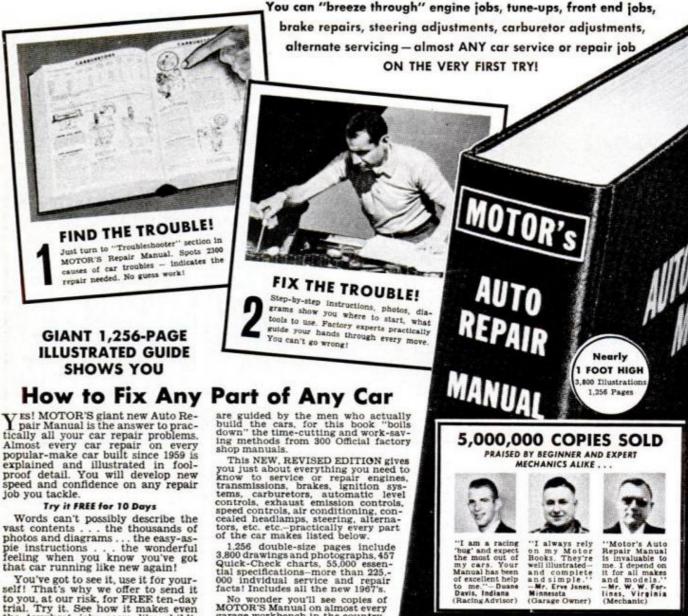
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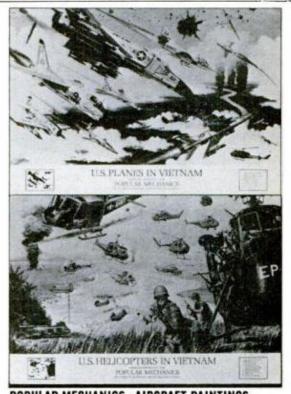
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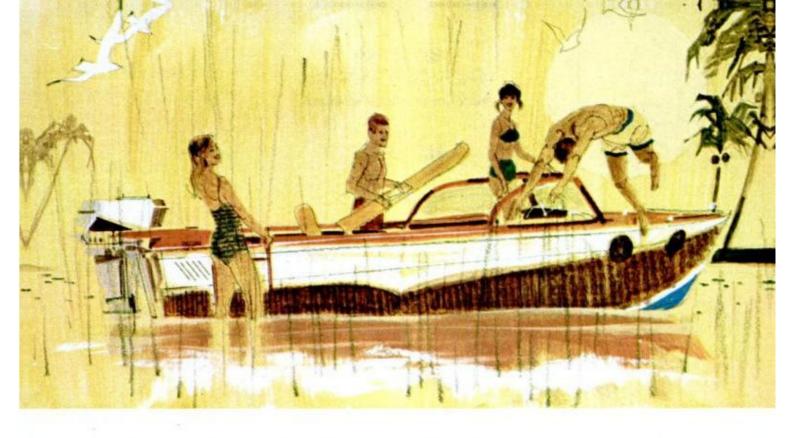
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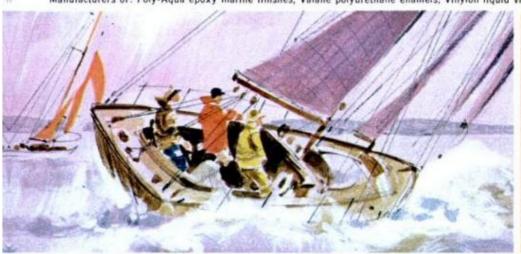


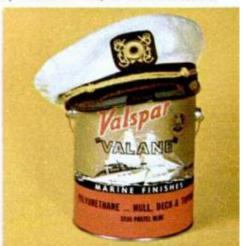
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LISTENING POST

BY BOB IRVIN

A "GASOLINE-ELECTRIC" CAR is being developed by General Motors as the "perfect solution" for the smog problem. Outside metropolitan areas, the driver would use a gasoline engine to propel the car. In large cities where air pollution is a growing problem, the driver would switch off the gasoline engine and turn on the battery electric drive system. It's only an experiment by GM, but it could answer a main objection about electric cars—their limited range. Conceivably, the gasoline engine could be used to recharge the battery electric system, eliminating the need for overnight recharging. American Motors toyed around with a similar system in the late '50s.

HEADLIGHTS THAT OPERATE DAY AND NIGHT—just as on Greyhound buses—are a safety requirement being proposed for 1969 cars by the U. S. General Services Administration. The GSA lists this as one of the 31 safety standards for the '69 cars it will buy for its own use. Almost all the GSA's 17 standards for 1967 cars are on all civilian autos this year. Another '69 requirement of the GSA is a rollbar for cars. To comply, a car would have to be rolled at 50 mph and the top not dented more than six inches. The GSA also wants a "bulkhead" between the rear seat and the trunk to prevent things from being thrown into the passenger compartment in a collision. It would be similar to the "firewall" between the engine and the front seat. Another requirement is a buzzer attached to the reverse gear of a transmission. When you wanted to back up, the buzzer would sound automatically, warning pedestrians who might be behind the car. How many of these will find their way into regular production is open to conjecture. Another federal agency writes standards for private cars and it has the final say in this area.

NUTS AND BOLTS obviously play an important part in determining the safety of an automobile. One Ford engineer, R. E. Van Deventer, believes a "respectable percentage" of all safety recall campaigns by the industry can be blamed on problems associated with "fasteners." So, Ford has invented a new nut and bolt system. Called "uniform bearing stress" fasteners—or UBS for short—they clamp together at a uniform strength of 25,000 pounds per square inch. Another feature—they don't require washers. Ford expects to save millions of dollars with the new system and will have some of the new nuts and bolts on the 1968 model cars.

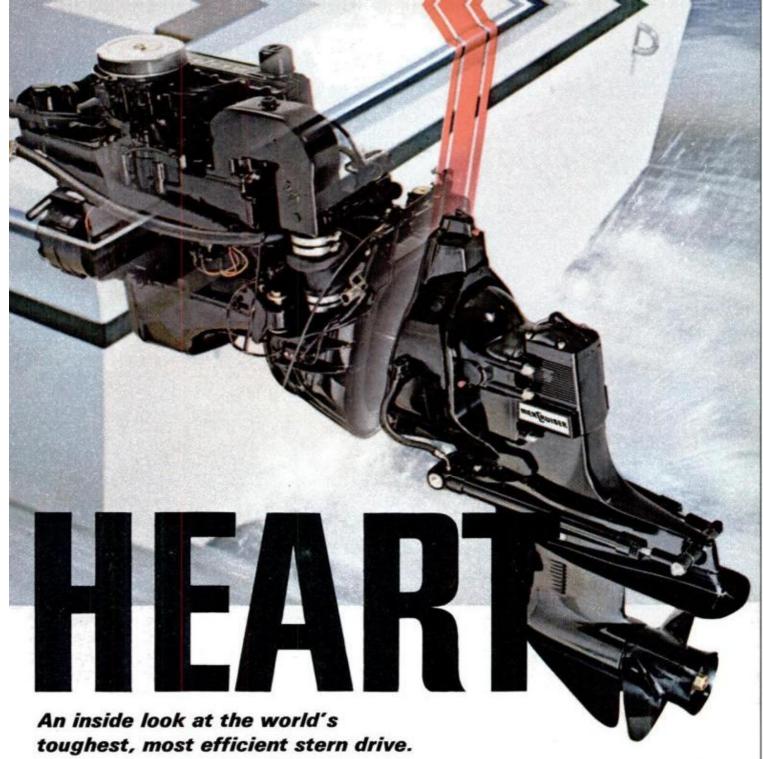
small but well-known american and foreign car manufacturers may be in trouble on the government's 1968 safety standards, even though "watered down" because of vigorous industry complaints. The NSU Prinz and the Sunbeam Imp, for example, can't meet a standard requiring a rupture-proof fuel tank and as a result probably will not be sold here next year. Another well-known European manufacturer that pioneered in the use of shoulder belts is in trouble meeting the loading requirements established by Washington. Checker Motors, of Kalamazoo, Mich., with only limited engineering and research facilities, is going to have to make some major changes if it expects to sell cars next year. Ditto for some of the specialty carmakers.

A THIEF has been hired by General Motors. He's a pro and his job is to show GM engineers how easy it is to break into cars and steal them. GM hopes to learn from him how to build a "thiefproof" car.

JAVELIN IS THE NAME mentioned for American Motors' new sporty car. The Javelin is a Mustang-type auto featuring a long hood and short rear deck treatment. It'll be out next year.

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76 POPULAR MECHANICS



Rugged MerCruiser power speaks softly: rubbermounted engine, neoprene coupling between crankshaft and drive unit plus Jet-Prop exhaust make this the quietest stern drive ever built. And MerCruiser carries a big stick: performanceproved engines geared to take bigger props for tremendous low-speed thrust and high-speed efficiency. MerCruiser is built to last, with lower unit housing die-cast of one piece of high-impact aluminum-no nuts, bolts, screws or gaskets. Rugged shearproof drive eliminates vulnerable shear or drive pins. And MerCruisers with Jet-Prop exhaust require only one hole through the transom: it's a stronger, neater, leak-free installation. MerCruiser is tough, but responds instantly to the lightest touch on its single-lever throttle and shift control. And new Power Trim

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DETROIT LISTENING POST

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AUTOMATIC HIGHWAYS within eight years are a possibility predicted in a new national urban transportation study ordered by the Automobile Manufacturers Assn. Prototype systems already exist that would permit automated steering and spacing control of autos on freeway-type roadways. "Such systems, which may be in partial use by 1975, will permit cars to travel bumper-to-bumper at speeds up to 150 mph, with the driver retaining manual control of the car when not on the automated roadway," according to the AMA study.

THE UNMISTAKABLE SMELL of a diesel-engine bus may be on the way out. Bus companies tried additives in the gas (a "rose" smell was used in Detroit), but this merely ruined the engines. Now, General Motors has a new catalytic muffler it's testing that eliminates both smell and smoke. The federal government says it hopes to make such devices mandatory, starting with 1970 models.

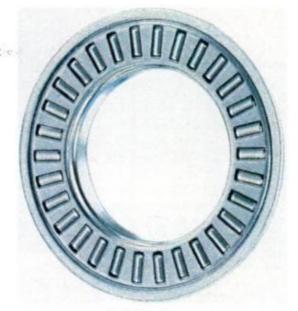
PRICES OF 1968 CARS are sure to go up at least \$100. But the auto industry may have a hard time justifying the increases. This is because the only things being added that the public will be able to see are two more lap-type safety belts and two more shoulder belts. An exhaust emission control system is also being added, but that will be out of sight. However, as General Motors Pres. James M. Roche puts it, "Additional equipment costs money and everything that goes into a car is reflected in its overall price."

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT is conducting "recall campaigns" of its own. It hasn't been publicized, but Secretary of State Dean Rusk wired all embassies and diplomatic posts a few months ago to check the safety belts on their cars. It seems the buckles have been sticking and may be faulty. The belts, it's understood, are made by an "in house" source and are not from any private company.

HEY, DOC! Sales will jump as employment goes up and economic growth factors restore consumer confidence, says AMC boss Roy Chapin, Jr. He says this winter's poor sales resulted from the U.S. being in a "psychological slump." ★ ★ ★







This is a **GM Replacement:** It's just as shifty.

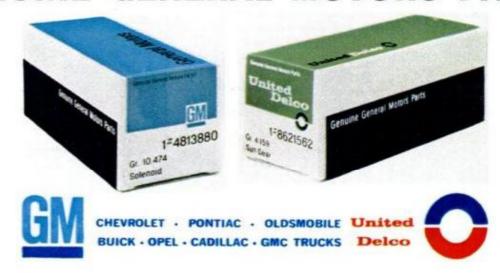
There's only one difference between a GM Original Part and a GM Replacement: One comes in a car-the other comes in a box. Besides that, they're identical.

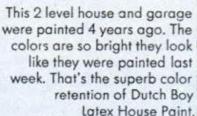
That's good news. Especially if you ever need anything as strong as this needle thrust bearing. It has to take your engine's torque by the horns. And pin it down.

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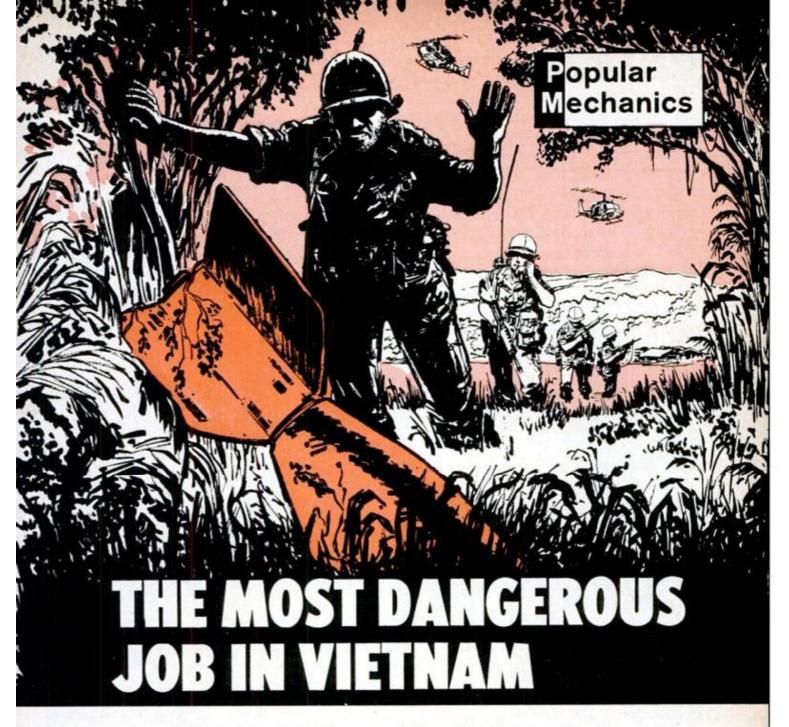




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Disarming Vietcong bombs and booby traps is the everyday work of explosive-ordnance-disposal crews—whether in a crowded Saigon street or an insect-infested jungle

By WILLIAM KREH

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I'T WAS ONLY a cheap wristwatch concealed inside a discarded flight bag on a Saigon sidewalk. A U.S. Navy man in green combat uniform needed only one look.

"It's a Claymore, and she's ticking," he quietly told his companion. "Get

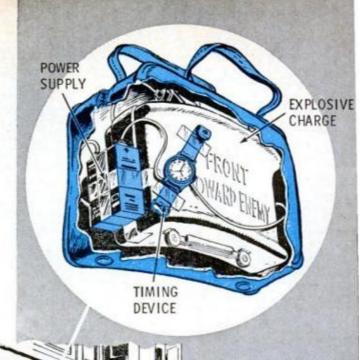
the area cleared—quick!"

A Claymore is an ingenious mine designed to spray hundreds of jagged iron pellets when it explodes. The wristwatch inside this one was its timer, and the tick that would set it off could be the next.

The airline bag had been discovered minutes after 250 pounds of explosive, hidden in an automobile, had blasted Saigon's Metropole Hotel, killing 10 and wounding 37.

Quietly, while American MPs and Vietnamese police moved to clear the area, the Navy man went to work. Using his tools with all the care of a brain surgeon, he occasionally stopped to take a deep breath and wipe perspiration from his forehead. One wrong decision would be fatal.

Finally, he straightened up, smiled and waved his hand. The crowd that had retreated to a safe distance began to move again. The Navy man exhaled deeply and reached for a cigaret. Another successful mission for the EODers—the men with the nervewracking job of explosive-ordnance disposal. The teams are composed of a special breed of derring-do men from





FAVORITE VC TRICK is to set small explosives in areas where crowds gather. Above, bomb was set in flight bag, triggered by wristwatch, after Metropole Hotel explosion attracted the curious. EOD man disarms it

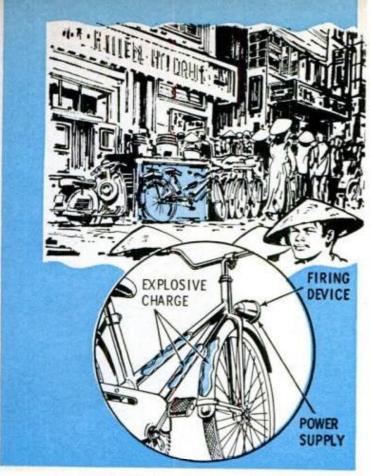
all the military services whose mission is disarming and disposing of all types of ordnance.

In Vietnam, where the name of the VC game is booby traps and chaos, the EODer's job is a lot more complicated because the weapons used are far from conventional. Take bicycles, for example. Plastic explosives can be—and have been—packed into the fenders and frame of an ordinary bicycle, and there are thousands in Saigon. Flashlight batteries provide the detonating power, and the headlight usually contains the timing device, connected by wire to a blasting cap. Enough explosive can be loaded into one bike to kill or maim several people.

And, of course, there are the explosive-packed loaves of bread, the deto-



BOOBY TRAPS are set by Vietcong in innocent everyday items like loaves of bread and empty beer bottles



ORDINARY BICYCLE can become death trap with explosive charge in framework set off by head lamp

nating beer bottles, and the exploding "souvenirs" that the Vietcong are noted for. (See *Deadly Booby Traps* in a Dirty War, June '66 PM.) They're all in the EODer's repertoire of disarming techniques.

Sometimes the Vietcong booby-trap the booby traps in an attempt to catch the EODers at their work. Boiler Tender 1.C. Paul McCraw, a veteran of 10 months with the Navy EOD team in Saigon, says, "We're always on the alert for some second or third device."

Just such a thing happened. A piece of pipe with a burned-out fuse wrapped around it was found. It looked like a common homemade pipe bomb that had failed to go off. The EOD man who was called to the scene may have thought it was a dud, but no one will ever know because it exploded the minute he got near it. The pipe bomb had been purposely rigged to get him—and no one else.

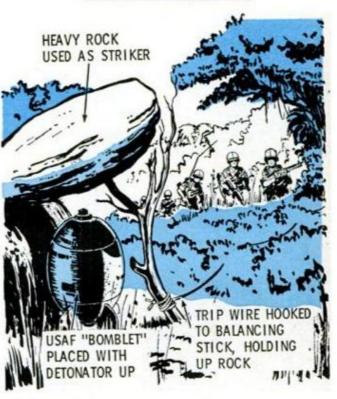
The six-inch piece of pipe may have contained a complex electrical system, designed to explode on touch. Or it could have been fixed to explode when light entered it, or it could have contained a trembler switch that would set it off through the vibration of the EOD man's approach. It could have been mechanically rigged, or electrically, or chemically, or electronically, or any combination of these.

A favorite story among EODers—and a true one—is the time a team was called to dispose of a small box thought to be a bomb. It was a tricky, time-consuming procedure. First the area was cleared of spectators. Then the team went to work. They discovered, with their electronic stethoscope, a timing device inside the box. It could trigger the bomb at any moment.

Further investigation showed signs of a gravity switch, which rested on the ground below the box. If the box were lifted, the bomb would explode. A mercury switch was positioned inside the box, so tilting it would trigger the charge. An elaborate system of wires spread over the sides and lid of the box. If the lid was lifted or a cut made in a side of the box, boom!

Another device inside the box made it impossible to take X-rays of the bomb without detonating it. Nevertheless, the

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U.S. BOMBLETS that fail to go off are used against Americans, rigged under rock that hits detonator

The flight that tied

Forty years ago this month Charles Lindbergh flew alone across the Atlantic Ocean, dramat-

It'S DIFFICULT to imagine today, in an age when jets crowd the airways and rush passengers in a few hours from the United States to Europe, that just 40 years ago those skies were empty.

Then in May, 1927, amidst a rash of publicity, several great names—Americans Byrd and Chamberlin, and Frenchmen Fonck and Nungesser among them—prepared to vie for a \$25,000 prize offered for the first non-stop flight between New York and Paris. Great plans and great planes were at their disposal, some with multiengines, copilots and navigators.

Into their midst flew an unknown pilot in an unknown airplane with only one engine. And he announced he was going to do it alone. His name was Charles Lindbergh.

In the end, of course, the loner triumphed. His 33½-hour solo flight, made with maps he marked himself in a public library, still stands as one of the great epics of human achievement.

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"Why shouldn't I fly from New York to Paris? I'm almost twenty-five . . ."

But into those 25 years Lindbergh had poured rich experience. He was a complete aviator, a mechanic as well as pilot. He could—and often did-repair and test his own aircraft. In the end he helped design the plane he flew across the Atlantic. He knew exactly what he wanted. He had been a barnstormer and an airmail pilot, logging more than 2000 hours in all kinds of weather and over all kinds of terrain. They called him Lucky Lindy, but it wasn't luck. It was preparation and skill.

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"I don't want a trimotored plane . . . it would need a crew. I'd rather go alone."

Compared to other huge planes attempting the flight, The Spirit of St. Louis (named for St. Louis businessmen who sponsored his flight) looked too small for the task. But even this, like its lone, young pilot, made the ultimate triumph even more dramatic. There was sound reason for his selection. Multi-engine planes, he said, had more things that could go wrong with them. He wanted simplicity. He stripped the Ryan monoplane of all unnecessary weight. He carried no parachute, and only a small raft.

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"I'll have to get 450 gallons into the air. It's more than Hall designed the plane for . . ."

Lindbergh sacrificed everything for lighter weight and greater range—he had 3600 miles to go, mostly over water—and Donald Hall, chief engineer for Ryan Airlines, obliged by redesigning the basic Ryan monoplane to accommodate five fuel tanks. So on the morning of May 20, 1927, the first problem was not whether he would make it to Paris, but whether the small, overloaded plane would even get off the ground and clear the telephone wires at the end of Roosevelt Field. It did—by 20 feet—and the next 33½ hours divided all aviation into the past and the future and shrank the world.

"I had barely cut the engine switch when the first people reached my cockpit . . . souvenir hunters were going wild."

The French picked up news of his impending success when Lindbergh crossed the tip of southwest Ireland (less than three miles off course, more than 28 hours after leaving New York) and began flocking to Le Bourget Aerodrome as more sightings over England and northern France were reported. Lindbergh was surprised at the reception. He thought he might have to identify himself when he landed. Instead, the cheering French, almost insane with joy at being witness to history, carried him away bodily and, were it not for the cordon of police and soldiers, might have destroyed the aircraft for souvenirs.



"I woke that afternoon . . . into a life that could hardly have been more amazing . . ."

He had not slept in 63 hours, and when he awoke after a mere eight hours' sleep, the world awaited him. First the French, who greeted him with Ambassador Myron Herrick as he waved American and French flags from a balcony of the American Embassy, then the Belgians, then the English, when he flew the battered but repaired Spirit of St. Louis to each of their countries. Then President Calvin Coolidge sent the cruiser Memphis, to bring both him and his airplane home to a waiting America.

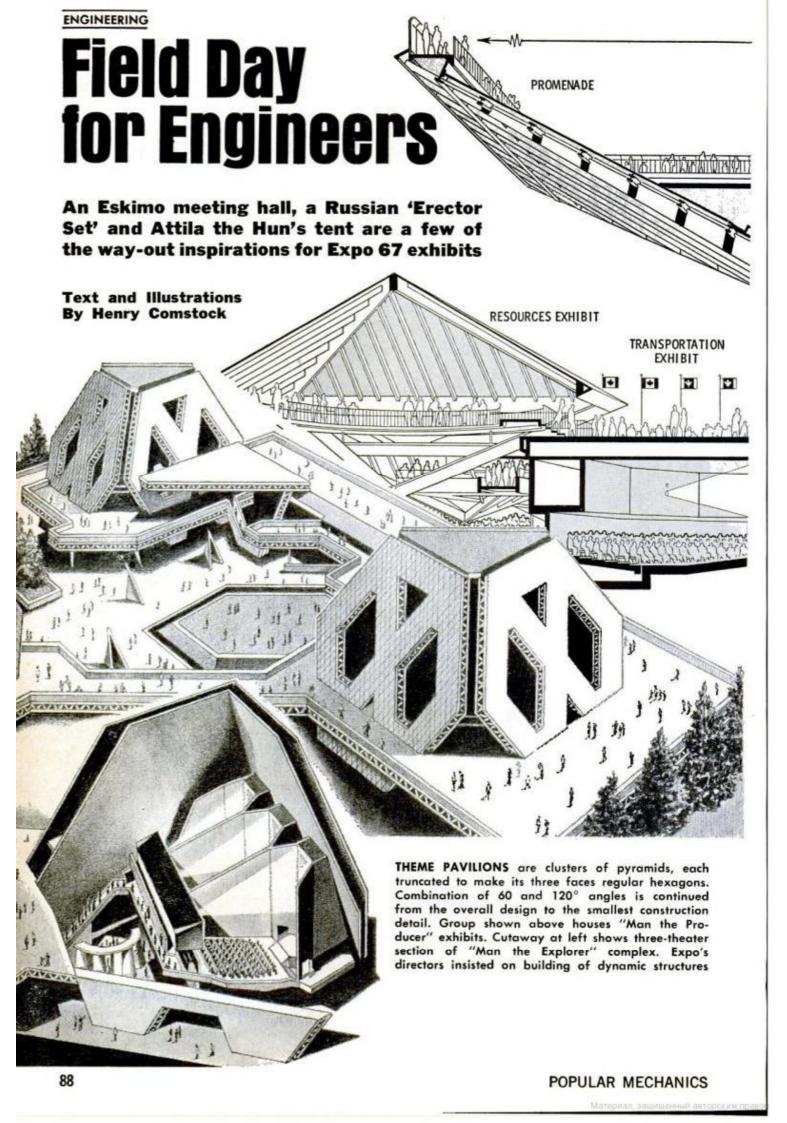


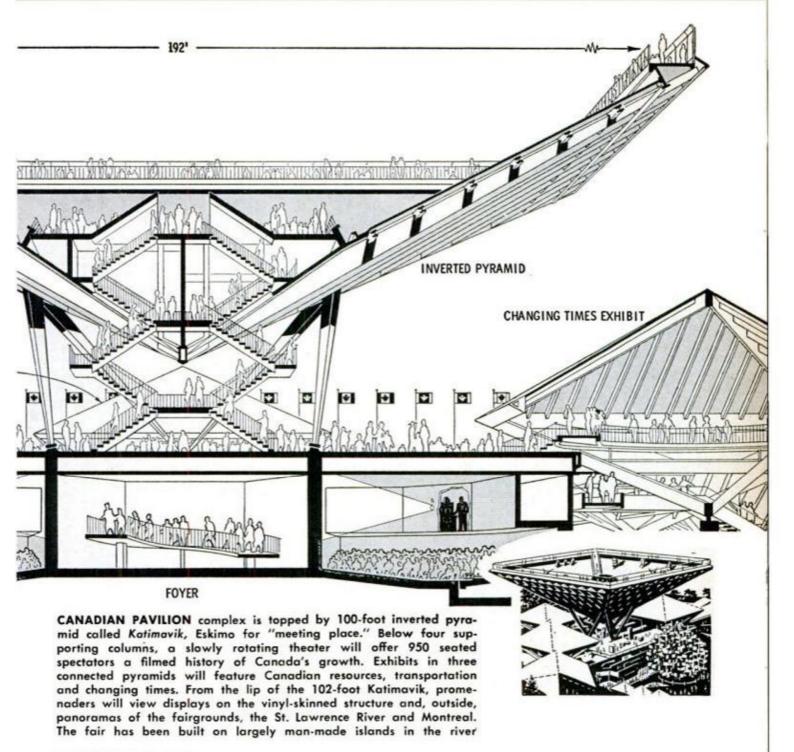




"It was a welcome which words of appreciation are incompetent to cover . . ."

Lindbergh captured the imagination of the American mind as no hero, real or fictional, has ever done. A young, shy, modest, yet rugged individualist, he had done what most had thought impossible-and he did it alone! Five million New Yorkers filled the streets to see him, and he didn't disappoint them. Smiling shyly, waving hesitantly, he was everything a hero should beuncomfortable, but tolerant. Nothing he did ever topped his epic flight-nor has anything else in aviation history.





EXPO 67 THE ONLY spectacular you'll miss at Canada's newly opened Expo 67 is the construction spree which produced its 1000 acres of eye-popping pavilions.

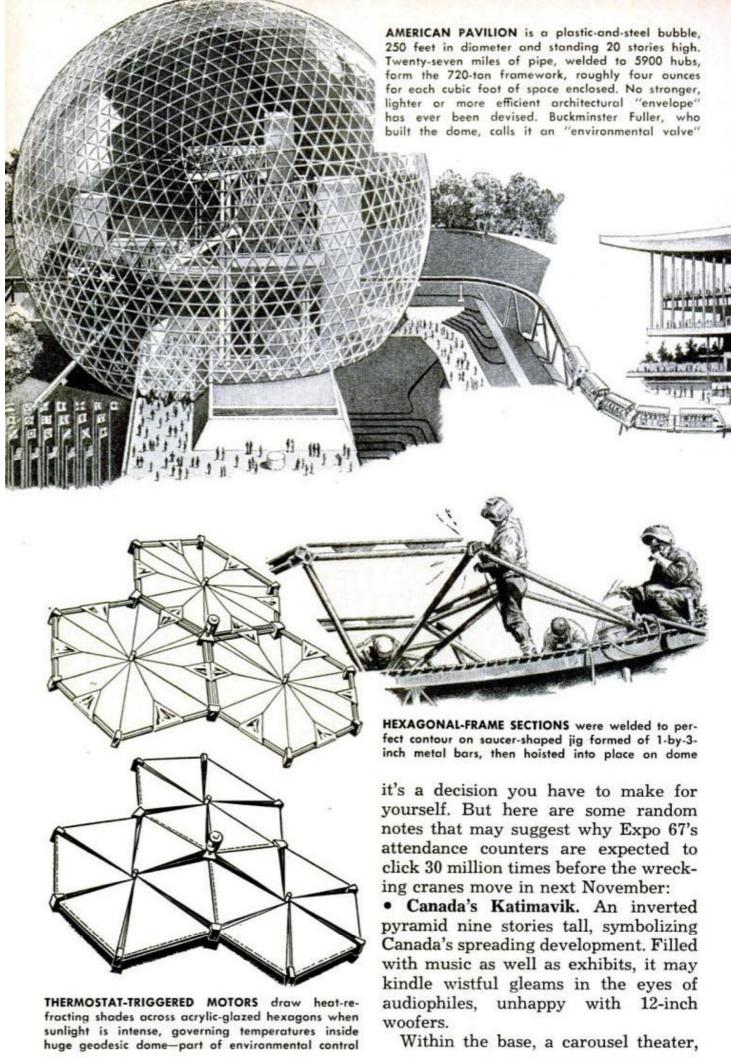
This hardhat's field day began when our northern neighbor invited the world to set up shop at its Centennial Exhibit. More than 70 nations sent architects and engineers to Montreal.

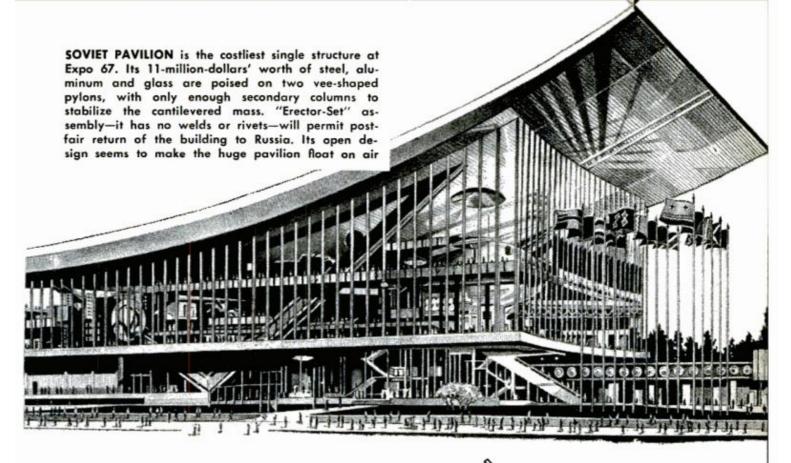
They were shown a handsome building site—an arm of the St. Lawrence waterfront and two adjacent islands. Seven-million cubic yards of fill had been plopped into the stream to extend the peninsula, form one of the "iles," and double the area of the other. Diked pockets marked locations for coming lagoons, Venetianlike canals and a marina.

Expo 67's directors tactfully made it clear they wanted no static structures marring that setting. Instead, the pavilions should match the free-wheeling mood of the river itself.

This was all the T-square and sliderule artists wanted to hear. Some of the steel, glass, plastic, plywood and concrete palaces they whipped up would turn a Martian pink with envy. Others were only awesome, thought-provoking or good for a laugh.

No one can tell you which are which;



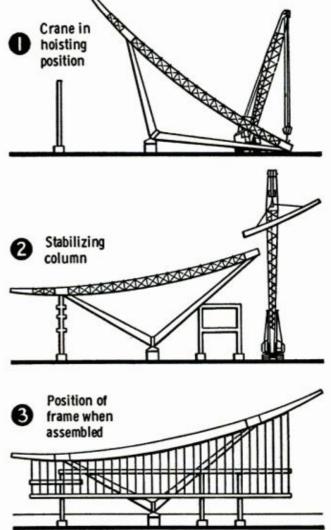


with five pie-shaped seating sections and a sixth for loading, will hitch audiences from one showing to another, revolving once each half hour.

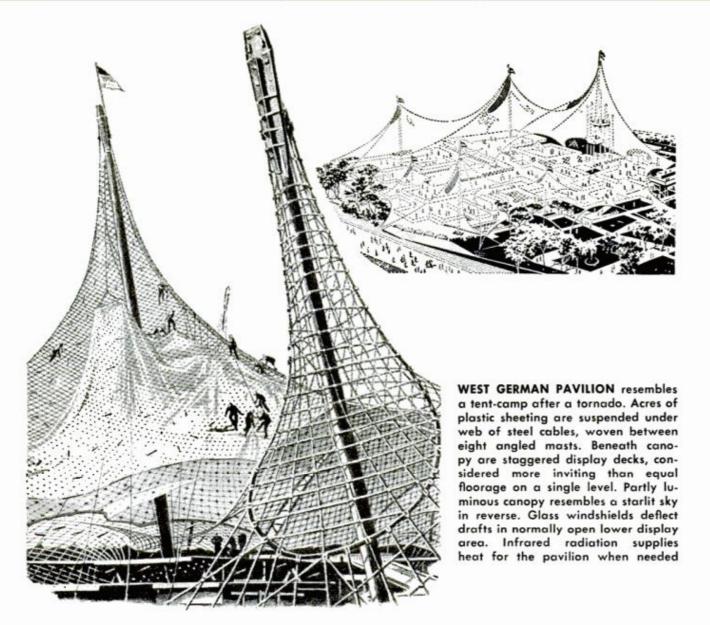
• Uncle Sam's Big Bubble. Seventyyear-old architect-engineer Buckminster Fuller has rolled out his largest geodesic dome yet. He describes it as "an environmental valve; the kind within which whole communities may some day enjoy a benign microcosm." This prototype literally breathes through a system of exhaust vents spotted among its 2000 acrylic "windows." The plastic is tinted to reduce glare and, for temperature control, retractable screens travel across the surface of the sphere, following the sun.

Inside, six-story-high exhibit decks are interlinked with bridges, elevators and escalators. One moving stairway has a 123-foot free span—world's longest.

• Russia's Ambient Arena. With its cantilever construction and 10,000 square yards of plate glass, this huge pavilion seems to float on air. But under its curved roof (big enough to hold 1000 automobiles) there's sufficient steel for a 30-story office building. While the architects were Russian, all of that metal, along with the aluminum



TWO 400-TON MAIN FRAMES were teetered to cantilevering position with the 120-ton tug of a long-boomed crawler crane. Oddly, the Russian pavilion was constructed by Italian engineers and field crews



used for surfacing and trim, was prefabed in Rome and Milan. Italian engineers and field crews erected it.

The chief attraction here is a simulated moon flight. With only 70 seats in the space capsule, waiting lines may be like those at a fogged-in airport.

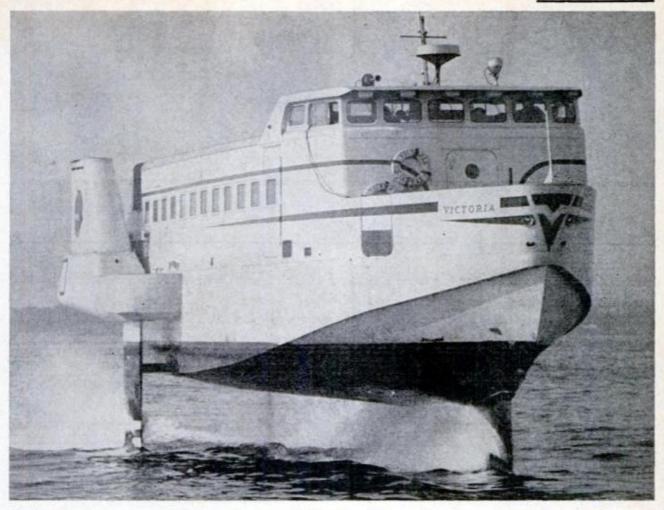
• West Germany's Tent City. Externally a zany network of cables, with the ends of tilted masts piercing three acres of translucent fabric, this may suggest that some huge cranes were found on the grounds opening day, and not too successfully hidden with a tarp.

But inside, the effect is handsome. The partly luminous canopy, anchored to the unseen cables, looks like a starlit sky in reverse. In good weather, the lowest display area is kept open, with drafts controlled by windshields.

• Transportation. Sometimes sharing plazas with, and in one case passing completely through the U.S. pavilion,

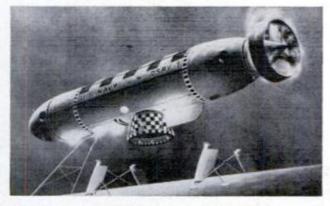
three small monorail systems are practically a part of the exhibit's architecture. Each line is a closed loop, traveled by trains of the straddling, rather than suspended, type. Imported from Lausanne, Switzerland, and Munich, Germany, 32 of these "Minirailers" ramble over 46 collective miles. There are no operators; a station attendant simply pushes a starting button and the cars amble away at a leisurely seven mph. A computer keeps traffic spread out.

Automatic operation doesn't bother the passengers here, but on the standard-size, multiple-unit trains which whisk foot-weary fairgoers between the peninsula and the islands for free, high operating speeds had an unnerving effect upon riders when the equipment was first tested. So while he does nothing but open and close the doors, an authoritatively uniformed "motorman" now sits at the head of each flyer. **



Off-shore commuter boat 'flies' off water

Capable of carrying 75 passengers at more than 40 mph, the 38-ton Victoria tests its stainless-steel stilts on which it will glide above the water on its regular run from Seattle, Wash., to Victoria, B.C., a distance of 75 miles. The three hydrofoils pivot into place to lift the hull above the surface.

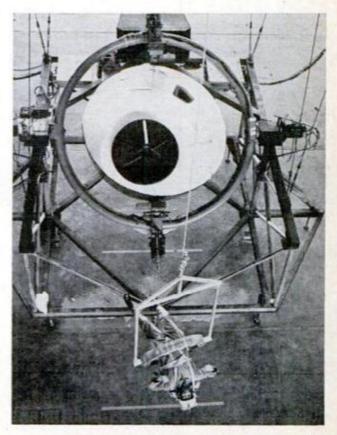


Submersible samaritan

Operating at depths to 3500 feet, a submersible rescue vehicle will be able to pick up 24 men a trip. Six are planned by the Navy for deep-sea operations.

Walking to nowhere

Suspended by gimbals, a test subject tries NASA's space-walk simulator. Using cold gas propulsion system, he propels himself in any direction he chooses.





CHEVROLET IMPALA

Impala owners buy their cars because they're Chevrolets. Past experience, price, resale and trade-in value—with style thrown in—make the choice easy for most buyers

By BILL HARTFORD, Associate Auto Editor

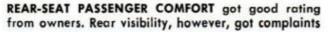
A CHEVY by any other name is still a Chevy. And that's the big reason for half of all Impala owners becoming "past experience" buyers according to PM's Owners Report poll.

Of course, this fact is not very startling. I know a lot of car nuts who are monomaniacs when it comes to their "Mini" or their "Volks" or their "Whathave-you." For them there's only one car in the world, and it's the one they're hooked on. Sometimes it's their first "What-have-you," but very often it's the latest in a long buying history.

But the Impala owners we questioned, however hooked on the Chevy line, are by no means what we call car monomaniacs. They're not outspoken in their enthusiasm, and they don't bug their friends with advertisements for "the one and only Chevrolet." They just know that their Chevy is the best car for their money.

We've all known at least one old-time Chevy owner whose classic remark, when in a group of car owners talking about this or that trouble with their car, is a quiet, conversation-stopping "My Chevy always runs." Of course, there's something to be said about a dependable car, but 1967 Impala owners have a lot more to say about their cars than that they just "run"—although some owners cannot even say that.

INSTRUMENT PANEL VISIBILITY and plastic dust cover over entire panel got applause from owners









Owners that we questioned totaled 787,912 miles of driving in their Impalas and had much in the way of details to relate to us about the car. Some of the comments should turn the heads of the "Chevy-always-runs" school.

A Maryland radar technician passes the word that his Impala is "hard to start."

An Indiana interior-decorating student found her car "hesitating on ac-

MOST FREQUENT MECHANICAL PROBLEM experienced was carburetor. Dealer repair was good

celeration" ("from a bad plug installed at the factory").

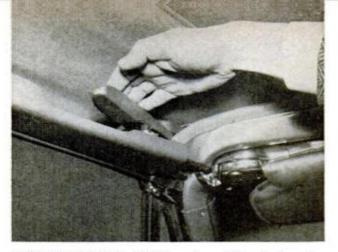
A Michigan gas man had a "miss in the motor."

And here's a frightening one. A very honest respondent—one employed in Chevrolet sales in Arkansas—says, "Anytime I accelerated to pass a car, the engine would quit running until I'd lift my foot off the gas pedal."

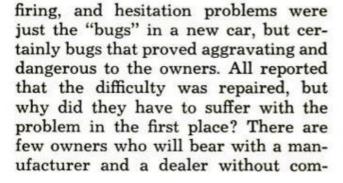
Naturally, these hard-starting, mis-

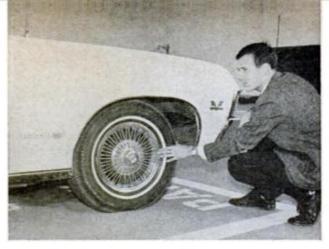
MOST POPULAR ENGINE was the 283 V8 with 2-bbl. carb. Averages for chart are 13.2 and 16.1 mpg





CONVERTIBLE TOP LATCH gets nothing but praise for its very quick, easy and effective operation





FRONT DISC BRAKES are on one-fifth of cars in PM owners poll. They're also big "next time" option

plaining while the bugs in his car are ironed out after he buys it.

It's the rare owner who can say—like the Massachusetts store owner—that the mechanical problems he's had have been "just the usual odds and ends on a new car." He's a second-time Impala owner who "had one before and was

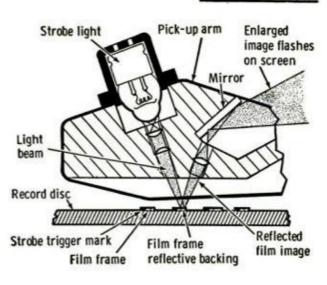
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Summary of Chevrolet Impala Owners Reports*

Total miles driven787,912	Had mechanical trouble?	Other cars owned:
Average miles per gallon:	No50.5	Chevrolet47.4
	Yes49.5	Chevy pickup
283-cuin. V8, local driving 13.2		Oldsmobile 8.4
long trips 16.1	What kind of trouble?	Ford 6.3
327-cuin. V8, local driving 13.2	Carburetor16.0	Chevelle 5,3
long trips 16.1 396-cuin. V8, local driving 12.6	Transmission 8.5 Window fit and action 8.5	Corvair 4.2
long trips14.9	Electrical	Volkswagen 4.2
	Brakes 6.4	Ford pickup 3.2
Specific likes:	Oil leak	Pontiac
Handling38.4%	Door fit 6.4	Unspecified pick-up 3.2
Styling	Minor 6.4	Onspecified pick-up 3,2
Comfort31.6	Airconditioning 5.3	
Ride26.0	Clock 5.3	Options and accessories:
Performance20.9		Power steering88.3
Economy17 5	Dealer service:	Power brakes
Power 9 0	Excellent	Tinted windshield42.9
Visibility 7.9	Very good20.0	Airconditioning41.8
Quietness	Fair10.0	White-wall tires21.2
	Poor10 0	Front disc brakes20.4
Specific dislikes:	Very bad30.0	Safety items
Rear visibility22.9	Too expensive	Rear speaker
Economy	Warranty not honored at	Wheel covers
Wind noise	all dealers 5.0	Vinyl roof10.3
Rattles 9.0	Not enough mechanics 5.0	Positraction 8.7
Workmanship 7.6		Window washer 7.6
Fender splash 7.6	Why did you buy your Impala?	Heavy-duty suspension 6.5
Glove compartment 6.9	Past experience47.8	Courtesy lights 6.0
Weak rear suspension 5.6	Style	Stereo tape player 6.0
Dealer service 5.6 Poor window fit 5.6	Value/trade-in/price25 3	
Lack of gas-tank baffles 4.9	Resa!e value	W/L 1 11 1
Roadability 4.9	Performance	What options and accessories would you order next time?
Engine noise 4.9	Economy 9.7	Same
수가 보고 있다고 하다 이 아이는 이 아이는 이 사람이 되었다면 하는데 이 없다면 하는데	Dealer/dealer service 6.5	Same p'us:
Model:	Size 5.4	Airconditioner12.7
SS Coupe23.2		Power brakes 6.1
SS Convertible 2.6	Would you buy another Impala?	Front disc brakes 4.4
Impala Sport Sedan12.9	Yes86.4	Power steering 3,9
Impala Sport Coupe 30.4 Impala 4-door Sedan 30.9	No13.6	
Transmission:	Is Impala your only car?	Age distribution of owners:
3-speed manual 6.2	Is Impala your only car? Yes51.8	15-29
4-speed manual 7.3	Two cars	30-49
Automatic	Three or more	50 plus

^{*}Where applicable percentages may not equal 100 percent due to rounding and/or insufficient sample

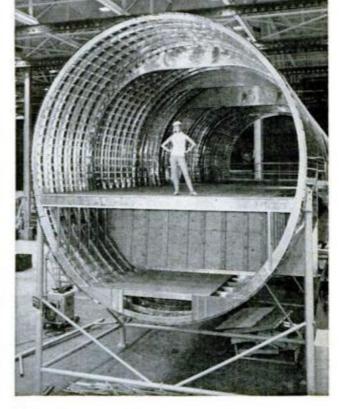




Movies with sound on a record disc

Three West Coast inventors have developed a machine that will project motion pictures from specially made phonograph records at the same time the music is playing. Ordinary motion-picture frames are drastically reduced in size and, with a reflective backing added, are stripped on the surface of the disc paralleling the sound track. A video pickup consists of a strobe light that flashes on each frame and a lens system that focuses the image and projects it on a screen on the lid of the phonograph. The makers hope to market discs for jukeboxes, home record players and schools. They foresee recording entire operas or textbooks on video discs.





Walking on water

No miracle worker, he's just a designer with a new idea for navigating on water. He calls the two floats "skinoes." They're miniature canoes fitted to his feet, and with a pole for balance Alex Wozniak tried them out in a 260-mile jaunt on Britain's River Thames.

Mock-up of a monster

Designed to carry 490 passengers, the new Boeing 747 jumbo jet is shown in a full-scale mockup. Passengers will ride the upper level—about 21 feet in width—and cargo will be carried below. The subsonic monsters will be ready to start flying in 1969.

You can't call them toys anymore

Tractor makers are in a competitive battle to give buyers what they want — a beefier, more efficient machine for really rugged yard jobs By JAMES M. LISTON

THERE'S BEEN A BIG CHANGE under the hood of the "cute" little garden tractor. Most top models now have a 12-hp engine and hydrostatic transmission. The result: a surprising beef-up for heavy work — plowing, tilling, snow-throwing, and blade work — and a more efficient tractor at every speed.

The top-of-the-line model for most manufacturers today has a hydraulic transmission (though several makers maintain that an all-gear transmission with the big engine performs as well). The hydraulic drive eliminates foot-clutching and gearshifting, but it is more than just a convenience.

"The tractor is a better-working tool because of it," says the spokesman for Jacobsen Tractors. "The tractor is working at maximum efficiency at all times.





INTERNATIONAL-HARVESTER Model 123 shows few sheet-metal changes, but under the hood a 12-hp engine and I-H's exclusive "all-piston" hydrostatic transmission revamps performance





HYDROSTATIC DRIVE is standard on both 10 and 12-hp Jacobsen Super Chief models. Wheelhorse (right). first to introduce hydrostatic transmission, finds it outsells shift model

Maximum power is being delivered to the wheels; you're never lugging the engine. If you slow your ground speed, engine rpm and torque can remain the same. You have 100-percent pulling power until such time as you lose traction."

International-Harvester has introduced its own version of the Sundstrand hydro-transmission. (Sundstrand Corp. supplies hydro-transmissions for most tractor makers.) I-H is counting on its "all-piston" hydraulic to give it a competitive edge:

"We chose a system that is unique. We have it exclusively. It's our answer to the growing demand for a creeper drive for heavy work. To

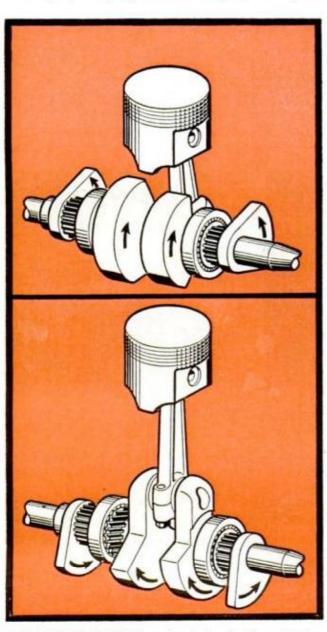




J. I. CASE'S top-of-the-line model is the 195, a 12-hp (Kohler) hydrostatic "complete" at \$1175



SIMPLICITY has Briggs & Stratton 12-hp "balanced" engine, gear drive, self-locking differential. \$865



BRIGGS & STRATTON "synchro-balancing" cuts 12-hp vibration with counter-rotating weights. Counterweights balance crankshaft weights (A); combine with crankshaft weights to balance piston (B)



ALLIS-CHALMERS: 12-hp B&S "balanced" engine, gear drive, 3 PTO outlets, controlled differential. \$885

equal with gears what we have in our new hydrostatic would require bull gears so big you couldn't fit them into a garden tractor."

Wheelhorse, first to introduce hydrostatic, says: "Today the tractor has the acceptance the second car had a few years ago. People have discovered how a tractor saves time for other things. First and second buyers are going for higher horsepower and hydrostatic because it gives them more versatility in the use of attachments. Our hydrostatic is outselling the shift model."

J. I. Case has gone all-out for hydro-



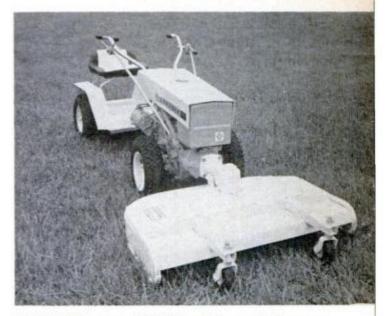
BOLENS Husky 12½-hp (Wisconsin) hydrostatic moves forward with toe pressure, reverses with heel



JOHN DEERE 10-hp has variable-speed drive that slows ground speed without rpm loss or shifting



MASSEY-FERGUSON 12-hp hydrostatic offers wide range of speed variations without clutching



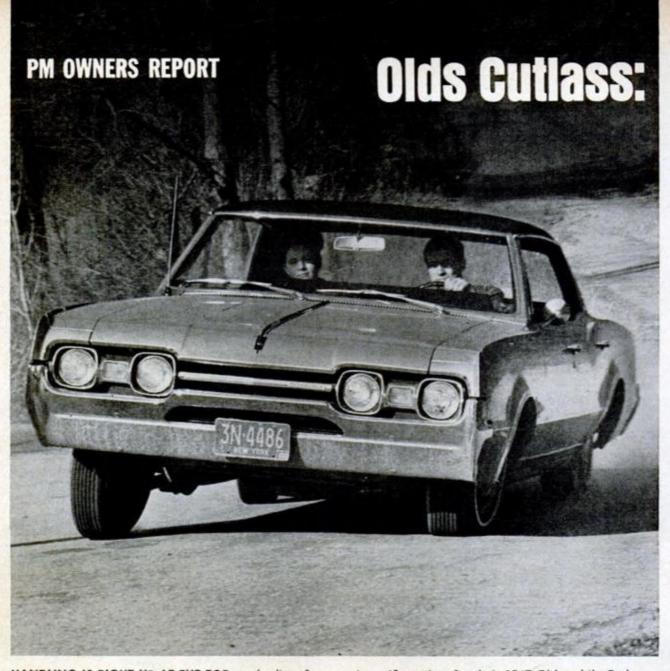
GRAVELY "Commercial-10" has 4 forward, 4 reverse speeds, instant control without clutching. \$650

static, no longer offers a clutch model. Case believes its direct-mounted system (no power shaft or belt as an intermediate drive from engine to hydraulic system) puts the firm ahead of competitors. Case has a radiator and fan mounted at the front of the engine to dissipate heat in the hydraulic system and claims this is more efficient than the cooling fins used by competitors. (All hydrostatic tractors have some provision for dissipating heat, which alters the viscosity of fluid and causes power loss.)

In tractor pulling contests in the Midwest last summer, Case hydrostatics outpulled tractors of comparable weight and horsepower "because they were not handicapped by clutch-slippage. This is the main reason why hydrostatic tractors show to best advantage on heavy plowing and tilling jobs," says the company.

Bolens considers its Husky 1250 a "scaled-down farm tractor." Much heavier (975 pounds) than Bolens' standard 10-hp tractor (650 pounds) and more expensive (\$1275), it was introduced as an industrial item but is selling briskly as a result of the demand for more power.

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HANDLING IS RIGHT UP AT THE TOP on the list of owners' specific praises for their 1967 Oldsmobile Cutlasses



COMPLAINTS about dashboard refer to placement of controls and switches. Also, as pointed out, smokers burn padding due to narrow access to ashtray



STRANGE, SMALL GLOVE BOX will hold no more than gloves, gripe owners. This one is only typical of recent glove boxes stuck in after dash is designed

Performance Yes, Economy No!

Owners buy 'em for looks, love 'em for handling, power and performance but, like owners of big V8s everywhere, complain about paying for petrol

By BILL HARTFORD, Associate Auto Editor

T'S SOMETHING LIKE "Fly now. pay later." After zipping away from lights, cruising down super highways at 70 mph and generally getting anywhere swiftly and effortlessly, naturally you have to fill up that huge gas tank-and there goes another seven bucks.

We all hope to get something for nothing, and Cutlass owners are no exception. They've got plenty of praise for pep and power but chief gripe is economy. But it's not the car; it's the owner!

Car owners everywhere will be singing the same sad song for as long as we have internal combustion. Some day, when we drive our charged Chargers, electric Electras and fuelcell Cutlasses, the lyrics are sure to change to the miles-per-charge lament and the new-battery blues. In short, we're all looking for the fabled perpetual-motion machine that never needs nuttin'.

Mileage figures averaged from reader replies show the Olds' engines no better or worse in fuel consumption than other Detroit engines of comparable displacement and horsepower. In spite of this, the greatest number of Cutlass owners are down on the economy of their car:

"Uses more gas than I had figured on."—Arkansas clerk.

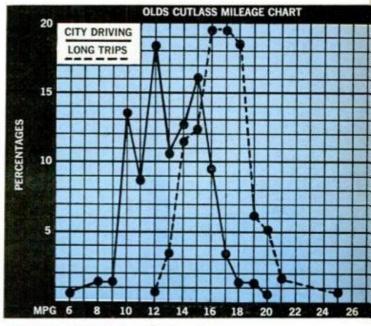
"Poor mileage for gas-and oil."-Mississippi chemical engineer.

And so it goes with only a few exceptions. A West Virginia scientist, who may be working on a perpetual-motion machine in his lab, can nevertheless appraise his economy with objectivity: "Decent gas mileage in spite of hard, fast operation."

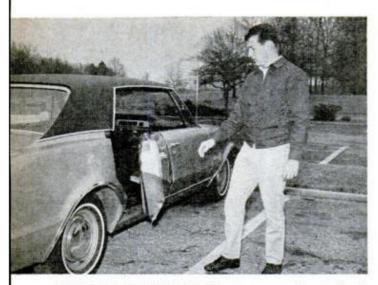
Before the Cutlass owners who cooperated with PM in returning our questionnaires take offense at our seeming indictment of their complaints, let's justify their sometimes paradoxi-



BEST-SELLING ENGINE with Cutlass is the 330-cu. in. V8. Overwhelming 87.8 percent of owners specified the engine, the majority with 4-bbl. carburetor



MILEAGE CURVES for 330 engine average out to 13.1 mpg around town and 16.6 on long trips. Figures for 400 cu. in. were 11.9 and 14.7 respectively



"IT'S A SOLID LITTLE CAR" was a prevalent attitude in reader replies despite complaints on workmanship, rattles and finish which followed economy gripe

cal answers. The fact that an owner can boast about his car's performance, then in the same breath complain about his fuel consumption; or brag that his car is "... a tough beauty" and then top his list of complaints with gripes about workmanship and rattles, says something about the people who are buying new cars and also pays compliment to them.

It shows that car buyers today are demanding that Detroit live up to its slogans. If "Body by Fisher" is a mark of excellence, then a GM car should not develop rattles fore and aft the first time it hits a pothole. If quality's "Built In . . ." then an owner should not have to plague his dealer to get this fixed, that repaired and so on.

Owners are aware of the technological competence that can squeeze out more and more horsepower per cubic inch each year, and they are demanding that some of that ingenuity be devoted to corresponding gains in fuel economy. They are demanding a better and better car.

Cutlass owners' demands for perfection are found in the nature of their replies. Resounding boasts and praise are often followed up by a small "but" that expresses dissatisfaction with details rather than with any overwhelming negative quality of the car.

"Great handling, performance, appointments, finish, ride, but needs quicker steering."—Maryland civil servant.

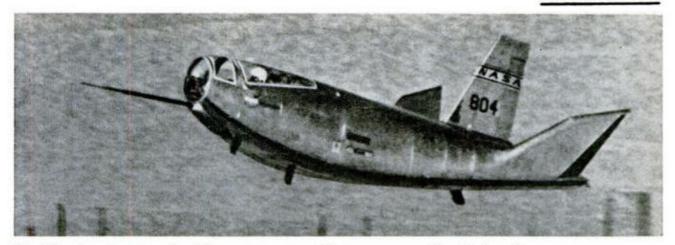
"No trouble, quiet body and motor, wonderful ride, but could use a couple more inches of headroom front and back."—Michigan real estate man.

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Summary of Cutlass Owners Reports*

Total Miles Driven919,922	Station Wagon 3,2	Is Cutlass your only car?
Specific likes: Handling	Transmission: 3-speed manual	Yes
Style	4-speed manual 5.7 Automatic	Other cars owned: Oldsmobile31.9%
Power	Had mechanical troubles? No	Chevrolet
Economy 16.7	What kind of trouble? Electrical (usually directional signals)18.1%	What options/accessories? Power steering
Specific dislikes: 23.8% Economy 16.6 Rattles 8.6 Finish 7,3	Carburetor 12.9 Transmission 8.6 Window fit/action 6.0 Steering 5.2 Steering shaft 5.2 Speedometer 5.2	Radio
Rear visibility 6.6 Traction 6.0 Dealer service 6.0 Brakes 5.3	Pealer service satisfactory: Yes	covers
Cold starts 5.3 Wind noise 5.3	Why the Cutlass? Style	Door guards 10.1 Rear speaker 10.1 Bucket seats 8.7
Model: Holiday Sedan22.1%	Size24.2 Price/value/trade-in20.9	Light group 8.7
Town Sedan	Performance	Age distribution of owners: 15-29
Convertible 5.9	Other17.1	50+33.8

*Where applicable percentages may not equal 100 percent due to rounding and/or insufficient sample.



Half airplane, half spacecraft passes first tests

Called a lifting body, a new space vehicle that can fly aerodynamically through the atmosphere and land itself is being tested by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Its use would eliminate one of the most cumbersome—and costly—of the current aspects of space flight, the recovery forces necessary for retrieving space capsules at sea.



Not-so-blind bats

When given a visual target of a certain shape that contained food, presumably "blind" bats learned to choose it in preference to a target of similar size but different shape in tests at Indiana University.



Disc-braked cycle

English-made, the Rickman-Matisse motorbike is the first to furnish disc brakes as standard equipment. An integral part of the forward wheel and telescopic front fork, the brakes have been used on professional tracks.



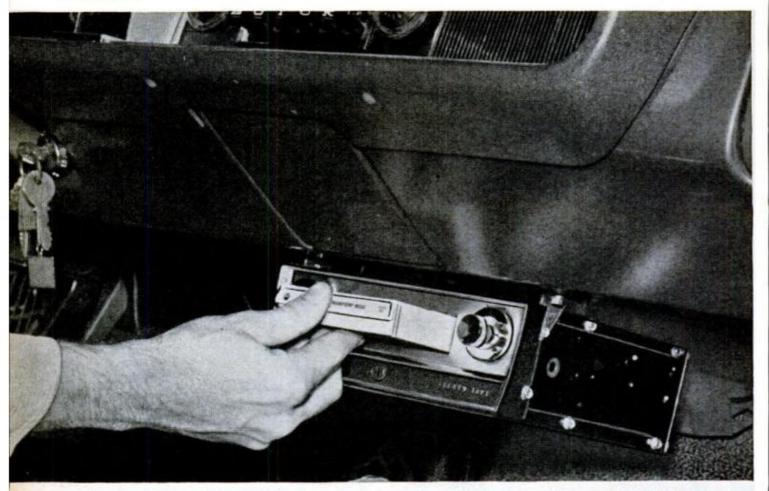
Privet pets

A topiary gardener in Wolverhampton, England, has trained and trimmed his privet hedges into dog and cat shapes. He has 13 Scotch terriers and two cats—all with collars—plus one rat.



Beginner's racer

Made from components of Citroen and Panhard automobiles, so parts will be easily replaceable, this 125-mph French racer will be sold at cost to novice drivers by the maker, an auto dealer and racing buff.



TYPICAL TAPE-PLAYER INSTALLATION shows Motorola 8-track unit under the dashboard of a Buick Skylark

THE FACTS ABOUT CAR STEREO

Look before you buy. Know what's available in the booming tape-cartridge market, what you'll have to spend and how many holes will riddle your car for a proper installation

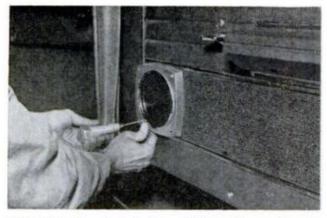
By BILL HARTFORD, PM Electronics Editor

AS I TURNED into 54th Street on New York's West Side, I almost passed right by the sign that reads "Wally's Stereo Tape City." If I had arrived a little later in the day, I couldn't have missed the small garage sandwiched in the middle of the block: The cars jammed out front would have been the clue to something new happening behind the old facade.

What's "happening" is a constant stream of cars and tape-cartridge buyers getting outfitted for taped music on the move. Most of the clientele are barely above driving age, and they often pick up the latest hits during a Saturday afternoon "Tape-O-Techque."

But the tape market isn't restricted to kids. On the day I arranged to photograph the installation shown in the accompanying photos, a limousine used by a Roman Catholic cardinal was being examined for the best tape player installation. If his eminence doesn't keep tabs on the Top Ten, he may enjoy the fast-growing classical selections available on 4 and 8-track tape, or study one of the many foreign

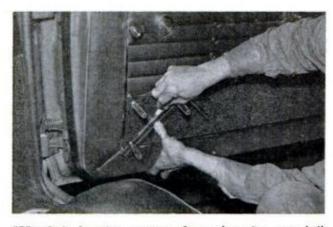
TYPICAL CAR-DOOR SPEAKER INSTALLATION



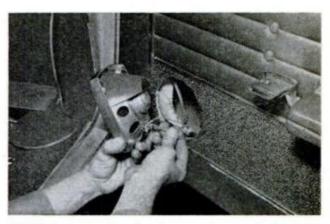
STEP 1 in door installation of Motorola speakers is marking and punching corner screw holes with an awl



STEP 4 is snaking speaker lead through car body into the door near speaker. Be sure to use grommets



STEP 2 is locating center of speaker. Do not drill through carpeted kickboard since material will ravel



STEP 5 is connecting lead to speaker terminals. Rain shield over cone deflects water from window slot



STEP 3 is cutting speaker hole with toothless cutting mandrel for clean hole without snagging carpet



STEP 6 is securing speaker. Quick dealer installation shown in these photos, often beats doing it yourself

languages available on cartridge tape, or use tape playback to assist in his church duties—just as more and more businessmen and salesmen are keeping in touch with the home office via cartridge tape.

This is the scene in New York where the tape market is just beginning to gather momentum. In California, drive-in stereo-tape dealers are as thick as drive-in hamburger stands.

The west coast is the base of operations of "Madman" Muntz whose "Stereo-Pak" operation is selling cartridge players at a fantastic rate and setting a highly competitive pace for the industry. The competition is causing some manufacturers to leave the field, others to try their hand; changing the conservatism among tape and record companies into a race to get titles onto acetate; and, all in all,

creating a kaleidoscopic market where player models change almost overnight and prices are constantly cut.

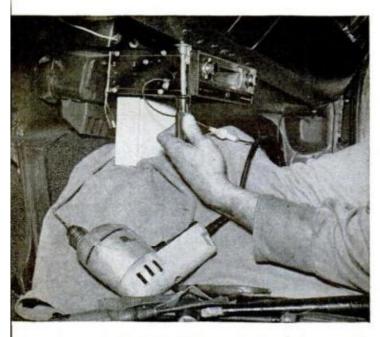
Before purchasing a car stereo, there are a few things to consider about your present car: How long do you anticipate keeping it? Does it now have a radio? Remember, if you sell the car, you can keep the tape player, but you'll have to install a new set of speakers in your new car. You just can't pull them out of the doors and leave two gaping holes. Secondly, if you don't have a radio now, it's worth considering a combination tape player and radio. They're available in both AM and FM.

When deciding on a tape player, the first thing to consider is the tape cartridge that it was designed to play—not all tape cartridges can be played on all tape players. The rest of the addon features, such as reject bars and lighted channel selectors, are secondary.

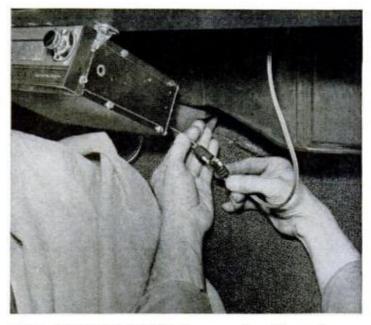
Since there is no standard tape cartridge design in the industry, you'll have to face the fact that the machine you purchase will only play cartridges designed for it. Omitting the particulars of cartridge design, it's sufficient to say that you must decide between a 4-track and an 8-track tape player. A few years ago, this decision was complicated by the fact—or the fear—that either the 4 or the 8-track might become a standard of the industry and render the other units worthless. But the industry hasn't standardized and, at this late date, can't very well do so. The lists of tape cartridges available for either 4 or 8-track machines are ever-growing and offer a broad selection for all musical tastes.

A further development in tape player design and one that promises to capture an ever-increasing slice of the market is the 12-track or compatible machine. It accepts either 4 or 8-track cartridges and gives you greater latitude in selecting your tapes.

The owner of a new stereo tape system very soon questions his tape cartridge dealer as to what he does with the cartridges piling up on his dashboard and slowly but surely obscuring his vision. The answer is invariably a sales pitch. You can start with any one of several types of cartridge holders and containers, but they're soon filled. That's when the sales pitch turns to home units. Every tape player manufacturer who makes a car unit also makes a playback unit for the home. They are decorator-styled and operate on 115 v.a.c. directly or with a con-



TAPE PLAYER IS MOUNTED under the dash in a position that provides best support surface and allows the easiest access to controls from the driver's seat



FINAL INSTALLATION STEP is connecting left and right channel speaker leads and wiring the fused power lead into high side of the car's accessories circuit

CAR STEREO TAPE PLAYERS

Manu- facturer	Model(s)	Tracks	Speakers Included in List Price	Integral Radio	Integral Radio Available Model No.	Power Require- ment	Retail List Price**	Compatible Units and Accessories
Automatic Radio	EST-5460	4	Yes	No	No	12V	\$79.95	115-vac converter and home speaker enclosures.
	CEE-6701	8	Yes	No	No	12V	89.95	
	CSE-6381 "TapeDek-8"	8	Yes	No	No	12V	109.95	
Craig Panorama	C-503	4	No	No	No	12V	99.95	Home record and playback units.
	C-505	4	No	No	No	12V	79.95	
Lear Jet	"Stereo 8" No. AS-830-H	8	No	No	AM: ASR-830-H FM: ASFM-830-H	12V	124.95	Home & portable players; 80- watt stereo amplifier with tape player; 80-watt AM/FM stereo receiver with tape player.
Motorola	TM706S	8	Yes	No	No	12V	129.95	Home playback units.
Muntz Stereo-Pak	Mad Mini M-30	4	No	No	No	12V	39.95	Ho me record and playback units.
	M-40	4	No	No	No	12V	49.95	
	M-50	4	No	No.	No	12V	59.95	
	M-12	4 & 8	No	No	No	12V	89.95	
Orrtronics	No. 622100	8	No	No	No	12V	109.95	Monaural and stereo home playback units.
SJB, Inc. (Auto-Sonic)	ST-100	4	Yes	No	No	All 12V;		4- and 8-track home players:
	ST-300	4	Yes	No	FM:ST-30/FM	115-vac Converter Optional For All Units 129.95	4- and 8-track portable play ers; combination record/play back unit including 8-track	
	ST-308	4&8	Yes	No	FM: ST-308/FM		99.95	player, AM/FM/FM-MPX and Garrard changer.
	ST-408	4&8	Yes	No	FM: ST-408/FM		Carrero Changer.	
	ST-808	8	Yes	No	No		139.95 299.95	
	ST-1008	8	Yes	Yes, FM&FM/MPX				
	603M	4	Yes*	No	FM: 603FM		109.95	THE STATE OF THE STATE OF
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Ranger Radio (The Tenna Mfg. Corp.)	"Dimension 48"	4&8	Yes	No	No	12V	89.95	Introduction of home tape players anticipated.

*Speakers attached to sides of unit for console mounting. **Speaker selection, dealer installation and discounting affect price.

verter in the case of the few that can be used in either car or living room.

The accompanying chart lists the stereo cartridge tape players that are currently available for your car. Not listed are cartridge tape systems that are monaural units, those that play back only through an existing radio, those that are home units only, or those that are basically hand-carried portable units.

Most stereo cartridge systems designed for your car are best installed with permanent speakers. There are as many ways to install tape player speakers as there are models on the market. The best installation acoustically, but the most time-consuming and difficult, is to put the left and right speakers in the kick pads of the two front doors. Sometimes two speakers are installed in each door—one at the front and the other at the rear for the benefit of rear-seat passengers.

The second pair hardly seems necessary, however. The sound from a single pair is enough to give your teeth an ultrasonic cleaning. The door of your car becomes a speaker enclosure and consequently, with doors and windows closed, the entire passenger compartment becomes a resonant chamber. Other installations put the speak-

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MAN THE PUMPS, batten down the hatches—the author prepares for his first dive in a strange undersea craft

I BECAME AN AQUANAUT— THIRD CLASS By DANIEL C. FALES

What's it like the first time down? Here's the tale of PM's outdoor editor, who took his maiden undersea voyage in General Dynamics' newest baby research sub

THE WORDS "Clear to dive!" shoot out at me as I stare at the hydrophone inches from my nose.

"Roger," intones Al Stover, pilot of Star III. I'm in a research submarine preparing to dive to the bottom.

This is my first undersea adventure. And I am not prepared for the eerie sights and sounds to come.

Star III is the newest mini-sub built

by Electric Boat Div. of General Dynamics. She's a sophisticated 23-foot version of two smaller subs in the Star class. She is 10 tons of exterior hull and pressurized cabin. Electric motors drive her at 4.5 knots underwater and 5 knots surfaced. She can carry 1300 pounds of "payload"—research instruments not designed as permanent fixtures. Other baby subs carry payloads

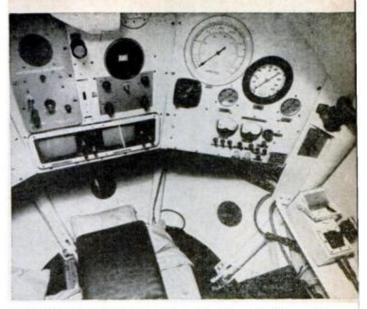


SWINGING FROM A CRANE, Star III is lifted from her support barge and swung overboard. Her pilot stands on the mini-sub during launch operations'

of only 300 pounds. (Editor's Note: The Russians say they want to buy *Star III* for research in the Black Sea.)

It was a bitter day when I arrived at EBD's dock in Groton, Conn. Ocean waves swept Long Island Sound, slapping against a huge barge that is the support "fleet" for Star III.

At first sight, *Star III* resembles a beamy orange and silver torpedo with a conning tower. This tower is called a sail, and is flooded when submerged.



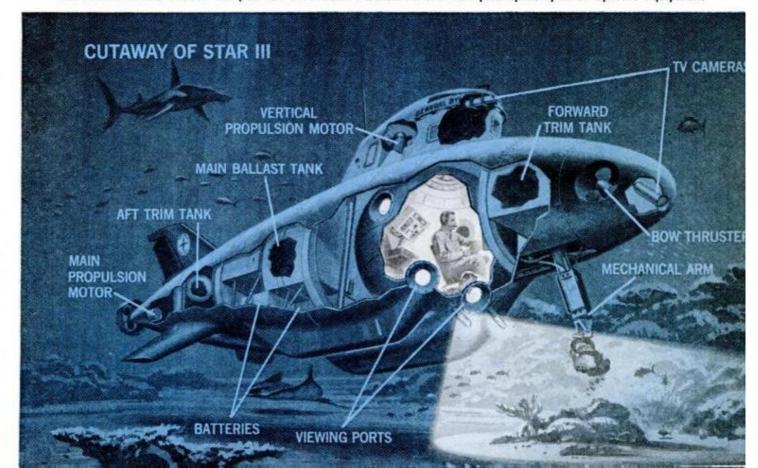
COCKPIT INTERIOR shows hand-held control box at lower right. Large dials are depth gauges. Small round openings near floor are bottom-viewing ports

The water in the sail covers the only hatch into the cabin. Through this hatch I'd descended into the small, tight world of the pressurized hull.

I'd dropped into the cabin like a circus performer loads himself into the muzzle of his cannon. Finally, I'd managed to adjust my body to the tight, cushioned seat on the port side.

My eyes are now scanning long banks of dials, toggle switches, meters and (Please turn to page 198)

DRAWING shows interior compartments of craft. Mechanical arm can pick up samples or operate equipment



MAKE YOUR OWN FISHING 'SPOONS'

An expert fisherman tells how to make these sure-fire bass and steelhead lures. All you need is a kitchen spoon, tin snips, a file, a drill and some paint

By C. L. HOWARD

MOST FISHERMEN have a sizable investment in fishing lures. Many of these lures are of the spoon variety costing a dollar or more apiece. When a lure is lost—especially if it's a favorite—a rather pained expression crosses the angler's face.

But now you can have all the "spoons" you want for less than 10 cents each. No need to fret if some are lost in the weeds or high branches of trees.

Fishing spoons are easy to make and exceptionally cheap.

The raw material is spoons—the kind you eat with. To keep harmony in your family, it's best not to raid your wife's silver drawer. It's true that silver fishing lures can be a prestige item with your buddies, but it's not worth the expense or furor on the home front.

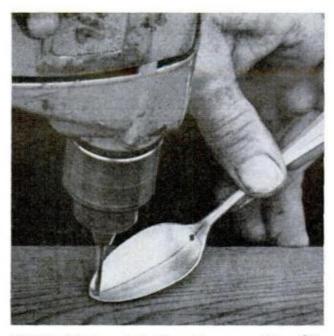
So your best bet is cheap metal spoons. You can get a bagful at your local five-and-dime or discount store. Better yet, check junk yards, surplus stores or rummage sales.

Select a variety of shapes and sizes. Different shapes can be made into lures that have different actions in the water. Different sizes affect the overall cost of each lure. You can get two lures from most spoons—one lure from the bowl, another from the handle. But you can make three lures just from the handles of other spoons, such as ice-tea spoons or soup spoons.

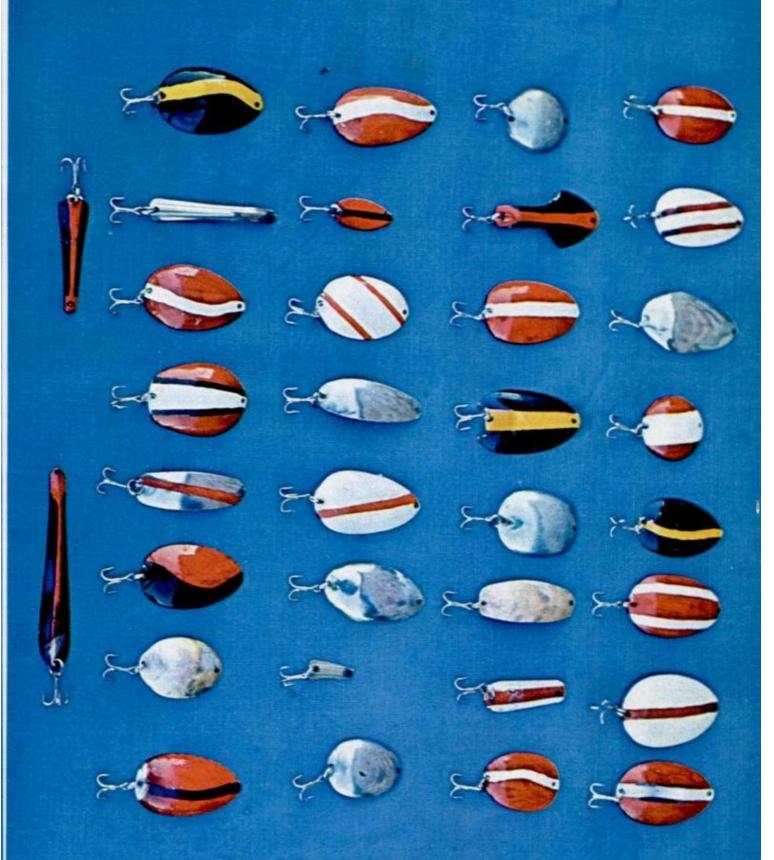
From whatever spoons you select, you can make four different types of lures. There's the oval lure, the arrow-



STEP 1. Mark center line and hole locations with a dark pencil or crayon on spoons. Dent hole location with a center punch so the drilling will be accurate

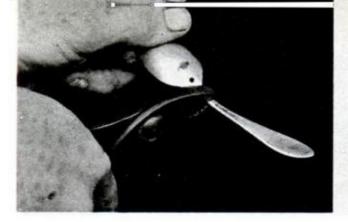


STEP 2. Drill two holes in each spoon with a 1/4-inch bit. In thicker spoons, countersink holes with 1/4-in. bit to make it easier to attach clip and hook

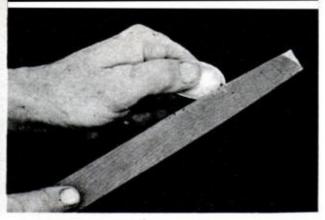


'Spoon' Lures You Can Make

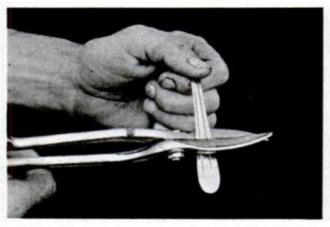
Finished products can be painted with any designs you think will entice fish from the bottom. Try new ideas not only in designs, but in spoon configurations. Several can be right for you.



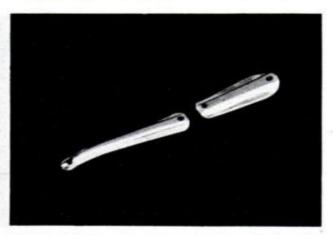
STEP 3. Use pliers or vise to break handle away from spoon. Make sure rear hole is so located that the handle breaking point is not right at the hole



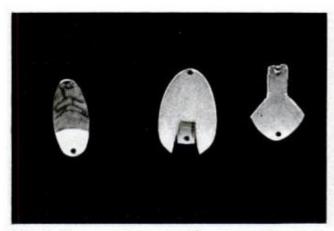
STEP 4. Smooth ragged edges with a file or an electric grinder. At this point, you can also file spoon so configuration of the lure is any width desired



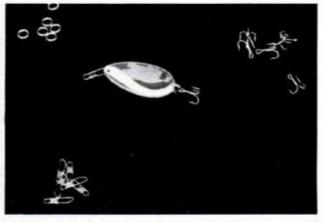
STEP 5. Cut handle to any length. Using 10-inch snips, round off the ends. Then file edges smooth. Mark and dent spots for holes. Use 1/64-inch drill bit



STEP 6. Only two lures were cut from this handle, but it's large enough to cut three small lures. Note handle shape. Some bend is needed for lure action



STEP 7. Here are three possible shapes. The center lure is of the bent-tail variety which permits wobbling when trolling. So does the arrow-shape lure



STEP 8. Attach hook to lure with split ring. Add snap or swivel snap. When painting lures, use a metal touch-up enamel found in auto-parts shops

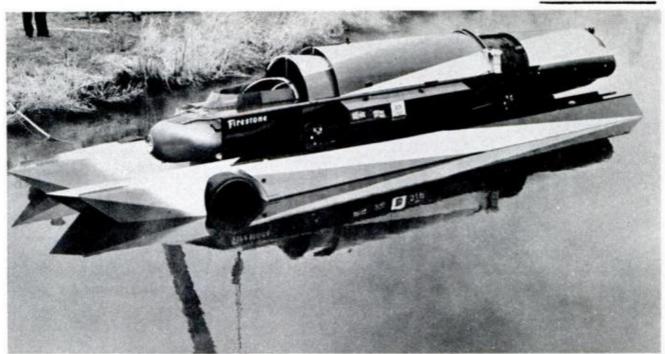
shaped lure, the bent-tail lure and the handle lure.

The oval lure, made from the spoon itself, is great for casting. This is the best design for slow-speed, bottom-bouncing retrieves. The slightest jerk on the line will send this lure into erratic gyrations. The arrow design and the bent-tail design, both made from the spoon section, are good trolling lures. These two types will wob-

ble instead of making complete revolutions that hopelessly twist your line.

Lures made from spoon handles can be used for either casting or trolling.

You can make all the spoon lures you want by following the simple instructions below the how-to pictures on this and the preceding pages. The designs shown here have been tried and proven. But don't hesitate to experiment with other designs.



Arfons aims for world water record—on wheels

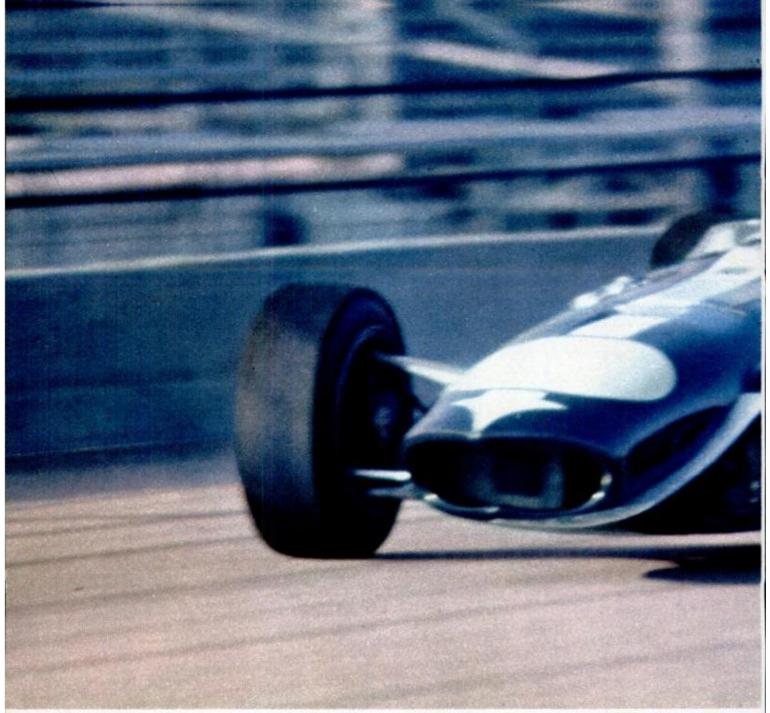
A jet racing car that once hit 342 mph on land has been converted into a boat that will ride on rubber tires—to a new world water-speed record, hopes the builder, Art Arfons. Arfons, three-time holder of the world land-speed record, hopes to break the late Donald Campbell's water record of 276 mph; he plans to make the attempt on Lake Mead, Nev., in June. Arfons calls his 27-foot catamaran the Green Monster Cyclops. To convert his car to a boat, Arfons added two stepped pontoons, each with a tire in its forward part. At 200 mph, Arfons figures, the boat will plane on just the tires. The Cyclops cost \$7000 to build. It's powered by a J-47 jet engine taken from an F-86 Sabre Jet.





Versatile machine is a tireless tennis teacher

Lobs, volleys, backhand and forehand shots—in fact, almost everything a human tennis player can do except retrieve balls—are within the abilities of a new tennis coaching machine. The electrically powered machine, an Australian invention, is shown in use at a British tennis school. Specially cut blocks fitted to the end of the hitting arm (left) vary the type of strokes. Forty balls can be loaded into it at one time (right).



DAN GURNEY unlimbers a newly hatched American Eagle at the Speedway. Running tire tests for Goodyear

Rodger Ward's Indianapolis Preview

Can We Beat the British

No one knows Indy like two-time-winner Rodger Ward, who retired after driving in last year's 500



TAKE IT FROM ME, it's the Big One, the Main Event. When the green flag drops and you're gunning all-out for a fast shot through the first turn, you just know you and 32 other guys add up to one of the most thrilling spectacles in sports—the start of the annual Indianapolis 500-mile auto race.

But let's hope the start this year isn't quite as "thrilling" as last year's, a start that saw 16 cars pile up within seconds after the green flag was dropped.

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and without special tuning, car turned laps at 167 mph. This year Dan is preparing 11 cars for Indianapolis

at the Brickyard? By RODGER WARD Winner of Indianapolis 500, 1959 and 1962

Eleven were so badly damaged they couldn't race.

Despite last year's horrendous mess, however, the 1967 Indy 500 will go off in the traditional manner—the 33 fastest qualifiers in 11 rows, three cars abreast. And you can bet I'll miss not being in the pack, not only because I won't be out there wrestling for racing room, but because this year's race has all the earmarks of being one of the best in the Brickyard's long, gaudy history.

For one thing, the entry list is larger than ever. Speedway Director of Racing Sam Hanks, winner of the 1957 500 and slated to drive this year's Camaro pace car, will try to "shape up" an outstanding field of international driving talent.

For another-assuming they can be qualified-the race will be spiced by several cars of unique (even far-out) design.

Finally, underlying the drama of the





ENGINE PRECISION, reliability are keys to Indy victory. Three-time winner Lou Meyer, now a builder of Ford racing engines, and son check a DOHC block

"MYSTERY" RADIO DEVICE is housed in front end of Mickey Thompson's radical Wynn's Spit-Fire Special. I asked around, but no one would say what it's for

race itself, will be the question of whether or not Americans can wrest dominance of the 500 away from the British, whose cars and drivers won in 1965 (Scotland's Jim Clark) and 1966 (England's Graham Hill).

Since 1963, when Gasoline Alley eyebrows were lifted by Clark's secondplace finish in a Ford-powered Lotus, the imported-from-Britain rear-engine design concept has held sway at Indy. Even though hard-charging A. J. Foyt won in 1964 in a "traditional" frontengine car, the 1965 field consisted of 27 rear-engine entries, two Novi Specials, and only four roadsters. In 1966, only one roadster was included in the 33 starters.

If only in numbers entered, rear-engine cars will be top dogs this year, too.

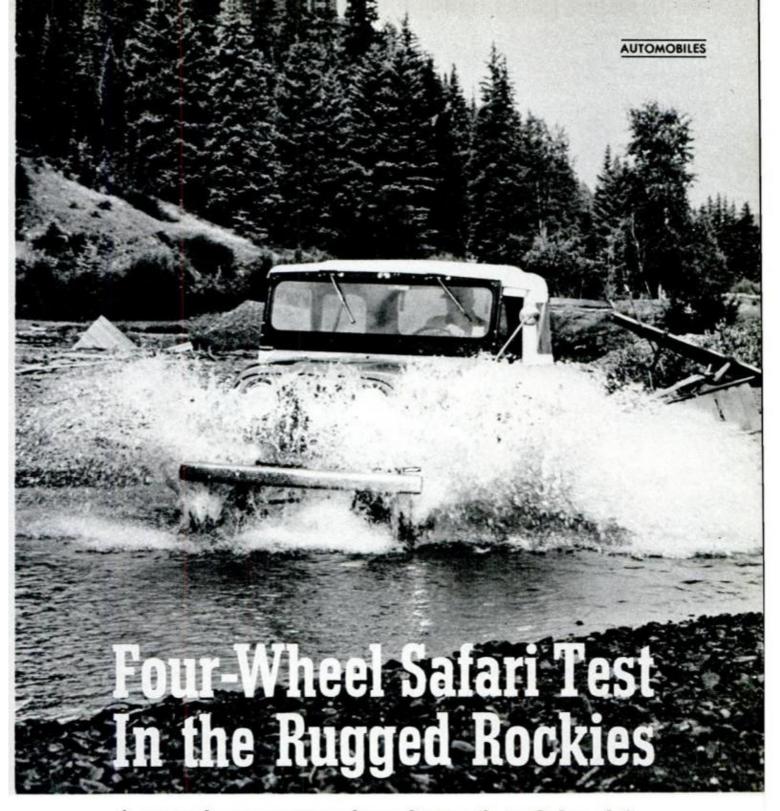
Foyt, for example, has built four new Sheraton—Thompson Specials. He'll drive one, and Joey Leonard a second. The other two will be back-ups. Although all-new, the cars are Fordpowered rear-enders, one of which will be backed by astronaut Wally Schirra.

Parnelli Jones, 1963 500-winner, will have his pick of two Ted Halibrand rear-engine cars, one powered by Ford, the other by a turbo- or supercharged Offy. Lloyd Ruby will be behind the wheel of a Ford-powered Dave Laycock chassis of the rear-engine type. So will NASCAR star Lee Roy Yarbrough.

The Mecom team, this year doing without the services of 1966-winner Graham Hill, who signed with STP, will field new British-built, Ford-powered Lolas, all of which have the engine aft. The cars will be driven by Jackie Stewart, John Surtees and Al Unser.

The most formidable effort at Indy this year is being made by Dan Gurney's All-American Racers. In addition to rebuilding all six of last year's Eagles, Gurney has built five new cars. One of the new cars will be driven by Dan himself, a second by Ritchie Gin-

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A rugged torture test along dirt trails in Colorado's tough high country. Here's how three four-wheeldrive vehicles held up on a grueling two-day trip

By Stuart James

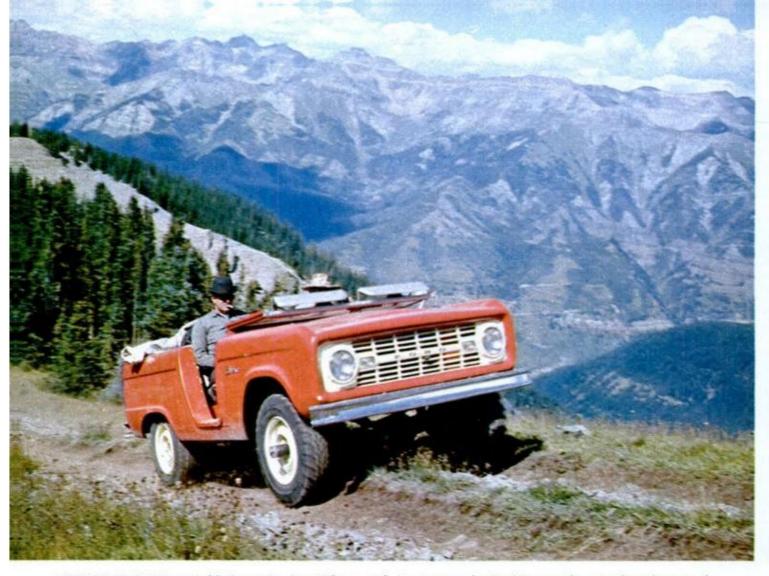
Photos by Eugene Colangelo

R ON GIBSON had just come humping up a steep grade in his Ford Bronco, made a spectacular sliding turn into a tight switchback, dug six inches of mud out of an embankment, bounced over some boulders, and was fishtailing on up the far grade.

Maybe it was because Ron was whooping it up, waving his straw sombrero and mugging it for laughs, but the Jeep owners

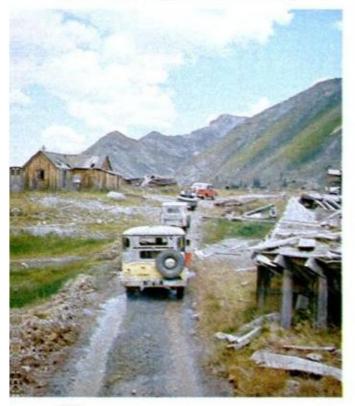
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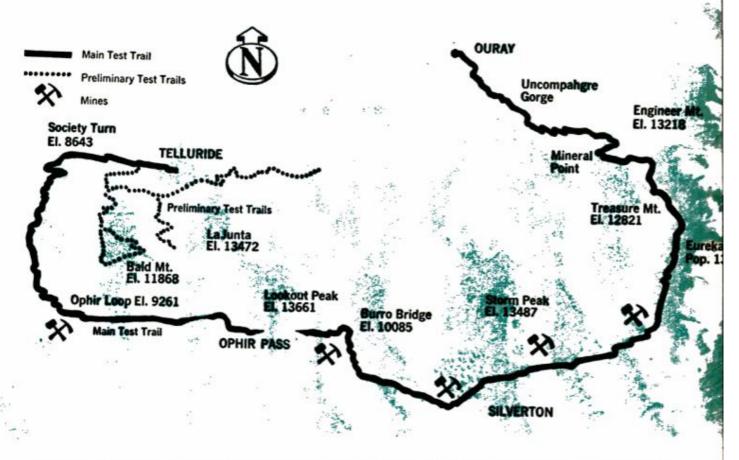
RACING UP TRAIL to Bald Mountain, Ron Gibson and Jim Starr make Ford Bronco do everything but stand on end. Despite its suburban look, the Bronco took the most rugged terrain as though it were a paved highway, displaying amazing speed and maneuverability that made it the most surprising car in the test

GHOST TOWNS are spread throughout the San Juan Mountains. Here the Jeep-Bronco-Scout safari winds through abandoned mining camp GATHERING AT THE SUMMIT for a close view of the mountains is one of the pleasures of four-wheeling, a family sport that brings together many devotees of off-trail vehicles





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STARTING AT TELLURIDE and finishing at Ouray, the four-wheel-drive caravan covered some of the toughest country in Colorado. The first day the caravan made some preliminary runs around Telluride. The second day the group drove to Ouray. Only four-wheel-drive vehicles are permitted on most of these trails

were unimpressed-and said so.

"Looks good," Al Morris said, "but I'd like to see how that rig holds up. If it can do that after a year of such treatment, maybe I'd come around. But I'll just stick to the Jeep until then."

The rest of the caravan pulled up to the switchback one at a time, backed off twice to make the turn, then labored up the grade at a leisurely pace. High in the distance, Ron was standing on the hood of the Bronco, taking in the view, waving that crazy hat.

This was the first morning of a twoday safari over the rugged trails of the San Juan Mountains in southwest Colorado, a trip arranged for our benefit by the Telluride Jeep Club.

We went to Colorado looking for trouble. Our objective, frankly, was to find out if the Ford Bronco and the International Scout would equal (or surpass) the proven performance of the Kaiser Jeep.

Arriving in Montrose, Colo., I picked up a standard Jeep V6 with just 12 miles on the odometer. A new Scout was driven from Denver by PM Midwest Editor Cliff Hicks and photographer Gene Colangelo. It was a standard four-cylinder Sportop that had been carefully checked out by International mechanics. Ron Gibson would be driving the Bronco. A Ford dealer in Montrose, Ron had a sixcylinder Bronco shipped from Denver, then had his mechanics equip it with a 4.57-1 rear locking axle. All three vehicles were tuned for high-altitude driving and were equipped with mud and snow tires.

By the time Cliff arrived from Denver, I had already become possessive of the Jeep. It was fun to drive, responding like a frisky colt with that V6 under the hood—much more machine than the four-cylinder Jeep I had owned and driven in New Mexico years before. Cliff was disappointed in the Scout at this point.

"You spend half your time shifting gears," he said. He had come through the Rocky Mountains on Route 50. "It's not a real highway car in

this kind of country. It doesn't have the power in fourth gear, so you have to shift down on any kind of a grade, and you can't get any speed. It's exhausting on a long haul."

Ron Gibson is an experienced mountain driver, so we gave ourselves a full day of practice driving on the mountain roads outside of Montrose. Both the Jeep and the Scout performed well here, and we finished the day confident of our driving ability. We were totally unprepared for the terrifying terrain that was yet to come.

On the road before dawn, we raced south on Route 550 for an early rendezvous with the Telluride Jeep Club. We turned west at Ridgway and headed up into the mountains. The Jeep sails along at an easy 60 mph on the highway, and the ride is comfortable. But one thing hasn't changed over the years. When it's a chilly morning and you haven't bothered to put on the side curtains, you freeze. The Scout has the comfort of roll-up windows.

From Montrose to Ridgway, a flat, straight highway, the Scout stayed out in front. But once faced with long grades to climb, it could not keep up with the Jeep, which went up and over the passes in high gear with ease.

A line of "four-wheelers" were parked along Telluride's main street when we arrived. There were a num-



OPHIR PASS was once a toll station for trains of burros hauling supplies to the mines in the 1870s. Cliff Hicks adds his name to the guest register

ber of Jeeps, one of them an elegant pink job with a striped and fringed canvas top. There were a couple of Toyotas, a Land Rover, two Broncos besides Ron Gibson's, and we had the only Scout.

This first day the caravan would ride over the rugged country around Telluride. Tomorrow it would hit the trail for Ouray.

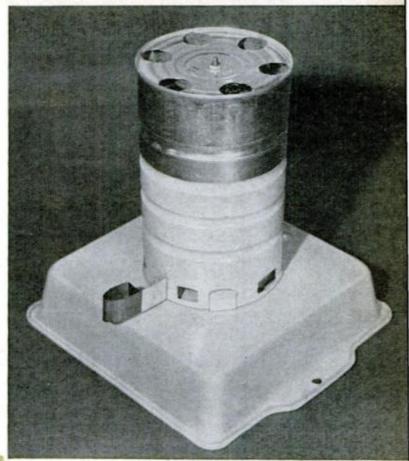
Don O'Rourke, a weathered, softspoken man in his 60s, was the caravan leader. A native of Telluride, he knows every pothole in every trail in the San Juan Mountains, and he drives with the finesse of a mountain goat on a shale slide.

"We'll take it easy this morning," he (Please turn to page 194)

FOUR WHEELERS rally before the false-fronted stores of Telluride's main street. Still active as a mining town, Telluride was once a booming metropolis that earned the name "The City of Gold." A restored opera house attracts summer visitors with old-time melodramas. The town is a hub for high-country safaris



For those chill nights in the woods... **Build** a tin-can space Fruit-juice Hinge % x 1" Handle openings, cut and bend tabs inward Jar cover Cap from aerosol can Combustion chamber. " holes (#2 can) 1%s" hole Tabs bent down to fit slots Burner shroud 1/32 x 1/2" slots (tuna-fish can) Canned heat Clips hold canned heat and shroud /32 stove bolt 8 x 8" cake pan (tinplate)

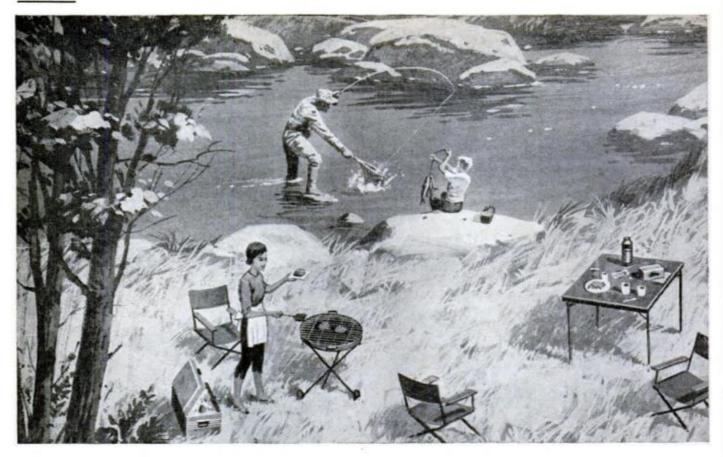


By ROY L. CLOUGH JR.

YOU'LL BE AMAZED at the blast of heat you get from a can of plain old Sterno when placed in this pint-size space heater. Hardly more than a collection of odd tin cans and pressed-steel cake pan, it is just the ticket for taking the chill from a boat cabin, tent or small trailer.

The key features of the burner are a tuna-can shroud which insures a steady supply of air over the fuel to keep it from overheating and sputtering, and a burner pot which stabilizes the flame and insures that no unburned fumes escape. It's important that you follow the vent-hole sizes fairly closely. The cake-pan base never gets hot, it can be set down anywhere, and it makes the burner practically tip-proof.

The pull-apart drawing shows how the cans stack inside the hinged outer jacket, which is a large fruit-juice can. The round holes can be neatly cut with a circle cutter, the square ones with an old wood chisel. In both cases, the metal should be backed up with a hardwood block to assure clean-cut holes. The clips on the base, plus the handle, are bent from short lengths of steel strapping.



Campers: 12 Ways to Add

Fit out a pickup camper for easier living. Here are a dozen

SAVVY CAMPERS make rig changes es every season. They're always finding new places to store equipment. They build for better accommodation. They buy and install better gear.

What follows are a dozen tips for easier living from some of the most experienced rig owners.

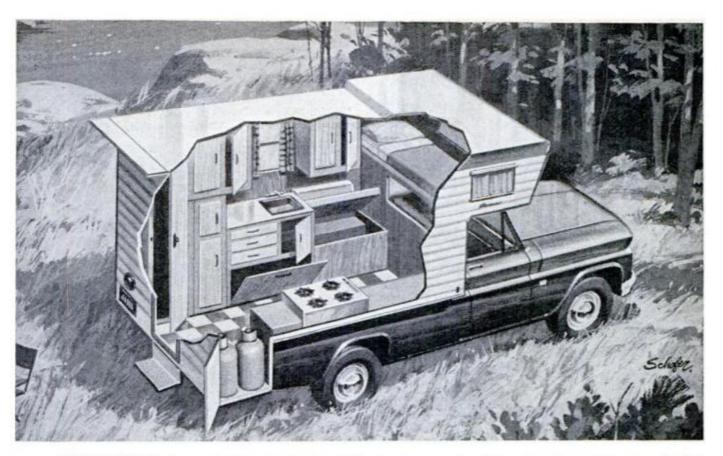
• Add wheel-storage spaces. The typical camper shell is undercut along its sides so it can slide in between the wheel wells of the pickup truck. This leaves valuable storage space (about 30 by 10 by 16 inches) forward of the wheel well on each side of the camper. George M. White of Yorba Linda, Calif., cut a trap door through the overhang on each side of his Alaskan camper to reach this wasted space. Auxiliary fuel tanks can be installed in these spaces. Note: These spaces are outside the camper shell and may become wet during bad weather. Store

canned goods, tow ropes and the like in them, but not such items as blankets or paper goods.

• Build a pass-through. Remove the glass from the pickup's rear window and the glass from the camper's front window. Enlarge the openings if desired. Install a weatherproof boot between the two openings. Most good automotive upholstery shops will install a padded boot and also provide a snap-in plastic rear window for the pickup (for use when the camper body is detached). Cost: about \$50.

Instead of buying a custom boot, some owners enclose the opening between camper and cab with an inner tube, partially inflated to form a tight, waterproof seal. If camper construction permits, a sliding glass panel can be installed in the camper's front window.

Install a water purifier. Water from



CUTAWAY VIEW of camper shows access to wheel-storage areas by cutting through at seats or under sink

Comfort and Convenience

great ideas for customizing any rig

By TOM STIMSON
Illustration by Howard Schafer

different sources away from home can cause stomach upset, aside from objectionable differences in odor or taste. Some water, as in Mexico, may cause dysentery. These troubles can be avoided by installing a water purifier, such as an Ogden used in most airliners, even on domestic routes. The purifier removes bacteria, algae, nematodes, invisible suspended matter, detergents, tastes and odors, even radioactive solids from the water supply.

A small unit is available for mounting below the sink or for counter-top installation. These units work with either pressure or nonpressure systems. Filter cartridges are replaced after some 400 gallons.

New on the market is a 15-ounce portable unit with squeeze bulb that purifies 20 gallons of water on a replaceable cartridge. Designed primarily for hikers and small camping parties, it's ideal for emergency use in small recreational vehicles. The portable unit lists at \$14.95. Ogden Filter Co., 4214 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. 90029, is the maker.

- Remove the "bounce" when you're parked. Some recreational vehicles with soft springs are bouncy when parked. Some owners stiffen the vehicle by putting a jack under each rear corner (also used to help level a vehicle). Fold-up jacks that attach permanently to the rear corners are faster and easier to use. (About \$3 at any trailer supply store or from Bernard & Morgan, 8924 Lankershim, Sun Valley, Calif.) Some campers have built-in jacks that can also be used to take out the bounce.
- Add an overhead bunk. If you need another bed, an overhead bunk of the Pullman type can be installed easily.
 The bunk is out of the way except



AN ADDITIONAL BED is always handy. During the day, the bed is lifted to the position shown above. At night, it's lowered to brackets shown by the arrows



THERE'S ALWAYS A USE for an outside outlet. It's better to have it as high as you can easily reach. Low outlets could be fouled by water from wet roads

STORAGE SPACE for hunting and fishing gear can be made available by sectioning closets. Note the inclinometers on the wall for leveling the camper



when lowered for use and is a good place for daytime stowage of bedding.

The frame consists of two lengths of one-inch chrome moly tubing No. 4130 (ordinary pipe is too weak) that drop into sockets on the adjacent bulkheads. Sleeved to the tubing is a double layer of double-stitched high-strength canvas sailcloth. A layer of quilted vinyl may be added to the bottom to improve appearance.

- Add external electric outlets. One or more 12-volt outlets installed in the camper shell with waterproof caps are always useful for out-of-doors light and power. An example is a table lamp for meals outside after dark. Owners who have made this improvement find many uses for it.
- Level your camper like an airplane. Cooking, eating and sleeping are much more comfortable when a vehicle is level. Install a pair of airplane bank and turn inclinometers handy to the driver's vision. One should show the lengthwise level of the camper, the other the crosswise level. (Airborne Sales, 8501 Stellar Drive, Culver City, Calif., has these for \$2.95 each.) Make sure the camper is level when you make the installation. The inclinometers should be set when the vehicle is on a smooth road with a normal load.
- Install a dual electrical system. Most camper electrical systems are unhappy compromises. Some lamps are connected to the ignition battery, while others use an external source of 115-volt current when available. In some installations, a switch delivers either source of power to all lighting fixtures, and this requires switching lamp bulbs each time.

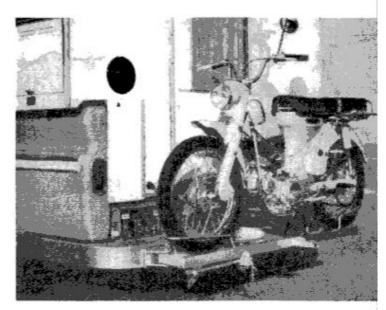
To solve this and other problems, an integrated electrical system has been designed by Paul H. White of Los Angeles. He's used it successfully in his camper for five years. He uses two batteries—a main one for the truck and an auxiliary one for camper equipment. Both these batteries can be charged by the engine alternator or by a rectifier that changes incoming 115-volt a.c. to

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12-volt d.c. current. (Special 115-volt outlets may be installed in the camper for electric blankets, television, mixers and the like.) The accompanying wiring diagram shows how a pair of single-pole, double-throw switches are used for the various hookups.

Specifications: the single-pole, double-throw switches must be of heavy capacity. All wiring between the batteries, switches and ground should be heavy 200-amp, welding cable, as short as possible. All other wiring should be No. 8 gauge to avoid voltage drop in the 12-volt system. The rectifier should be of the flat-voltage, self-regulating type. It should be set to deliver 14.2 volts into a 12-volt d.c. system. Heavy 30-amp, fuses should be installed between each switch and battery.

 Tail-end storage. A light motorcycle or a trail bike can be carried at the rear of a camper if you build brackets and tie-downs for it. Orday Tool & Engineering, 4213 W. Burbank, Burbank, Calif., lists such a bike rack at \$67.95. The rack is hinged at one side



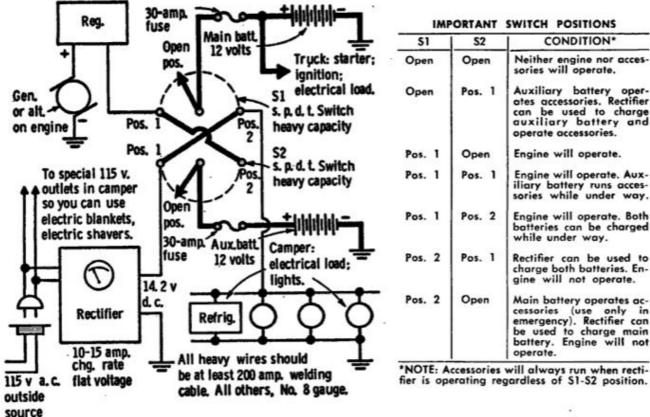
SMALL MOTORCYCLES or trail bikes are very popular with camper owners. A rear-end bracket for this auxiliary transportation is easy to install on frame

so it can be swung away, allowing access to the camper's rear door. Some camper enthusiasts carry an outboard motor on the rack.

 Install an outside water drain. The drain plug at the bottom of a freshwater tank is hard to reach and a nuisance to operate, yet it's necessary for

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DUAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEM is diagrammed below. The chart at right shows the switch positions and the results



51	52	CONDITION* Neither engine nor accessories will operate. Auxiliary battery operates accessories. Rectifier can be used to charge auxiliary battery and operate accessories.			
Open	Open				
Open	Pos. 1				
Pos. 1	Open	Engine will operate.			
Pos. 1	Pos. 1	Engine will operate. Aux- iliary battery runs acces- sories while under way.			
Pos. 1	Pos. 2	Engine will operate. Both batteries can be charged while under way.			
Pos. 2	Pos. 1	Rectifier can be used to charge both batteries. En- gine will not operate.			
Pos. 2	Open	Main battery operates accessories (use only in emergency). Rectifier can be used to charge main battery. Engine will not operate.			

THIS SECONDHAND BUS, 35feet long, provides a roomy, road-going vacation home for the roving Weestrand family. Cost of Greyhound was \$3500



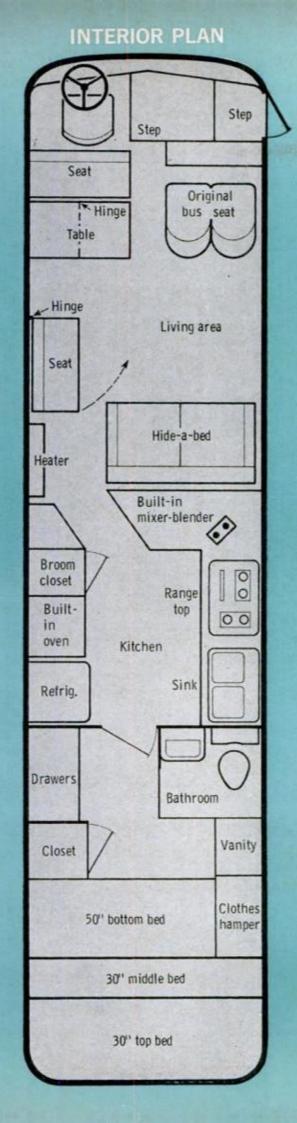
They Made a Camper Out of a Greyhound

Here's how an enterprising couple in Minneapolis turned a 40-passenger bus into a luxurious vacation home on wheels

By JOHN INGERSOLL Photos by Michael Myers

LOOKING TOWARD THE REAR, you can see the camper's spacious living quarters, including a comfortable sofa. Behind sofa are kitchen and built-in bunks. Twin bus seats in foreground are all that remain of original bus interior. Guard rail is at entrance door





ALMOST EVERYONE has thought about converting a bus to a camper. Well, Dennis Weestrand did it. He bought a surplus bus from the Greyhound Bus Co. and converted it into a spacious traveling home.

It took a bit of doing, but the Weestrands think it's worth it.

The bus cost \$3500 and was in need of repairs. Some of the mechanical parts were replaced, and the entire engine and transmission needed overhauling. The cost of putting the bus into topnotch running order was about \$2600.

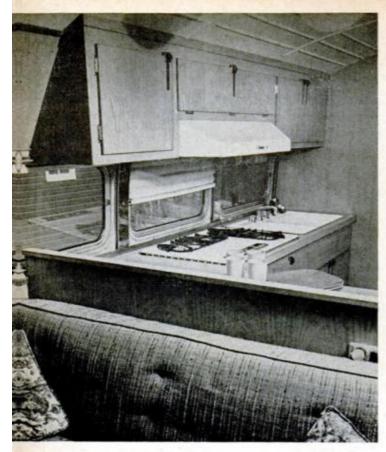
Next they tackled the interior. First, the seats were taken out and sold to a local bus line. Second, the overhead luggage rack was removed. This really opened up the interior. It gave full sixfoot headroom all across the eight-foot width of the vehicle.

With the interior of the 35-foot bus completely bare, the Weestrands started fitting it out to their own design.

The sides of the bus were paneled with oak. The paneling was secured to the interior walls with screws fastened



LADY OF THE "HOUSE," Mrs. Weestrand, pours coffee on the foldaway dining table. The hinged table drops down to make a large play area for the kids



SPLIT KITCHEN has built-in range and sink on one side. Overhead cupboards conform to sloping bus roof, are easy to reach as top shelves are shallow

to the aluminum ribs of the bus. Next, the floor was covered with inlaid linoleum.

Then came the beds way back in the rear of the bus. Three beds were built—one on top of the other. The top two bunks are 30-inch single beds—the bottom is a 50-inch double bed.

At this point, a thermostatically controlled heater and airconditioner were installed. A full-size trailer bathroom came next, followed by a kitchen that took both sides of the bus. A built-in oven and a gas-operated refrigerator were installed on the left-hand side, while a range and sink went on the right. Cabinets and counters completed the kitchen installation.

In the "living room," the Weestrands put a small sofa, which folds out into a bed at night. There're seven in the Weestrand family, so they need all the sleeping space they can get.

A dining table and two bench-seats round out the living area. One of the seats is hinged so it can be moved back against the side when not in use. The



TRIPLE-DECKER BUNKS, above, built across rear end of bus, provide a lot of sleeping room for the Weestrands. By day, doors close them off from view



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table is also hinged so it can be collapsed. When the furniture is folded up, the children have a good play area.

One of the ingenious ideas developed by the Weestrands is the "riding seats." These are two original bus seats that had been reconditioned and installed right up front. From these seats, there's an excellent view of the countryside as it passes by.

To top off the luxury of this vacation bus, the Weestrands installed a stereo set so they have music wherever they go.

Finishing the interior to their liking cost the Weestrands about \$2800. Dennis Weestrand, who is a contractor in Minneapolis, did the work himself.

So the entire job of converting the bus cost the family about \$8900. They feel this is quite inexpensive considering the amount of space and luxury they have for family trips and vacations. One big advantage of the bus arrangement is that the family can occupy the living quarters while the camper is rolling—not legally permissible in the case of a house trailer.

To round out the specifications of the bus, Dennis Weestrand installed a 100-gallon water tank, a 120-gallon

TRAILING A CANOE, Weestrand heads for wild country on his motorcycle (below and at left). Canoe and cycle stow in Jeep, which, in turn, is towed by bus





OPPOSITE SIDE OF KITCHEN houses a full-size oven and refrigerator, built-in cabinets, and work counter—all tucked neatly into the bus's curving walls

septic tank and a 120-gallon fuel tank. He finds that he gets about 6.5 miles per gallon from the diesel engine.

The Weestrands' bus is truly a vacation home. Dennis Weestrand not only converted the interior of the bus for camping life, but devised a system for getting into isolated areas where he can't take the 11-ton bus. He's attached a hitch to the rear of the bus and pulls a Jeep. On the Jeep, he has a rack that will hold several canoes. He also carries a small motorcycle in the Jeep.

His plan works like this: He drives the bus as far as he can. Then he drives the Jeep farther back into the woods. When the Jeep road ends, he puts the canoe on a trailer and tows it with the motorcycle even farther back into the wilderness. Many's the time he's gone fishing in spots that other campers have missed because of inaccessibility.

For family canoe trips, Dennis Weestrand has a rack that will fit on the bus, so he can carry canoes for all the members.



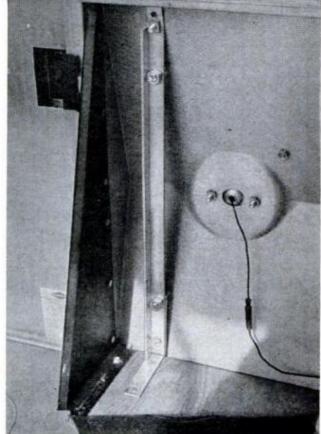


FRONT PEDESTAL is supported at the proper height by 1-in. adjustable hose clamps located above the top eyebolts. Be sure you turn the clamps up tight



REAR PEDESTAL is mounted in the same way as the front one. However, location of legs must permit free door access and not hide the license or lights





INTERIOR BRACING for pedestal legs transmits weight directly to floor instead of bearing on the molded fiberglass body. Dimensions will vary with camper

IT COST ONLY \$15 to build, yet this simple trailertop rack solved one of my biggest camping problems—how to take a tent trailer, a boat and a cartop luggage carrier on my camping trips. After thousands of miles with the rig, I wouldn't change a thing. It's been a jewel.

Specific dimensions will depend on your boat and trailer. First, determine the boat's center of gravity (roll the hull back and forth on a long dowel until it balances) and mark this location on the gunnels so you can position the load directly over the trailer wheels. The 1x6 pedestals should be 4 in. longer than the width of the boat at the support locations.

I used 1-in. DIY aluminum tubing and aluminum flanges to take the pedestal legs, attaching them directly under the gunnel contact points. Most hardware stores sell such tubing in 6-ft. lengths and the flanges to fit. In the rear, you may have to spread them slightly farther apart to provide trailer-door access.

The legs are mounted on the trailer in such a way that the load is transmitted directly to the floor rather than to the fiberglass body. I used a combination of \(^3\end{a}\)-in. eyebolts, 1-in. aluminum angle and 90° angle brackets. The eyebolts should extend far enough outside to allow the legs to clear the body. Use 1-in. adjustable hose clamps to locate the legs at the proper height. (Be sure to leave a couple of inches of daylight between the boat and the top of the trailer.)

Mating the boat to the pedestals is next. Side-to-side shifting is controlled by 1-in. retainer blocks screwed to the pedestals, plus regular boat tie-down straps anchored to the eyebolts with S-hooks. Fore-and-aft stability can be achieved by lashing the boat to the pedestals, utilizing the thwarts, bow ring, corner braces or other hull features.

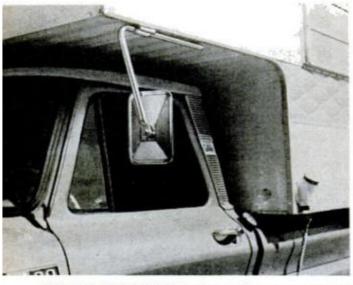
Once you've tried the rack on the trailer to make sure that everything fits properly, sand the pedestals and give them a couple of coats of spar varnish. (For a sharplooking rack, make these from mahogany.) Strips of carpeting can be glued to the pedestals where they contact the gunnels, but be sure to allow sufficient space for them when locating the retainer blocks.

Use liquid rubber to seal the holes through which the eyebolts pass. Once this is done, you're all set to hit the road. Happy camping and smooth sailing!

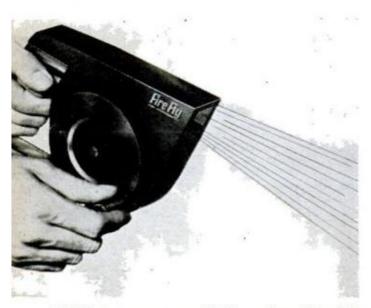
-John Mudrock

New Hardware For Campers

There's an amazing array of camper extras available this year—all designed to better your outdoor living.



NEW REAR-VIEW MIRROR stays with your camper, not your truck. It gives a full rear view instead of a partial view from the truck-mounted mirror



FIREFLY is a new type of bellows that will quickly fan a dying fire into a hot cooking fire. It is also good for starting wood and charcoal fires

NO MATTER how cramped your camper, you can always find room for worksaving devices. And manufacturers of camper accessories are booming the market with products that do just that.

This summer, you'll be seeing more rear-view mirrors attached to the camper instead of the truck. Velvac has introduced its Model B-1, which hangs from the overhead section of the camper. It's so positioned that the driver can get a full view of what's behind him. This mirror stays with the camper when you "unload." No longer do you need wing mirrors that seem to stick out into the oncoming lane.

The big 5½-by-8½-inch mirrors cost \$12 a pair for a white plastic-backed model; \$16 a pair for stainless steel. Nonvibrating braces are optional. For more information write Velvac, Milwaukee, Wis., 53219.

Now you can buy a small portable "bellows." It's the newest thing for making a roaring fire from embers. It's also good for quickly starting charcoal fires. This 11-ounce, hand-operated airblower is called "FireFly." By turning the handle, you can produce an air stream of varying intensity. FireFly costs \$4.95, plus 50 cents for handling and postage from Holiday Products, P.O. Box 62, Kansas City, Mo.

Also new on the market is a modern flush toilet introduced by Monogram Industries. Its operating design is taken from jet-plane facilities. The Monomatic, as it's called, is completely self-contained. It requires no holding tank, no water tank, no complicated plumbing and no venting. It can be installed in a new or used camper in minutes.

With a chemical called Monochem T-5, this facility will accommodate 80 usages without a holding tank. Four gallons of water and the chemical is all you need. Monomatic operates on a 12-volt d.c. battery. A built-in drain at the base makes emptying and recharging a simple procedure. If there's a holding tank in your camper now, this

unit can be attached, giving a capacity for months or even the entire season.

Monomatic costs \$195. For more information write Monogram Industries, 10131 National Blvd., Los Angeles.

Just out this spring is a solution to that old problem of emptying your holding tank. Here again Monogram Industries has come to the rescue. They're marketing a Monopump. This pump, similar to a garbage-disposal unit, will quickly discharge any conventional holding tank through an ordinary 3/4-inch garden hose. This means that you can discharge your

tank right into your home sewage system. It operates on a 12-volt d.c. battery. Cost is \$79.95.

Two convenience items are on the market. One is a table and chair set that folds into a "briefcase" 15 by 24 by 3 inches. This compact unit weighs 25 pounds, costs \$27.50 and is available from Gloy's, Inc., 11 Addison St., Larchmont, N.Y. The other item is a four-foot flexible band of hooks for hanging clothes and equipment that can be strung up anywhere. This useful item costs \$1.98 from the Washburn Co., Worcester, Mass., 91608. **





PACK-AWAY TABLE and chairs (above) fit into a handy folding carrying case. This outdoor dining set includes a plastic-covered table, two backed chairs, two stools and a case

ALL YOU NEED IS WHAT YOU SEE at left. This is the new monomatic flush toilet which requires no holding tank, no water, no venting, and no complicated plumbing. Easy to install

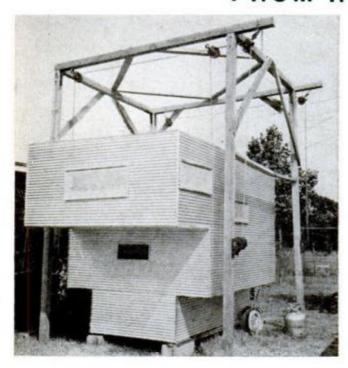


MONOPUMP is just entering the market. It lets you empty your holding tank through a garden hose into your home sewage system. No longer do you have to hunt for a place to empty tank

YOU CAN HANG almost anything almost anywhere with this strap that has 12 zinc-finished hooks. The ends can be nailed around a tree or between camper and a tree or in your camper



CAMPING HINTS

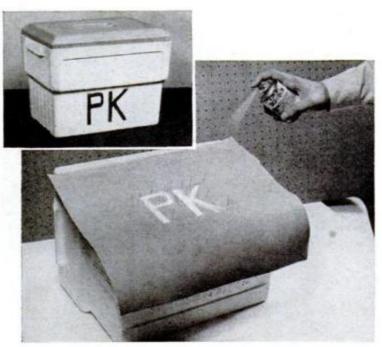


One-man camper hoist

If your pickup camper serves as just a camper and there's no need to make use of the truck itself, you don't have the problem of lifting it on and off like one reader. But this was not the case of Henry Bostick; the vehicle had to earn its keep as a truck between camping trips. To solve the problem, he built a hoist of 4x4s and rigged it with blocks and tackle. Cables hooked to the sides of the camper and to crank winches mounted on the legs of the hoist let him lift the camper enough for him to drive out from under, after which the camper is gently lowered to the ground, single-handed.

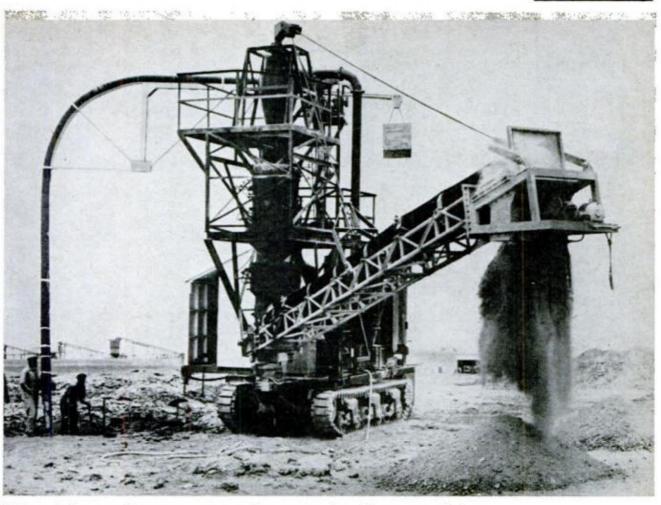
Safe paint for Styrofoam

Popularity of the Styrofoam picnic cooler makes it a problem sometimes to keep track of it when your family is a part of a large church picnic group or other gathering. Identifying it with your initials is the answer, but you just can't use any paint to do it since regular paint will dissolve the foam. One safe spray paint is Plasti-Kote's Bon Bon. A stencil of wrapping paper pinned to the cooler lets you do a neat personalizing job with a couple passes of the spray.



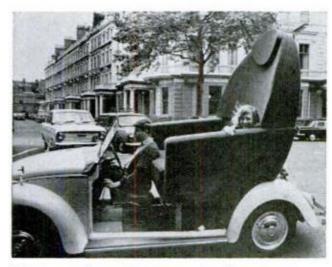
Disposable camp stool

You'll have less gear to lug and less to bring back from a weekend camping trip if you let your six packs provide camp-fire stools as the empties accumulate. Nine cans, for example, lashed together with string will provide a fairly comfortable seat to sit on around a fire. When breaking camp, the cans can be tossed in the trash barrel.—William Swallow



The biggest vacuum cleaner in the world

Instead of collecting dust, this mammoth cleaner gathers diamonds. Called a Vacu-Veyor, it's mounted on a Sherman tank chassis and sucks diamonds out of the rocks at a diamond mine near Orangemund, South-West Africa. Gobbling up a heavy mixture of gravel from inaccessible rock crevices, it spits the load out into a neat pile where it is scooped up by a front-end loader and hauled away for mechanical processing. The machine, which needs only two operators, sucks up about four cubic yards per hour.



Four-wheel armchair

Bought by a car dealer at a furniture auction, a huge armchair was mounted on a car chassis and may now be the world's largest, motorized, four-wheel armchair. It is driven around London to attract attention and raise money for various charities.



Beetle-powered GEM

Claimed to have a 40-mph speed, a new ground-effect machine seats two and rides on a 14-inch cushion of air. Designed by Air Cars, Inc., to sell at \$3000, the vehicle is powered by a Volkswagen engine and weighs less than 500 pounds empty.



the ABCs of BRAKES

In the long, frustrating transition from Dobbin's reins to disc brakes, engineers have tried about everything to stop a car quickly and smoothly

By ROBERT W. TEMPLE

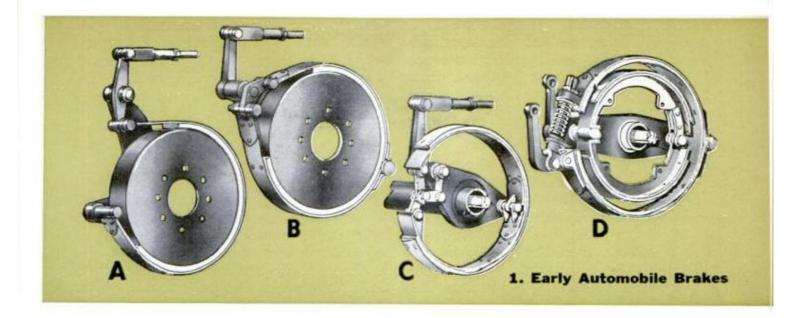
A SIDE FROM PARTS that make a car go, safe arrival at your destination depends primarily upon the proper functioning of the braking system.

Like everything else about a car, brakes have been steadily improved since the arrival of the first "horseless carriage." It might be easier to understand our modern braking systems, however, if we take a look at some of the history between dobbin and discs.

The earliest automotive brakes were "strap" brakes (Figure 1A). They consisted of a simple, flexible steel band

with a leather lining. The band assembly was anchored at one end and curved around a flat pulley, or drum. Tightening the band around the drum by means of a lever at the other end of the band resulted in frictional retardation of the drum and the wheel or shaft to which it was attached.

Braking action is the same as that achieved by snubbing a rope around a pole, but the braking action is directional. As long as rotation is away from the anchor, snubbing action is fine. Resistance to rotation in the opposite

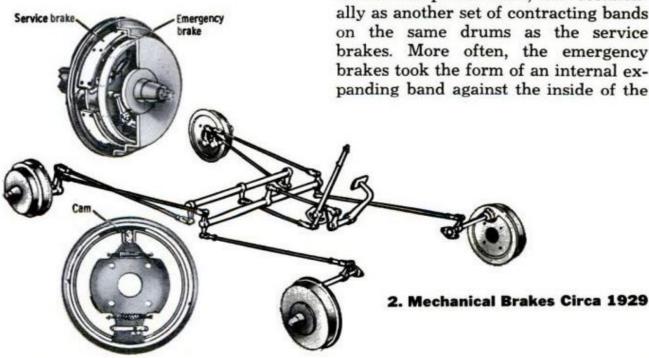


direction, however, is dependent upon the muscle of the driver; this singleacting band brake was soon superseded for obvious reasons.

In the double-acting band brake (Figure 1B), the band was divided into two segments with the anchor placed approximately halfway around the perimeter of the band. The band was wrapped around the drum in opposing directions from the anchor point. This brake provided more or less equal resistance to rotation in both directions.

Early brake-lining materials left a lot to be desired. If the driver didn't use extreme caution with the application of the brakes, they soon burned out. Although leather was the most popular lining material until just prior to the first World War, many other substances were tried—including camel hair. The heat-resistant qualities of asbestos were well known, but the technology of fabricating a nonshredding brake-lining material hadn't been developed.

Due to the delicate nature of the brakes of the period, an auxiliary system was mandatory. This was called, appropriately enough, the emergency-brake system. Emergency brakes were sometimes mounted on the rear of the transmission main-shaft as a contracting band on a drum; sometimes on the differential pinion shaft, and occasionally as another set of contracting bands on the same drums as the service brakes. More often, the emergency brakes took the form of an internal expanding band against the inside of the



service brake drums (Figure 1C, page 139).

A flexible band can only be expanded inside a drum to a certain point, however. When pressure is applied beyond that point, the band will relieve the pressure by deflecting inward. This type of emergency brake would handle emergencies only up to a point.

In order to stiffen the internal band brake to prevent its "retiring" when the going got rough, the band was backed by a stiffening web of metal (Figure 1D). The band, being no longer flexible, was divided in order to retain the ability to expand against the inner surface of a drum, the result being the early version of the "shoe" brake.

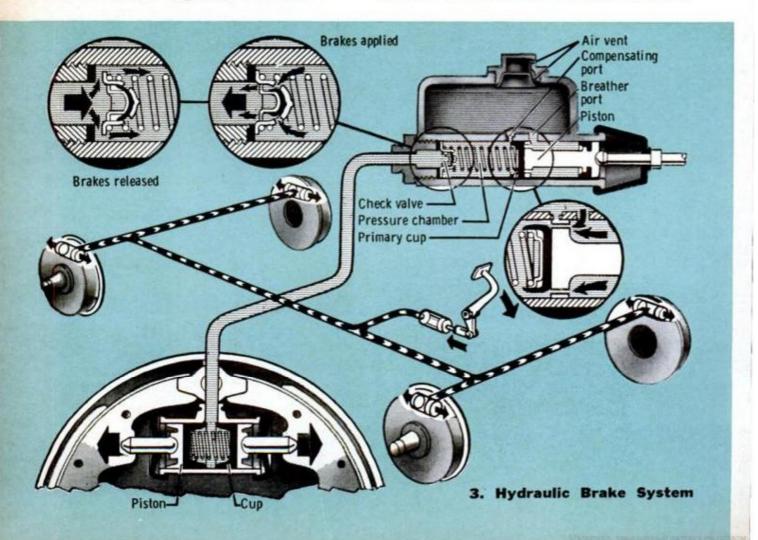
The brake shoes were pivoted to an axle-housing bracket at the anchor end. Brake actuation was achieved by rotating a cam between the other ends of the shoes to wedge them out against the brake drum. Tension springs retracted the shoes when the brake lever was released.

Around 1920 it was becoming apparent that two-wheel brakes couldn't cope with traffic conditions much longer. A few manufacturers were experimenting with four-wheel brakes, but these didn't come into universal acceptance until 1928. Putting a frictional brake on a wheel was no particular problem by this time, but putting them on the front wheels where they had to function while the wheels were being turned in steering action while bouncing over the bumps, was something else. With mechanical actuation of the brakes, a minor malfunction in the mechanism could result in steering action also applying one of the front brakes.

Furthermore, exposed brake linings of the period were subject to contamination by dirt, grease and water, so the logical solution was to move everything possible inside the brake drum in order to protect the braking action and make it as uniform as possible over the widely varying road and weather situations.

Figure 2 shows a typical mechanical brake system as it appeared about 1929, with cam-operated brake shoes shielded inside the brake drums by the brake backing plates. Compensation for wear of the linings was achieved by means of an adjustment at the anchor end of the brake shoes.

For an emergency brake, the Model A Ford used a smaller expanding-band type brake on a second braking surface within the rear drums. Other manufacturers used



either the contracting-band type brake, mounted on the transmission, or on the outside surface of the rear drums.

Besides the problem of equalizing and constantly adjusting four-wheel mechanical brakes, there was the complication of myriad rods, levers, and clevises that rattled and wore out. The advent of the hydraulic brake system was a feather in the cap of brake designer engineers.

Hydraulics is a branch of applied science which concerns itself with fluid in motion, and with how to put it to work. The aspect of hydraulics of the most interest to us here is Pascal's principle, which states: "Any change of pressure in an enclosed fluid at rest is transmitted undiminished to all parts of the fluid."

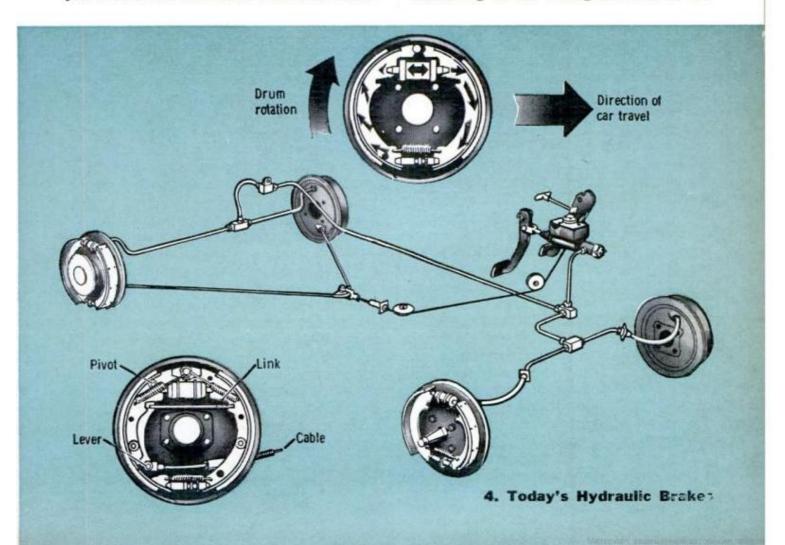
The simplified brake system diagram of Figure 3 shows how pressure applied to the master cylinder piston by the foot pedal is transmitted through the brake lines to each wheel brake, where the fluid transmits the pressure to the opposing pistons in each of the brake cylinders.

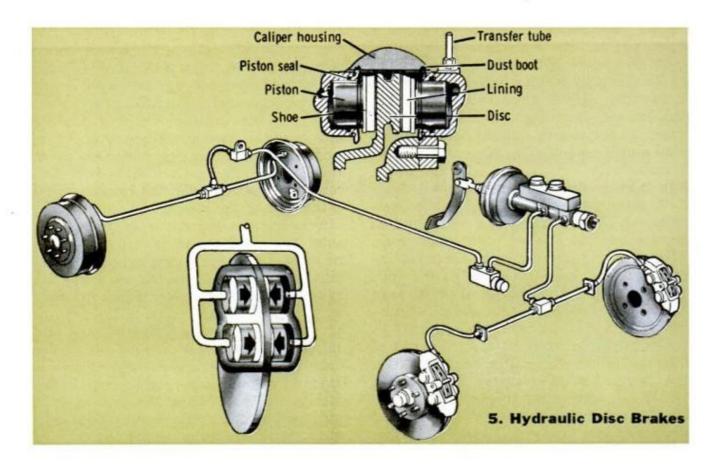
Because of forward weight transfer during braking, it is desirable to have the front brakes do a proportionally higher amount of the braking. Consequently, you'll find that the front brakes are usually larger than the rear brakes, and that the front-brake cylinders are also larger.

It can be seen that the master cylinder has a fluid reservoir on top with an air vent incorporated in the filler cap so atmospheric air pressure may act on the surface of the fluid in the reservoir. There are two ports leading from the reservoir to the cylinder; the compensating port forward of the piston, and the breather port to the rear of the piston.

In operation, the force of the brake pedal being depressed is transmitted to the master cylinder piston by a push-rod. Initial movement of the piston moves the lip of the primary cup over the compensating port, preventing return of the fluid to the reservoir. As the primary cup advances, fluid pressure is built up in the brake lines leading to the wheel cylinders. The fluid works against similar cups in the wheel cylinders, forcing the pistons outward and pushing the brake shoes into contact with the brake drums. Pressure in all parts of a hydraulic brake system being equal, braking pressure cannot be applied to any one brake until all of the brake shoes are in contact with their respective drums.

Referring to the enlarged views of the





master cylinder in Figure 3, it can be seen that when the brakes are being applied, the fluid deflects the membrane of the check-valve to allow the fluid to enter the brake lines under pressure. Some static pressure is desirable in the lines to keep the wheel cylinder cups in firm contact with the cylinders for the exclusion of dirt and air. The piston return spring also keeps the check-value assembly in contact with its seat sufficiently to maintain a line pressure of from eight to sixteen pounds.

When the brake is released, the piston moves rearward in the cylinder faster than the fluid can follow. To compensate for this, fluid flowing through bleeder holes from behind the piston head and around the primary cup, fills the void. When the primary cup uncovers the compensating port, surplus fluid returns to the reservoir. The breather port keeps the area behind the piston head filled with fluid.

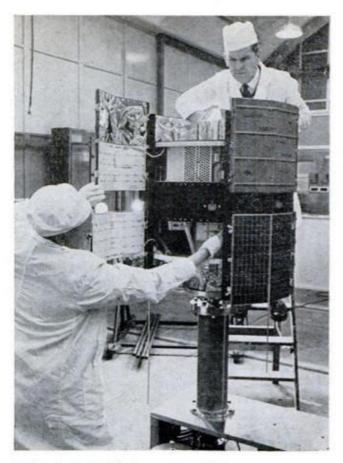
Figure 4 shows a typical hydraulic brake system as used by most of the cars on the road today. It consists of self-energized two-shoe drum brakes on all four wheels, with alternate mechanical actuation of the shoes in the rear brakes to serve as parking brakes.

The upper detail illustrates a self-energized brake. Application of the brake pushes both brake shoes outward, but as the forward shoe contacts the brake drum, frictional resistance against the rotating drum carries the shoe along with it. The link at the bottom between the two shoes is floating rather than fixed, so this rotational force is transmitted to the lower end of the rear brake shoe. The upper end of this secondary brake shoe anchors against a fixed pin at the top so that the entire energized force is applied to the brake drum.

The parking brake in this system is merely an alternate mechanical means of actuating the existing rear brake shoes. In operation the brake handle pulls a cable. The cable pulls a lever which is pivoted to the upper end of the rear brake secondary shoe. A link is mounted between the lever and the opposing primary brake shoe. A pull on the cable levers the shoes apart against the drums to set the rear brakes.

Recently hydraulically operated disc brakes have become quite popular. This type of brake system, shown in Figure 5, has advantages such as reduced heat fading, which is caused in drum brakes by the drum expanding beyond the reach of the brake shoes. Less susceptibility to moisture and dirt is another attribute; these contaminants can't stick to the rotating disc.

The disc brake has the braking elements (Please turn to page 217)



First British satellite

Built to stay in sunlight at least one year, the first British-made satellite, ESRO 2, is prepared for shipment to the United States where it will be launched. The research satellite cost about \$3½ million and will gather information on solar radiation.



Motorized broomstick

It looks great for Halloween, but the St. Petersburg, Fla., inventor hopes this rig will be used for year-around sport. A one-hp engine drives a single wheel at the end of a pole. The operator, wearing roller skates, sits on the pole, and away he goes. Rubber skids on a roll bar serve as brakes.



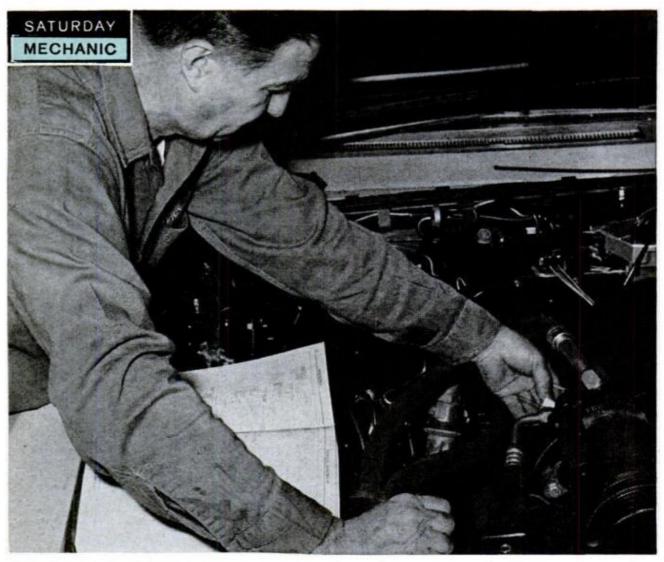
One-man U-boat

With a range of about 4000 miles, a homemade British submarine may become the smallest powered craft to cross the Atlantic. A diesel engine gives it a speed of five knots, and a snorkel provides air when the craft travels just below the surface where it will spend most of its time.



For adults only

Pint-sized sleds without runners are being used on Swiss bobsled runs. Designed to be used either in a sitting position or "belly whopping," the minibobs break in future bobsledders on specially laid-out runs. Made of fiberglass, a sled can easily be carried by one man to the top of a bobsled run.



TYPICAL AIRCONDITIONING CIRCUIT is protected by two fuses—one in the firewall fuse block and the other under the hood. It can be difficult to locate the latter without consulting the car's wiring diagram

Solving Electrical

The fine art of troubleshooting is often

YOU LEARN by experience: If you're lucky, by someone else's. The woeful tales I'm about to relate are intended to help you avert similar fates. Like what happened to me on the way to Florida in heat that would make the devil sweat. The airconditioner suddenly pooped out.

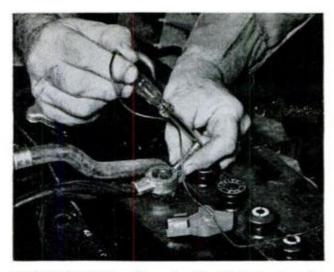
"Fix it, please," I told the man at the roadside garage somewhere in the heart of Georgia. He couldn't do it. Yet it cost me \$6.75 for "nothing" labor, and, needless to say, the last 300 miles of our trip were pure agony.

The trouble, found later by a hotshot in Miami, was a bad fuse. Why didn't the first guy check fuses? He did, but visually. Finding nothing wrong by looking at the fuses, he put them back into the circuit.

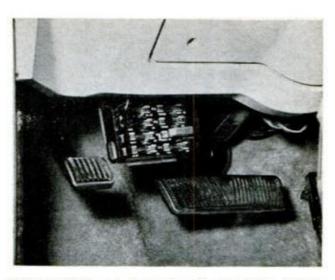
So, never again will I (or should you) take it for granted that a fuse is in working order. If there is any reason to suspect a fuse—and that's the first thing to suspect when an electrical accessory fails to operate—replace it.

True, you can use an ohmmeter or voltmeter to test a fuse. But when you're on the road, you can't always be a technician. A new fuse costs maybe 10 cents, and for a dime I can be a sport and keep some spares on board.

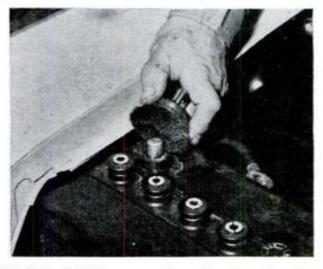
A fuse often looks okay, but can actually be defective. Many times, ordinary vibration causes a soldered segment to break beneath an end cap where you can't see it.



CHECKING FUSE with a trouble light is done by placing fuse in series with light across battery



FUSE BLOCK here is located under the dash. Always use correct ampere ratings when replacing fuses



BATTERY POSTS are most easily cleaned using wire brushes specially designed for the purpose



BATTERY CABLES can be tricky. Tighten securely, but take care not to overtighten or twist the post

and Ignition Problems

as simple as checking first things first

By MORT SCHULTZ

Although the main element appears to be in one piece, the fuse is worthless.

There are dozens of fuses in your carhow many depends on how many electrical accessories you have in the vehicle. For example, I counted 39 fuses in a 1966 Pontiac, which, I admit, was fully loaded with equipment.

These circuit-protecting devices, just as their bigger brothers in your house, are needed to keep electrical equipment from being damaged if a short circuit or electrical overload occurs. Their only purpose is to break the circuit, quickly disrupting the flow of electricity in case of trouble.

When that circuit is broken, no electricity flows, and the equipment on that circuit won't operate. Troubleshooting a car's fuses, therefore, takes on at least two aspects and often three:

- Finding the fuse(s) that's causing the trouble.
 - 2. Replacing it.
- 3. If the fuse blew because of an electrical malfunction and not because of vibration, finding and fixing the malfunction. The element of a fuse that blows because of an electrical problem will be broken—you can see it. It then becomes a matter of troubleshooting the entire circuit.

Many cars have a fuse block somewhere beneath the dash on the driver's side that holds fuses that control such equipment as the radio, cigaret lighter, heater, tail and



PROTECTIVE LUBRICANT should be applied only with the cable secured to post, never on post alone

dome lights and accessories such as power windows, power seats, convertible top and airconditioner. What each fuse controls is indicated on the block next to the fuse, or in a keyed diagram in an owner's manual.

But don't get the idea that those six or seven or more fuses you find in the block are the extent of it. In many cases, more than one fuse is used to protect a circuit.

Second fuse in motor

For instance, circuits of electrically operated windows, seats and convertible tops are often protected by one high-currentrating fuse found in the fuse block. In addition, each motor that operates each separate accessory may be protected by a smaller-capacity fuse found within the motor itself.

In the event of a failure, if you check the large circuit protector and overlook or don't know about the smaller one, you may be stumped for weeks as to why a power accessory isn't working.

Finding a bad fuse can be a snap or a nightmare. Past experience is no guide in the matter. Being familiar with fuse locations in previous models won't mean a thing with present models. Changes in location are made from year to year.

So where do you find how many fuses are in a circuit and where they're located? In only one place—a schematic wiring diagram of the circuit. This diagram is usually provided in the car's service manual. Operating without it or having a mechanic who doesn't consult it is like traveling without a map. Don't do it.

If you think my problem with fuses was a rare occurrence, read what happened to Bernie, who finally wrote PM's Auto Clinic:



IDLING SPEED is first thing to check if you have dieseling condition. Fast idle is the chief cause

"After hearing for years how important it is to keep battery posts and cables clean and lubricated to prevent corrosion, I decided to do a real job on mine. I carefully cleaned the posts and terminals with a wire brush and put a nice layer of petroleum jelly over 'em. Then I hooked everything up."

Next morning, the car grunted, groaned and barely started. Bernie was fit to be tied. He never had trouble before he took this maintenance advice.

But there's one hitch. Unless you're careful about how you apply the corrosion inhibitor, you can affect battery operation, which is what happened to Bernie.

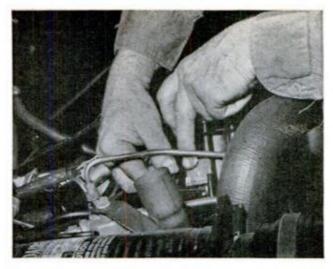
The right way to do this job is to wirebrush the battery posts and cables until they're clean. Then reconnect the cables tightly. And only then should you apply a light coating of corrosion inhibitor to the tops of posts and terminals.

In other words, don't let the inhibitor get between the battery post and cable terminal where it can restrict the flow of current.

Some theories that have been espoused for years are often nothing but hot air—"old mechanics' tales" if you will. And it cost young Hank S. about \$100 to find that out. His 1962 Buick "dieseled" (other people call this "after-run," "run-on," or "after-fire"). In short, the engine continued to run after the ignition was turned off.

Pulled motor apart

Hank believed the half-truth that an engine diesels because of junk inside it, usually carbon, that reaches red-hot temperatures and keeps firing fuel after ignition shutdown. So what did he do? He pulled the motor apart. Guess what? The



DISTRIBUTOR WINDOWS should not be left open after adjusting points to allow dirt and grease buildup

car did the same thing after it was put back together again.

Automotive engineers have generally come to the conclusion that dieseling is caused by one of four factors or a combination of them:

- Excessive idling speed.
- A lean fuel mixture.
- Retarded timing.
- Fuel octane that is too low for engine needs.

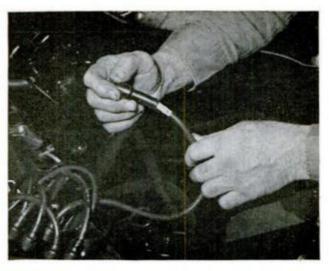
A series of tests recently conducted by a group of these engineers showed that excessive idling speed tops the list of dieseling causes, followed by too lean a fuel mixture and by retarded timing.

Reduce idling speed

What it all boils down to is this: If your car's engine begins to diesel, the corrective measure is to reduce idling speed and insure proper idling mixture and ignition timing. If dieseling persists, increase your gasoline octane. Use of a low octane fuel doesn't necessarily bring about a pinging engine. It could, though, lead to dieseling.

Another lesson illustrative of checking first things first in troubleshooting concerns the car's ignition system. Jack seemed to be having trouble with his distributor breaker points. He had a tune-up and then, only 2000 miles later, he started having trouble and was informed that he needed another new set of distributor points.

Jack's mechanic was Grade A in doing tune-up work, so Jack knew all adjustments had been carefully made. Was it some strange and exotic malady that caused the points to pit so badly? Not at all. The mechanic had accidentally left the window open. Jack's distributor in his



SPARKPLUG BOOTS should be replaced before they age and crack to prevent enigmatic engine misfiring

1966 Pontiac, as in many other cars, has a window in the distributor cap that has been a big help in adjusting points. The window permits making these adjustments with the engine running, something you can't do with a closed distributor because the cap has to come off for adjusting.

After adjusting the points, it's easy to leave the window open inadvertently. Many times, the window drops of its own weight. But many times, it doesn't. It hangs open and leaves the complete distributor breaker assembly wide open to deposits of dirt, dust and grease.

Two sneaky problems

Finally, here are two other sneaky problem areas of which you should be aware:

1. Some ignition system problems don't show themselves on the surface. Cracked insulation is a real tough dog. Sparkplug boots—those rubber shoes that cover plugs—are a good example. Old boots dry out and crack. Damage is usually invisible, but the trouble it causes isn't. Spark flashover or short circuiting along the outside of the plug's insulator occurs. And this results in misfiring.

What do you do? Easy. Invest a few cents every 12,000 miles when replacing plugs and also replace the rubber boots that cover them.

2. In some engine compartments, spark-plug cables lie mighty close to hot exhaust manifolds. That heat can damage cable insulation, even increase the resistance of the leads, thereby cutting down the delivery of current. A good idea is to slide lengths of glass braided tubing, available at auto supply stores, over each cable. The tubing reflects heat and protects the insulator.

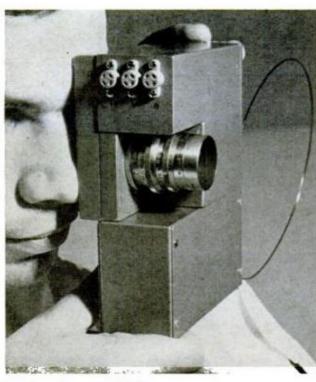
NEWS BRIEFS





How to unlock a trunk

Dental scientists and engineers finally solved the pressing problem of Ashoka, a 16-year-old Indian bull elephant at the National Zoo in Washington, D.C. Instead of Ashoka's tusks growing parallel to his trunk, they curved over it. This all but prevented use of his trunk. It took a brace and bit, a wrench, a screwdriver and pliers to fit Ashoka with "braces" made of manganese and bronze (right). This device eventually straightened the tusks, freeing the pachyderm's provider. Dentists were required because elephant tusks are actually teeth.



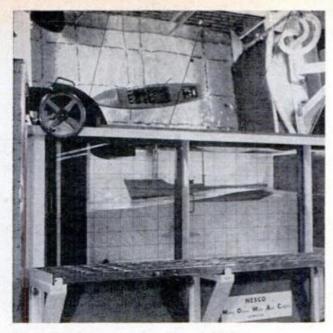
Tubeless TV

Tiny, tubeless and portable, a new RCA television camera uses arrays of 132,000 thin-film elements on four glass slides to function similarly to the pickup tube and picture-processing elements in a standard camera. It broadcasts signals directly to a receiver from a miniature transmitter in the camera's base.



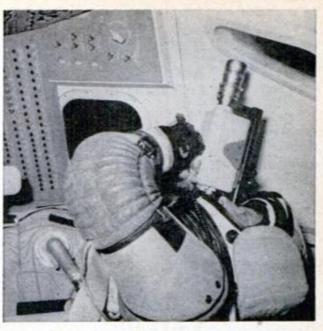
Overcoat for plants

Covering the soil around a potted plant or even a small garden—with an "overcoat" promises to be an easy way to keep weeds under control. Developed by government scientists, the chemically treated, loosely woven cloth may be marketed after more tests are completed by the agricultural researchers.



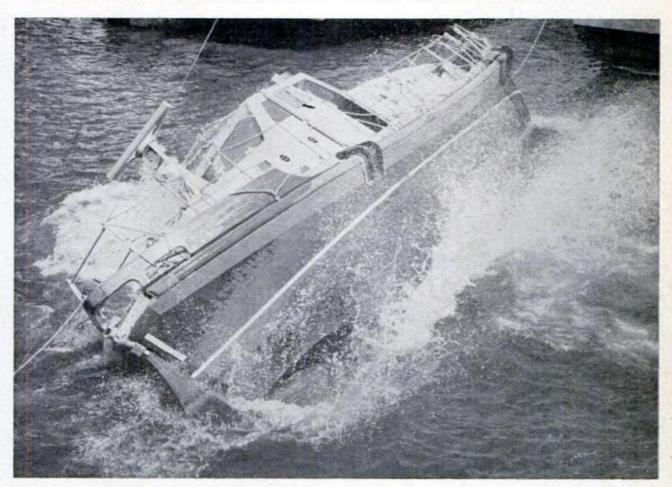
Scaled-down shakedown

Scale models of ships can be tested for seaworthiness in the waves, winds, currents and tides generated in a new wave tank developed by National Engineering Science Co.



Eye for Apollo

The first "live" look at an astronaut's view of Earth may come from a small, hand-held RCA camera that has been designed to travel to outer space in the Apollo capsule.



British lifeboat can do slow rolls

A new British lifeboat can right itself in seconds after capsizing. A ballast tank, holding 23/4 tons of water, is located between the boat's two engines. If the craft is tossed over by a wave, an automatic pump immediately forces water into an empty tank on the high side, righting the boat. This lifeboat is a prototype built by William Osborne, Ltd., of England at a cost of \$148,400. Studies are currently under way to determine the boat's usefulness in military and civilian operations. It's shown here righting itself after capsizing.

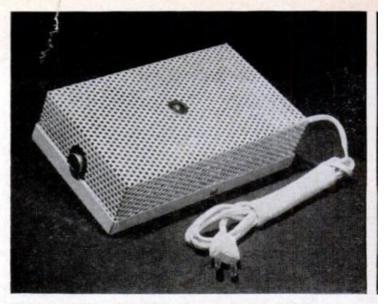
NEW PRODUCTS By CAROL SCHULTZ



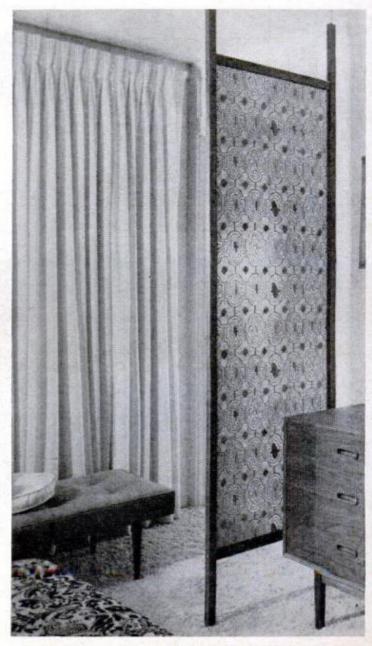
LAWN RAKE with stainless-steel tines inherently resists rust and corrosion. This fantype garden tool is designed to allow complete tine flexibility while maintaining continuous ground contact. \$4.99. By Sears, Roebuck & Co.



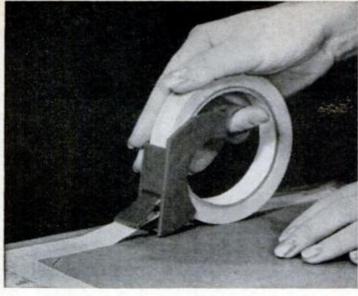
VINYL FLOOR TILE duplicates the look of a hand-laid brick floor, with perfect pattern matching between tiles. Offered in a choice of red or white "Weathered Brick"; sells for 40 cents a square foot. By Armstrong Cork Co.



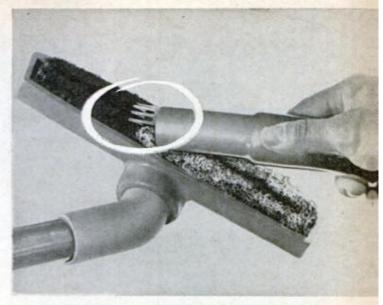
HOME FIRE ALARM needs no installation, simply plugs into any outlet. It is so sensitive that an audible alarm is sounded when temperature reaches 135° F. or more. About \$79. By Pyrotector, 349 Lincoln St., Hingham, Mass.



POPULAR MECHANICS



MASKING-TAPE DISPENSER, called Zip-n-Clip, is lightweight, sturdy. Made of plastic, this hand-held dispenser is designed to take any brand of masking tape. \$1 by the Unipat Corp. of America, 38 S. Dearborn St., Chicago, III.



SUCTION COMB for your canister-type vacuum cleaner fits into hose to remove lint which gathers on the attachment's bristles. Available for 98 cents. Made by the Losten Co., 904½ S. Robertson Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif.



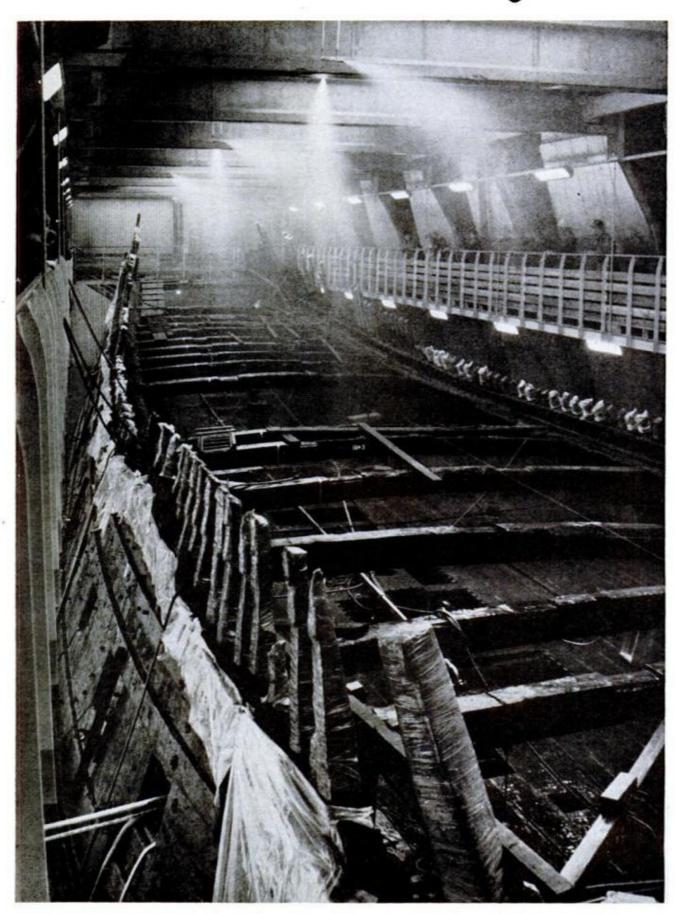


SOLID-STATE REFRIGERATOR incorporates a special moist-cold compartment in which temperature and humidity are controlled. Uncovered foods may be stored safely for days without drying out. Under \$700. By Frigidaire

■ DO-IT-YOURSELF ROOM DIVIDER holds a translucent panel in walnutfinish frame. Available in 28 patterns and colors; three widths. The 24-inch panel costs \$16.99. K-S-H Plastics, Inc., 10091 Manchester, St. Louis, Mo.

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World's Wettest Drydock



INSIDE THE HUGE SHED built around the recovered Wasa, spray jets keep the hull saturated day and night. A waxy chemical mixed with the water is gradually soaking into the wood to reinforce aging timbers

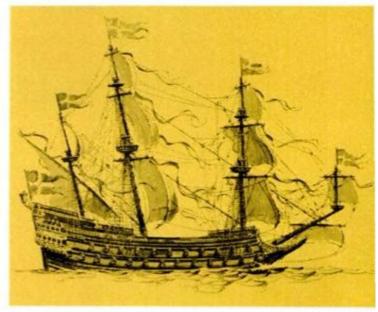
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Raised from the bottom after 300 years, Sweden's great 17th century warship Wasa is getting a slow drying-out in a giant shower bath to keep her from crumbling to pieces

By ROBERT P. CROSSLEY

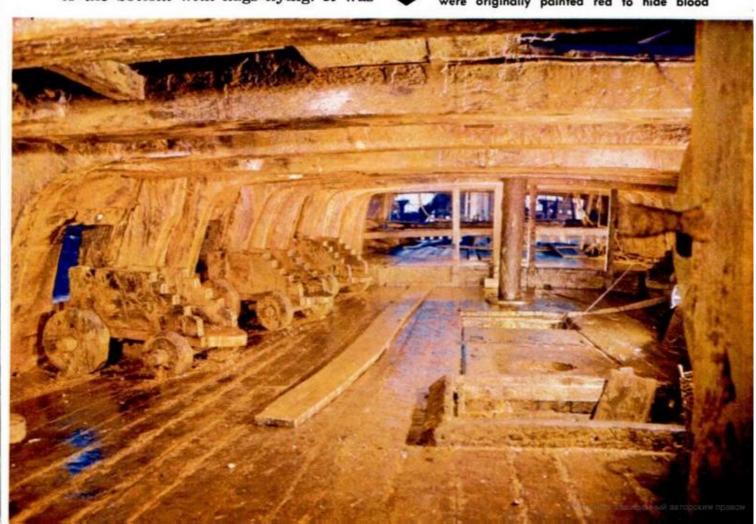
AUGUST 10, 1628, was a big day in Sweden. The nation's newest, largest warship, the Wasa, was sailing on her maiden voyage. Named after Sweden's ruling family, the Wasa was the most elaborate and heavily armed vessel ever built in Sweden. She carried 64 guns, including 48 24-pounders weighing over a ton apiece, 700 ornately carved wooden figures, and a crew of more than 400.

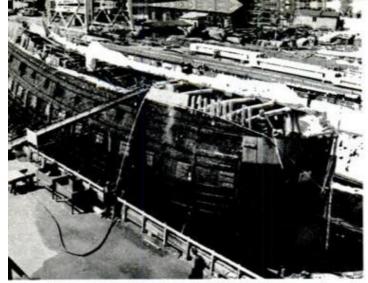
Between 3 and 4 in the afternoon the Wasa cast off from a dock near the Royal Palace, to be towed out into Stockholm Harbor. Once clear, her sails were set. When she had sailed only a few hundred yards, a sudden squall heeled her so far to port that water poured in through her lower gun ports. The pride of the Swedish Navy went to the bottom with flags flying. It was



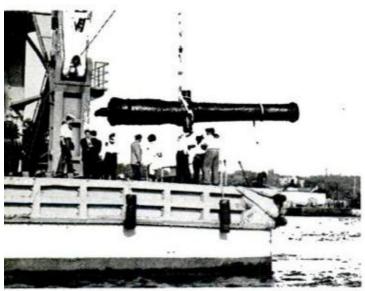
TOP-HEAVY WASA LOOKED LIKE THIS in 1628 when a puff rolled her over and sank her in 100 feet of water in Stockholm Harbor

ORIGINAL GUN CARRIAGES line lower gun deck, shown after mud was removed. Decks were originally painted red to hide blood

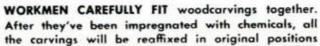




WASA FLOATED INTO DRYDOCK 10 days after she was first brought to the surface. Now she rests under a roof on a specially built concrete pontoon



SIZE OF WASA'S GUNS can be seen as one is hoisted ashore by a large pontoon crane. Incredibly, most of the 64 giant cannon were salvaged in 1668





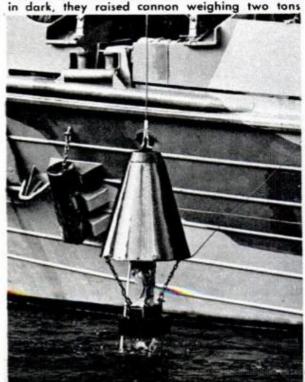


HUGE FIGUREHEAD WAS RECOVERED in 1959 before the whole ship was raised from the bottom. The ornate lion was one of 700 elaborate carvings



WASA MUSEUM IN STOCKHOLM HARBOR. Reclaimed vessel is now in covered drydock at far end. When fully restored, ship will need even larger building

IN DIVING BELLS LIKE THIS REPLICA, 17th century divers could stay down 15 minutes. Working in dark, they raised cannon weighing two tons

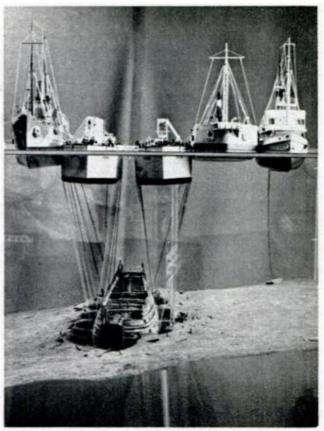


a national calamity. At least 30 were drowned, including members of the crew's families who had gone along for the ride to an island off Stockholm.

Today, 339 years later, the Wasa is the world's biggest single preservation object. The 155-foot hull, virtually intact, rests in an enclosed, airconditioned drydock, part of a fascinating new museum in which many of the 24,000 objects recovered with the Wasa are displayed amid scenes of shipboard life.

To prevent the Wasa's massive oak timbers, a foot and a half thick in some places, from shrinking and cracking during the drying-out process, a constant humidity of between 95 and 100 percent is maintained in the Quonsetlike barn that has been built around the ship. An automatic sprinkler sprays the hull continuously during nonworking hours and at hourly intervals during the day. Mixed with the spray is a solution of polyethylene glycol, a waxy substance which is gradually replacing the water and reinforcing the wood cells. The sprinkling process will go on until at least 1970.

Fortunately the Wasa was well preserved during her three and one-third centuries on the bottom. The protected

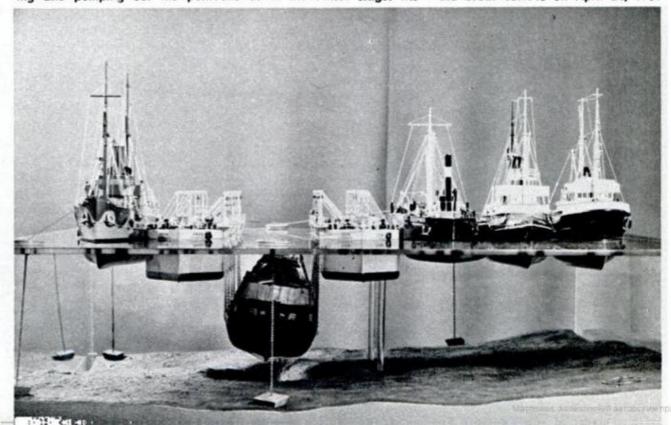


IN FIRST OF SALVAGE, Wasa was lifted from the bottom by pontoons and moved in 18 stages from its 100-foot depth to a more workable 50-foot depth

harbor, the mud, and Baltic Sea water, not salty enough to encourage shipworms, combined to keep her together. Iron bolts rusted and let decorations settle into the mud, but wooden pegs held the planking in place.

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FINAL LIFTING OF WASA WAS DONE BY HYDRAULIC JACKS attached to pontoons, rather than by flooding and pumping out the pontoons as in the initial stage. The Wasa broke surface on April 24, 1961



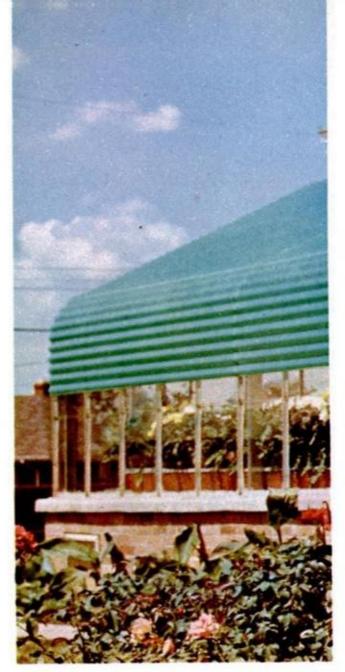
HOME IMPROVEMENT

Now's the time to BUILD A KIT GREENHOUSE

There are dozens of models to drool over, all neatly packaged in kit form, which go together as easily as an Erector set to let you enjoy your green thumb year round

If GARDENING IS YOUR HOBBY, there's nothing that will give you such year-round pleasure as a greenhouse. You become the master of all seasons when you're able to wrap your garden in glass and bring it inside for the winter.

You can hasten springtime with camellias, azaleas, daffodils, lilies and tulips, not to mention cuttings and seedlings by the hundreds for your outdoor garden. You can carry summertime deep into autumn with the blossoms of bromeliads, calendula, cyclamen and geraniums. And you can brighten winter with glorious carnations, snaps and mums.







A SOUTHERN EXPOSURE in which your greenhouse will be bathed in sun for at least three hours daily in winter, is the best spot to build it. This attached beauty (greenhouse) made by Aluminum Greenhouses, Inc. carries a basic price tag of \$867. Photos on following two pages show how this 10 x 21-ft. one goes together

♠ THE CONVENIENCE of an attached greenhouse is well illustrated in the photo at left. In addition, the picture shows how your glass house can become a part of the room itself in the form of a flowering bay. Your home's heating and airconditioning make it easy to heat and cool it

of year-round gardening pleasure, this pint-size 8-ft., 8-in. lean-to is made to order for the beginner and the do-it-your-selfer. This straight-sided one by Lord and Burnham sells for under \$300. Photos on page 220 show the main steps in erecting it. Door can be at either end

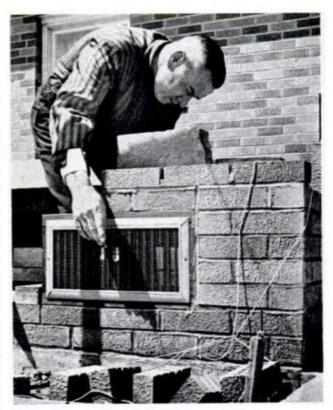




TRENCH FOR FOOTING is dug the width of a spade and to a depth below the frost line in your area. Uniform depth is assured with use of a T-shape gauge

Picking a greenhouse depends on what you want to grow, the space you have, the location in terms of sunlight and shade and the amount you want to spend.

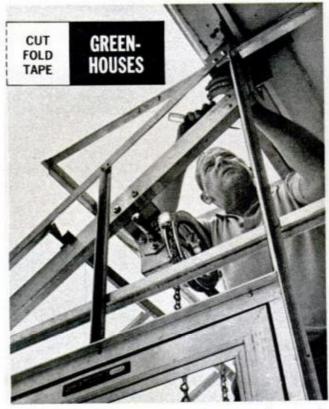
As with any hobby, you can start out on a small scale, beginning with a greenhouse



FOUNDATION VENTS are required to provide adequate circulation of air throughout greenhouse. Air enters through bottom vents, leaves through roof vents

that takes up no more than 6x10 ft. of ground and costs less than \$300. Or you can splurge on a fancy 20x30-ft. one that costs a pretty penny.

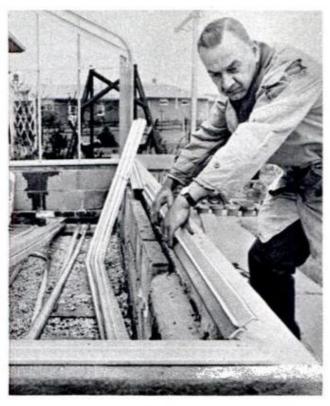
There are two basic styles to pick from: free-standing and attached. Of the two, an



VENTILATION MECHANISM can be operated manually by wheel or chain, or automatically controlled by a thermostat and motor. This part is installed last

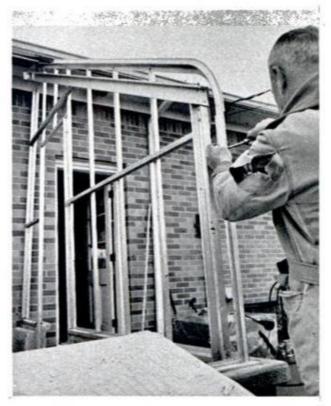


POPULAR MECHANICS



SILL MEMBER IS ANCHORED to foundation with lagscrews and later sealed with glazing compound. The sill members are only parts that need drilling

attached greenhouse is the favorite of many home gardeners because, in being attached to your house or garage, it's accessible from indoors which makes it extra convenient in cold and rainy weather. It's also easy to heat and often is lower in

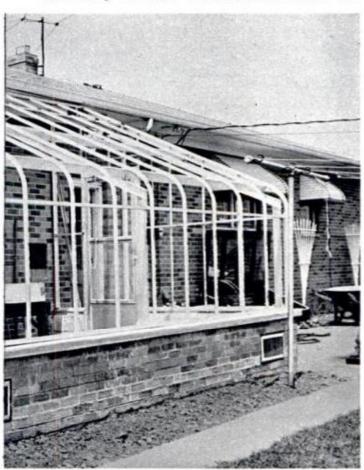


PREDRILLED AND FITTED sections go together easily with screwdriver and small wrench. All parts of the aluminum framework are keyed with the instructions

cost since an existing building provides either a side or an end.

The attached greenhouse can be a leanto or what is called an even span. Each type has its advantages. A lean-to can be

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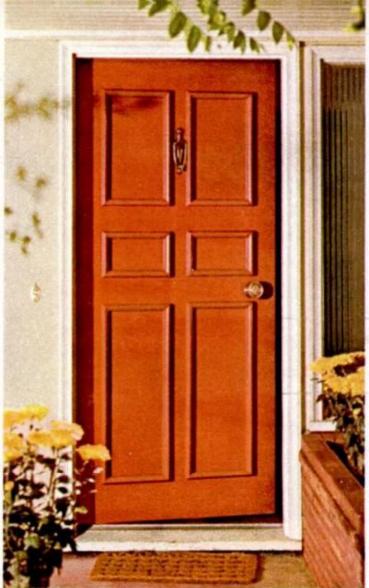


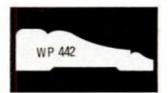


TINTED FIBERGLASS PANELS are used to shade your greenhouse in hot weather by reducing light transmission to 65 percent. The panels simply snap on

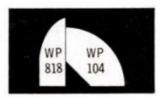
GLAZING IS DONE one vertical row at a time, from bottom up. Panes are lapped % in. Stainless-steel clips are first snapped in under lip to hold glass







WIDE CASING is used here for the three bold frames which are painted a contrasting color. A backset lock is centered in the middle door panel



DOORSTOP and quarter round are combined in this example, the stop molding being placed on the outside. Glue both together, then miter as one

New faces for your front door

Simple 'picture frames' of common molding can add a whole new look to your front door

FIRST IMPRESSIONS are lasting impressions and that holds true when your front door greets a guest. When it's a plain, everyday kind of door, it hardly rates a second look. But give it a beauty treatment of fancy molding, a striking knob, plus lively color, and it will be a door your guests will whistle at.

Molding eye-appeal into an uninviting flush door is as simple as falling off a log. You merely apply a grouping of "picture frames" to the outside (and inside, too, if you wish) in any of a dozen different ways. You can add three large bold frames of equal size or eight small ones, or a combination of the two. They can be painted a different color for contrast or the same color to match.

True, it takes a flush door to do it, but then if your home is still wearing the same old door it has for years, maybe it's time to treat it to a new one. A flush door is the least expensive and lets you create a design-it-yourself door you can't buy.

The sky's the limit, almost, when it comes to selecting the molding. A catalog from Western Wood Moulding Producers shows at least fifty different profiles, and while your lumber dealer might not stock them all, he'll have the popular ones. You can choose wide molding or narrow. To get fancy, you can build up each frame





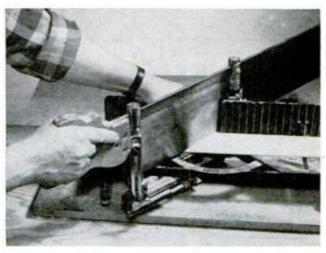
COVE MOLDING is combined with doorstop in creating these eight multiple frames. Again, both moldings are first glued together, then mitered

by combining two different moldings. Mitering the molding into square or rectangular frames requires at least a miterbox. If you have a table saw, rather than use its miter gauge, it will pay you to make a mitering jig like the one detailed on page 157, Feb. '67 PM. It's nothing more than a board fitted with runners on the underside to ride in the table grooves. A right-angle block is fastened to the board in front of the blade to bisect it exactly so you can make right or left-hand miters fast and accurately.

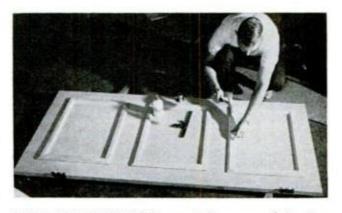
Glue and nail all the frames together first as if you're making picture frames. Then, with the door removed from its hinges and lying flat, arrange the frames where you want them and mark lightly. Run a bead of glue on the backs of the frames and carefully position to align with the marks. Let them dry, then nail them with small brads for good measure. ***



WHEN YOU HAVE the frames assembled and already marked for position on the door, run a bead of glue on the back of the molding and carefully set in place



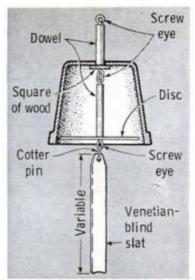
YOU MITER THE MOLDING as you would in making a picture frame, setting the miter box to make a 45° cut. Use the box's stop to assure identical lengths



AFTER GLUED FRAMES have set long enough to stay in place, go back and nail them to the door with short brads. Sink the heads, then putty over them

Make these flowerpot wind chimes for your patio



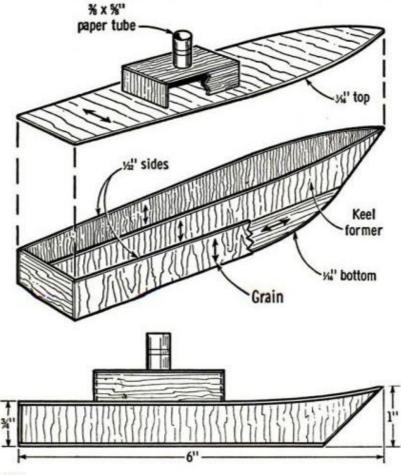


WANT BELLS TO TOLL on your patio? With the detail above as your guide, you can make a sweet-sounding set of wind chimes with several new, red-clay flower-pots sized from 3 to 8 in. in diameter.

You'll hear soft musical tones as thin hardboard discs, glued to slim dowels hung inside the inverted pots, strike the "bells." This occurs whenever a breeze blows metal strips cut from a venetian-blind slat and suspended below the discs.

To make holders, cut 2-in.-long dowel pieces of drain-hole diameter and glue metal washers and plywood squares to ends. For better tone, add a washer directly below each disc.—N.P. Steveson

Model glue propels this bathtub tugboat



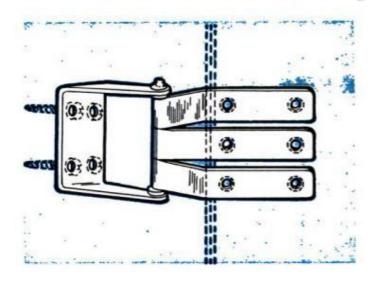
A REAL PUZZLER is this tiny model boat—there's no sign of motive power, but set it in water and away she goes!

Operation is very simple. Run a bead of ordinary model cement along the transom at the water line and put the boat in the water. It will soon move forward 20 to 30 feet. After it stops, wipe off the congealed cement and put on a fresh bead for another run.

To build it, use model airplane balsa wood. Cover bottom and sides with model plane tissue and apply three coats of dope to decorate and waterproof it. When dry, add two coats of paste wax to the bottom; rub to a high finish.

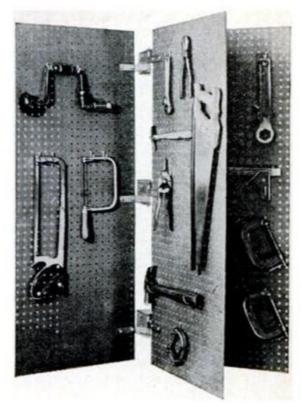
What makes it go? One guess is that volatile solvents in the cement "boil out" to exert a thrust, pushing the light hull forward.—R.L. Clough Jr.

New Hardware to Improve Your Home



Three-panel hinge

Clever new hinge lets you pivot three panels of perforated hardboard to form a roomy, six-sided storage rack in a minimum of space. Great for holding mops and brooms, perfect for corraling hand tools. John Sterling Corp., Richmond, III.

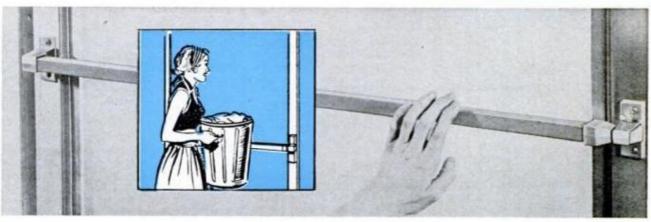




Storm-and-screen-door hardware

Ideal Brass Works of Red Bank, N. J., has introduced three new hardware items of interest to all homeowners. The preset hydraulic closer shown above eliminates the bounce-back characteristic of pneumatic door closers. The jam-proof door latch shown at the right has a special metal plate which keeps the locking mechanism in an open position when door swings shut. Can't accidentally lock you out.





Ideal's Touchbar latch (above) lets you open storm or screen from inside when hands are full—a nudge and the door is open. Extends full door width to protect screen and glass from damage.

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HOW TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT

Don't be confused by that bewildering array of chemical wonders crowding your dealer's shelves. Here's a quick course in caulks to help you pick the best material for every kind of sealing job

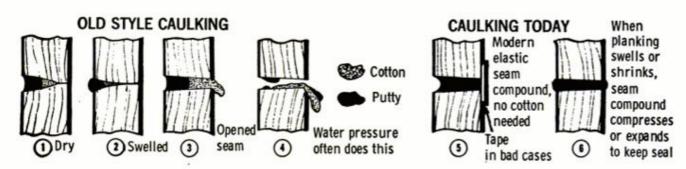
TODAY'S BOAT CAULKS and sealants can do things for a boat that could never be done before, which is one reason why you're likely to find more than a dozen different types on your marine dealer's shelves. Some save you money, some save you work, and some can save your boat when it's such a leak-riddled wreck it would once have been relegated to the junk heap.

Which one you choose depends on the job to be done, since a material that can make one boat watertight as a bottle may actually start a leak in another. The principal ingredients of the material are a pretty good guide to the job it can do.

On wooden hulls, the condition of the boat and the location involved makes a big difference. For instance, a plank deck is alternately sun-baked and rain-drenched, so you need a seam compound that can compress and stretch without tearing loose from the wood when planks swell and shrink. On the other hand, the underwater portion of an old wide-seamed hull requires a compound with strength of its own, especially on a deep-draft cruiser.

The pressure trying to force water through the hull seams increases by 64 lbs. per sq. ft. with every added foot of depth. At a mere 2½ ft. in quiet water it adds up to 160 lbs. per sq. ft. That's enough to dislodge many old-style seam materials and give you a bail-or-sink situation.

If the hull is fairly tight, requiring only minor seam touch-up, you can use an inexpensive oil-polybutene type. Because it sticks better and has much greater elasticity than the old white lead-oil types, it has taken their place to a large extent. It's also



- Traditionally, seams widened toward outside of hull and were closely fitted (with slight gap) toward inside. To seal, they were paint-primed and stranded caulking cotton was driven in with a caulking iron. Then the outer portion of the seam was filled with white lead-in-oil putty, which was knifed slightly concave to allow for swelling of the planks.
- 2. When planks swelled, caulking cotton was squeezed to form a tight gasket between planks, and white lead putty was squeezed outward, sometimes making a smooth, flush surface, sometimes bulging a little, depending on caulker's skill.
- 3. Planking that was too tightly cotton-caulked or allowed to dry out for too many seasons ashore without launching, often developed a "set" or permanently open seam. One reason: Wood fibers were crushed next to the seam when planking swelled against hard-driven caulking, and didn't re-swell normally when wet.
- 4. Caulking cotton worked into these opened seams was often forced out on the inside of the hull, providing little

- or no sealing effect after launching, so that water pressure (especially on deep draft hulls) could push both caulking and putty filler out of the seam, causing serious leaks.
- 5. Modern synthetic rubbers and resins (polysulphide is a prime example) require no caulking cotton, even in opened seams, as pressure-sensitive tape can seal the inside of the seam while soft, uncured seam compound is putty-knifed or gunned into the seam. It adheres powerfully to plank edges in a seam if they're dry and grease free. Outer surface of the seam compound should be slightly concave.
- 6. After curing, seam compound, like polysulphide, can't be pushed out by water pressure in pleasure boat hulls of normal draft—and even those in most deep-draft categories. It is not only an elastic seal that compresses and expands when planking ranges from water logged to bone dry, but it's a powerful adhesive that won't part from the wood. And it's strong enough to take the water pressure. So, although modern caulking and seam-sealing materials often cost many times more than traditional materials, they're worth it.

BOAT CAULK

By George Emory

TRANSLATING THE LABEL

Polymer or elastomer simply means a chain-like molecular arrangement repeated over and over. Two-part liquid polymers are "chains" that have been cut short. When the two parts are combined, they "cure" by tying two short "chains" together to form a longer one which turns the liquids into a solid. That's why you have to mix thoroughly. If some of the chains don't link up, your material won't be firm.

Base compound, curing agent, accelerator, curing agent or catalyst. Base compound is the body of your material. The other terms refer to what you mix with it to "cure" it to a solid or rubbery state. In common types, the mixing ratio between the two parts may range all the way from 1 to 1, up to 100 to 1. So follow directions on the brand you buy.

Pot life, work life, or application life, tells you how long the goo remains usable after you mix the two parts, or how long a time you can count on a one-part material remaining usable. Sometimes it means the time required for a caulk to set up solid. These terms vary with the manufacturer, so be sure you know the true meaning before you go to work.

Tack-free time, cure time, optimum cure time, ultimate cure time and cure rate. Though the interpretation may sometimes be looser, tack-free time is usually the time required for the material to cure firm enough for the next step in your finishing job to be accomplished without damaging the first-applied portion. For example, some caulkings are ready for painting in an hour, some immediately and some the next day. You don't want to try sanding something that will clog your sandpaper like chewing gum or muck up your paint.

Ultimate cure time and optimum cure time refer to the time it takes for the material to acquire its full husky and rugged state. In general, with polysulphides, this takes about seven days for the two-part types. The one-part versions depend on the amount of moisture in the air. This is all usually figured on a temperature of around 75°. Actually, the stuff keeps on getting tougher for quite a while after that.

Relative humidity is important to curing time, especially of the one-part products. The term refers to the amount of moisture in the air in proportion to

the maximum that it could hold at the temperature involved. As cold air can't hold much moisture, you're better off using one-part systems on warm days.

Tensile strength is the load in pounds per square inch that your material will take before it breaks. Some people call this "ultimate tensile strength." If you take an old strip of rubber, measure its cross sectional area, then clamp both ends and stretch it out until it lets go, you can figure its tensile strength.

Modulus is a fancy term for plain, everyday stretch. Materials with a low modulus flex and stretch easily without much pull. Ones with a high modulus call for a harder yank to get the same effect.

Elongation is usually measured in terms of the percentage of stretch an elastic material can take before it breaks. If a rubber seam compound can stretch from 1/4 in. to 1/2 in., it has 100 percent elongation.

Shore hardness has no relation to the shore where you do your boating. It's related to a Shore durometer, which tries to drive a needle into the material being tested. The more it takes to drive the needle into the surface, the higher the Shore reading.

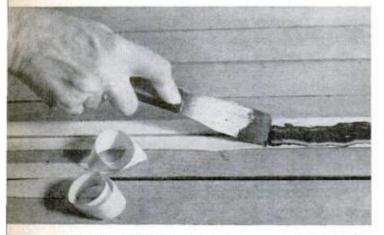
Adhesion is measured in terms of "peel strength" and "tension" or "tensile adhesion." In the peel test, the adhesive material is pulled from a surface like a banana skin. In tensile, it is usually measured by the load required to pull apart a pair of blocks bonded together with it. In either case the material to which the adhesive substance is bonded may let go before the adhesive does. If a layer of wood is ripped off with the adhesive, it has "pulled" wood. If the adhesive comes free of the wood, you have an adhesive failure. If the material itself pulls apart, freeing the blocks, you have a "cohesive" failure.

Viscosity and thixtropy sound awful but aren't. Molasses is more viscous than water and pitch is more viscous than molasses. That's the gist of viscosity. Thixtropy is a bit more recent, and less understood. Whipped cream, for example, will stick to the ceiling, but mineral oil will drip from the same ceiling. Similarly, the mineral oil in a jar will slosh from one end to the other if you invert the jar, but whipped cream won't. Whipped cream is thixtropic.

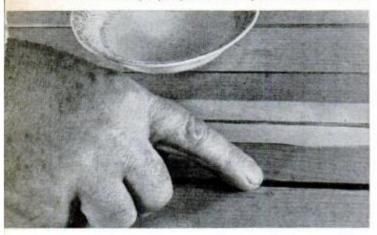




MAKE THIS TOOL for cleaning seams by wrapping tape around broken sabre-saw blade to form handle



RUN MASKING TAPE along the edges of seam to be caulked with polysulphide and you'll avoid smears



YOUR MOIST FINGER is best tool for smoothing a polysulphide seam to proper concave configuration

TWO-PART COMPOUNDS come in twin packages such as stacked cans, left, and nested cans, right



easy to use, easy to paint and easy to buy. In fact, if you ask for just plain seam compound, it's the kind you'll usually get.

This type eventually dries out and hardens, however, so you'll probably have to do the job over after a season or two. And on a deck you may have to do it sooner. But, all in all, it's a good material.

If you're painting over caulking, be sure the paint is compatible with it. Otherwise, you'll have peeling or blistering along the seams. For severe shrink-and-swell conditions you need an elastic seam compound matched to an elastic finishing material. Most boat-finish manufacturers make both in the form of a "system." Sav-Cote's polysulfide seam compound and plastic resin coating is one. Calahan's Seaprene hypalon (resin) seam compound and Seaprene neoprene coating is another.

These coatings, and others of the same type, can be used as a run-in caulking in very narrow seams and cracks. You can also use the hypalon compound on alumimum-boat seams and patches, a job for which polysulfide isn't recommended because of lead compounds it contains.

Should you use a two-part or one-part seam compound? In polysulfide, at least, there are plenty of pros and cons for each. The two-part type must be very thoroughly mixed and after mixing it must be used within a few hours, but it's ready for sanding the next day.

(If you hate to waste any surplus that remains, have some homemade molds ready. The material actually becomes synthetic rubber when it cures, so you can make your own gaskets, washers or sparkplug covers. Line the molds with polyethylene or coat their inner surfaces with petroleum jelly. Polysulfide won't stick to either one.)

One-part polysulfide is cured by moisture in the air, so it sets up faster in damp weather. And what isn't used isn't wasted. Just cap the tube when the job is finished, and you can save the remainder for weeks. But allow at least a week for the job to cure; even more than that during dry weather.

For really leaky wooden hulls, either type of polysulfide is an excellent choice. Make a clean job of it though. It isn't easy to sand off cured rubber when you do smeary work. The best way is to use masking tape on both sides of all seams so

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	A QUICK GUIDE TO MODERN CAULKS AND SEALANTS	OCCUPATION OF THE
Basic Ingredient	Data	Price
Acrylic	Hard, two-part forms include wood and metal adhesives and dent fillers up to 6,000 p.s.i. strength, like 3-Ton Adhesive. Flexible one-part forms for trim caulk, like white-coating deck seams, are available.	(Varies widely)
Buna N	Highly flexible one-part sealants for small cracks and bedding jobs where ample give is needed. Match the type to the use. Expect some shrinkage. Examples: Ti-Tall, Alum 'O' Bond.	8-oz. squeeze tube, \$1.70
Butyl	Highly flexible one-part seam and bedding compound. Ample give for parts that flex and twist. Often used in lapstrake seams, also under deck hardware. Examples: Butyl-Flex, Rub-R-Tex.	8-oz. squeeze tube, \$1.95
Ероху	High-strength, two-part dent filler like Kuhl's Epotex, or two-part seam filler in combinations like Travaco Lab's epoxy-thiokol Caulk-Tex. Long life. Price varies with formula.	pt., \$7.90; qt., \$15
Hypalon	One-part flexible seam compound compatible with neoprene hull coatings. Long life, tough. Example: Seaprene Caulking.	lb. cartridge, \$4.80
Neoprene	One-part, air-dried, elastic, in liquid and knifing forms. Highly elastic, usually requires care in applying. Liquid can be flowed in to seal small seams, cracks. Example: Liquid Seaprene.	qt. liquid, \$4.80
Nitrocellulose	One-part dent filler, dries by Solvent evaporation. Easily shaped, available in wood tones and colors. Can be tooled, sanded, and finished like wood. Topside and cabin use. Examples: Duratite Wood Dough, Kuhls Woodtex, Plastic Wood.	ib., 98¢
Oleoresinous	Seam compounds, bedding compounds, and dent fillers made from natural oils and resins, in one-part ready-to-use form. Easy to apply, moderate to long life (25 years in some cases). Not usually as tough as synthetic rubbers. Examples: Avio Glue (softest form), Bedlast (moderate stiffness), Seam Composition 2 (stiffer), Seam Composition 1 (stiffest), Trowelast, dent filler.	qt., \$3-\$4
Pine or coal tar	One-part combinations of tar and resins, often with toxic material added to prevent damage by marine organisms. No heating required. Example: Woolsey Underwater Seam Compound.	qt., \$2.65
Polybutene	One-part, ready-to-use elastic seam compound, glazing, and bedding compound. Also made in "rope" form with asbestos fiber for glazing and bedding. Examples: Elastic Seam Compound, Dap Architectural-Grade Caulking (also suited to boat hulls), Dap Rope Caulk Bedding.	qt., \$2.95; 11-oz. cartridge, 62¢; rope caulk, 50' roll, \$1.07
Polysulphide	Made in two-part and one-part forms. Two-part form cures faster. Both types become synthetic rubber when cured, form one of toughest, longest-lived seam compounds available. Two-part form must be very thoroughly mixed, used within working time specified on can. Examples: Sav-Cote Polysulphide Caulking, Rub-R-Seam, Flexiseal Polysulphide, Caw-King Rubber Seam Compound.	qt., \$10
Polyvinyl acetate	One-part sealant for above-waterline use as glazing and sealing compound, also for white deck seams. Long-lived, waterproof, but not suited to prolonged immersion because of tendency to swell. Example: Quick Seal.	6 oz. squeeze tube, \$1.29
Rubber-base	Rubber in petroleum-derived vehicle, waterproof. Dries hard, not flexible. Can be applied to wet surface in emergency. Not proof against gas and oil. Example: Miracle Adhesive.	pt., 85¢
Silicone rubber	One-part flexible sealant that sticks to almost all materials, including metals, glass, fiberglass, and painted surfaces. Highly elastic but not paintable in most forms. Made in light and dark tones. Very long life. Examples: General Electric Marine Seal, Dow Corning Marine Sealant.	3-oz. squeeze tube, \$1.95
Urethane	One-part flexible seam compound with good adhesion properties on teak and similar oily woods. General qualities comparable to polysulphide. Examples: Caw-King Urethane Seam Compound, Polycaulk Black Polyurethane.	qt., \$7.75

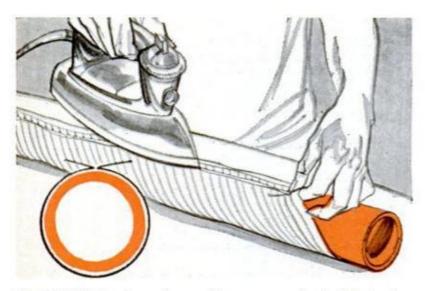
One-part flexible ready-to-use seam compound, easy to apply. Toxic element added for types applied to bottom seams in salt water. Example: Vinelast Bottom Seam Compound. Vinvi

qt., \$2.15

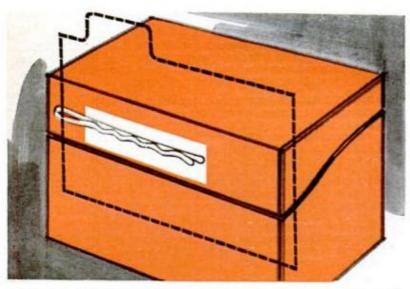
Old traditional seam sealant over caulking cotton. Not flexible, Ib., 70¢ White lead putty short-lived (dries out).

Note: These principal ingredients are combined with other materials in widely varied ways by different manufacturers to achieve special working qualities. So, not all products in a given category will behave in the same manner. You will also find special products for special purposes, like International's two-part Epoxy-Putty for steel yacht huils, and Boatyard Bedding Compound made from fish oil and oleoresins for traditional-minded skippers. Your best guide to products not mentioned here (space doesn't permit a complete list) is the name of a reputable manufacturer and a reliable dealer. The directions on the container will do the rest. A phone call or letter to the maker will usually solve special problems.

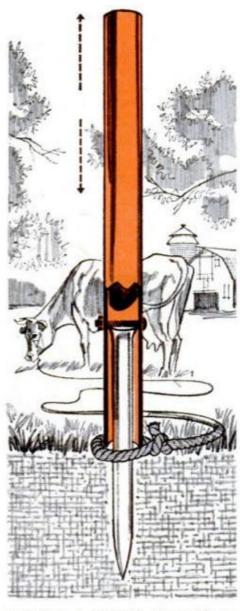
Solving home problems



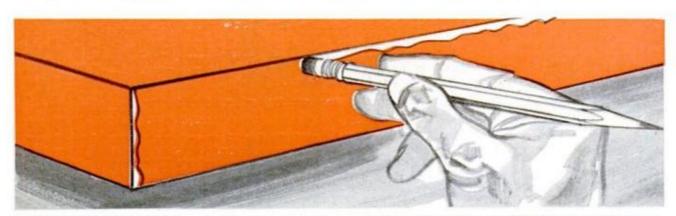
IT'S DIFFICULT to keep from making a crease in the fabric when pressing a seam flat that is to be later turned. Difficult, yes, unless you do the pressing along a mailing tube that's inserted inside



HOW DO YOU PROP UP a recipe card so you can follow it? There've been a dozen ways, but a real simple solution is to tape one leg of a bobby pin to the recipe file box and stick the card in it



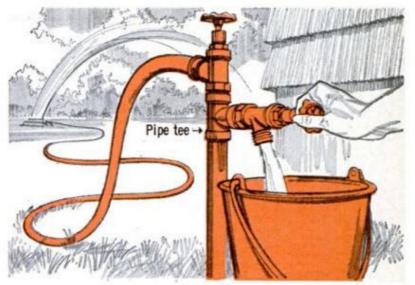
YOU RUN A CHANCE of possible injury to an animal when you tether it to a short stake. Slip a pipe over it and you can rest easy. Crossbolt lets the pipe also serve as stake driver



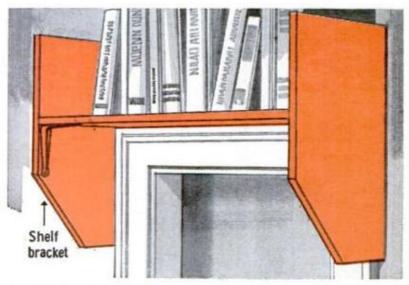
YOU CAN USE A FINGER to rub off excess contact cement, but you're apt to get a blister. You can use solvent, but you're apt to loosen the bond. A smart way is to rub it off with the eraser on the end of a pencil



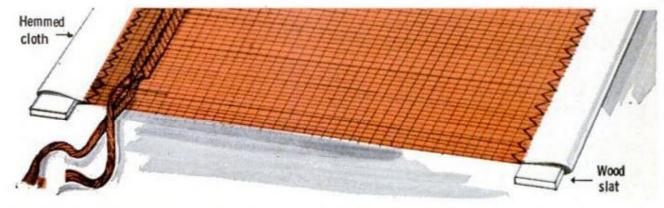
LOOSE-LEAF PAPERS in a ring binder won't tear so easily if you coat the areas around the holes with clear, fastdrying household cement. It's faster than applying gummed reinforcements



EVER HAVE A SPRINKLER going and wish you could draw a pail of water from the same hydrant? A tee fitting is all you need to add a second faucet at right angles to a sillcock or standpipe



A BOOKSHELF over a door puts waste space to good use when a youngster's room is bursting at the seams. Door casing provides ready-made support for attaching shelf with screws down from top



YOUR WIFE'S NEEDLEPOINT will stay flat and straight while she works on it if sleeves of cloth are first sewn to two sides of the mesh and wood slats run into them. She can roll it neatly when she puts it aside



Build This Low-Cost Diving Board

For \$1250

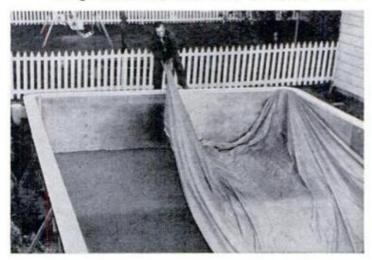
YOU KNOW WHAT a 12-ft. one-meter diving board similar to the one shown in the photo above is apt to cost you? As much as \$124. I couldn't shell out that kind of dough, so I built a laminated board for —believe it or not—\$14. As far as I can tell it works as well. I weigh 180 lbs. and it flips me with no strain on the board, using the standard minimum fulcrum setting of 5½ ft.

16x32-ft. Sparton swimming pool for \$1250 that never needs painting. Of course, there are such hidden costs as water, filter, diving board, excavating, plus the flagstone apron and fence around the edge,

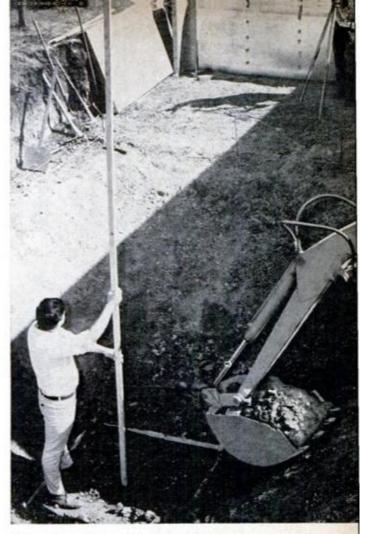
I started out with 11 straight 2x3 fir studs and turned them into a beautiful tapered board as outlined in the steps shown in the drawing at right. After giving it a nonslip coating, I mounted it on tubular U-shaped legs buried in concrete.



AFTER POOL WALLS are bolted together, white snaplock coping is added around top of steel sections, fitting the corners first. Bolts in T-slots hold it



POOL BOTTOM is covered with 2 in. of sand, troweled smooth, then vinyl is draped, snapped to coping

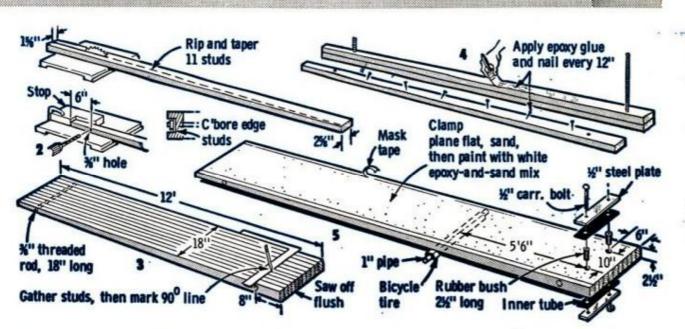


YOU HIRE this part of job. Backhoe digger does neatest job of shaping hopper hole at the deep end

but then these are extras that go with the basic price of most any pool.

It's an ambitious project for eager beavers, but it beats the usual high cost of swimming in the back yard. The galvanized steel walls, 42 in. high, come from the factory in 7½ and 9½-ft. sections which bolt together. Special "bearing plates"

work as levers to align the sections when hitched together. The earth bottom is dug with sloping sides, after which wet sand is used as a base for the one-piece, heavy-duty vinyl liner which is "buttoned" to the walls. A vacuum cleaner is used to suck out the air under the vinyl to draw it snug and wrinkle-free.



Build This Two-in-One Chest-Crib

Keeping baby happy is made extra convenient by having everything right at hand in one compact piece of nursery furniture

By DON SCHACKMUTH

Technical art by ZIK Associates

LIKE A HIGH CHAIR which can be handed down from one child to another, a baby crib is a piece of furniture that down through the years can become a real part of the family, not only your own, but your brother's and sister's as well.

And who wouldn't be anxious to borrow this one! It's the handiest thing ever, for it not only has its own built-in fivedrawer chest, but there's storage galore below the crib for sheets and blankets. Everything's right at hand, all in one compact, space-saving unit.

While you can buy mattresses from Sears and Wards to fit 1, 2, 4 and 6-year-old size cribs, the crib dimensioned here is for a 23 x 46-in. mattress, which is a 4-year size. If you prefer to build the crib larger to take a 27 x 52 in. mattress, you'll have to increase the dimensions to suit. You may want to use a slab of latex foam rubber for a mattress.

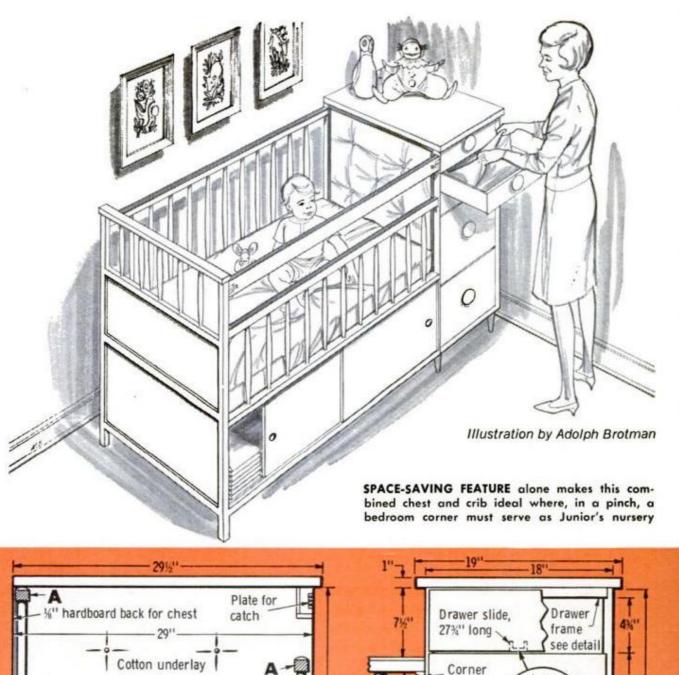
Maple or birch are good durable woods for a project like this. All the rails should be solid stock. The sides and top of the chest can be hardwood-faced plywood or solid stock. Tempered hardboard can be used for the crib panels and sliding doors. Where plywood is used, the exposed plies are covered with wood-grain tape. Remember, if you paint the crib, use non-toxic paint. You'll note in the drawings that strips of chrome molding are indicated along the top rails to discourage teething.

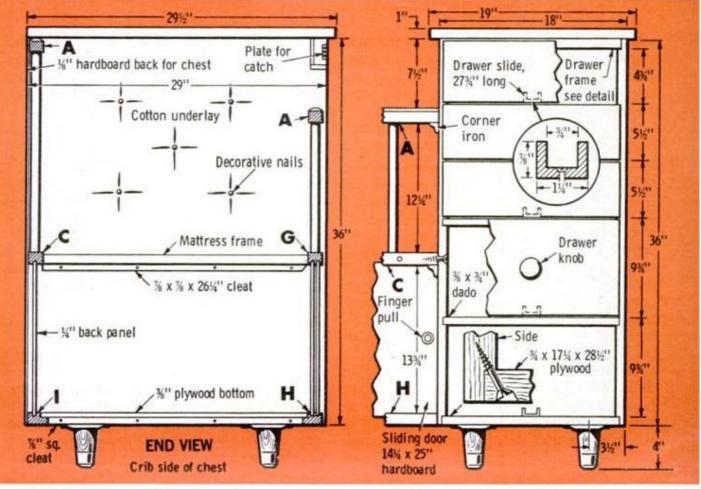
Before beginning to build, study the drawings so you fully understand the construction. Make the chest first. The end and front views on the opposite page give the width and depth of it. Both side members are rabbeted at the ends and dadoed in between to receive five drawer frames and a solid bottom. All the drawer frames are made alike from solid stock and assembled with dowels at the corners. Glue is used to fasten the frames in the dadoes, while both glue and screws are used to fasten the top frame and the chest bottom in the rabbets.

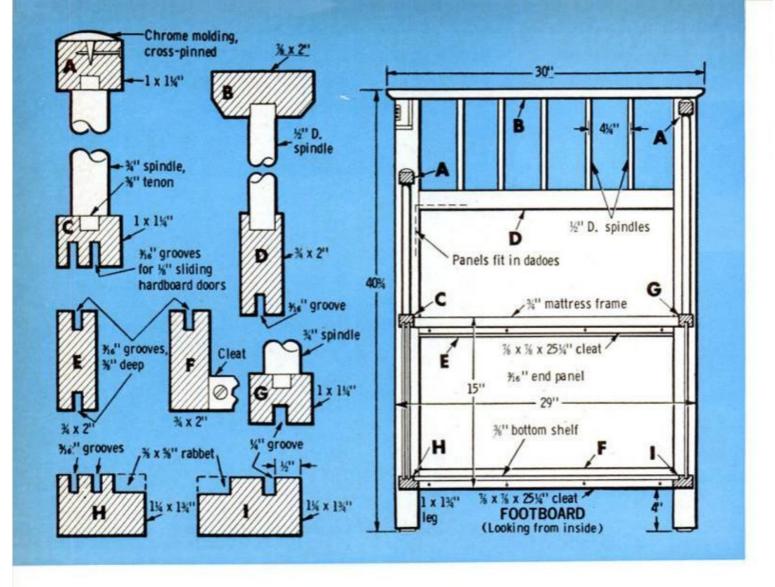
Once this is done, the hardboard back can be added to hold the assembly square. This member is cut slightly less than full width and height of the chest so its edges won't show so much. It is simply centered and nailed to the rear edges. The chest top is kept even with the back panel, but overhangs ½ in. on three sides. Glue and screws driven up through the top frame are used to attach it.

Runners attached to the bottoms of the drawers slide in wood channels screwed to the middle of the drawer frames. Typical drawer construction prevails, each being made to fit its opening. The drawers lap the openings at the top and sides, but not the bottom. The exception is the bottom drawer which laps the bottom member of the chest. Thumbtacks (or regular plastic glides) pressed in the frames at the front corners will make the drawers slide freely. Ready-made 4-in. tapered legs with metal plates for attaching are purchased and screwed to the chest bottom to complete it.

Now for the crib: The footboard is assembled as a separate unit, as are the front and the back spindle railings. Only af-







after these assemblies are made can you begin to join the crib parts to the chest. The keyed sectional details in the drawing above give the size and shape of the various rails.

Start by ripping and dressing the two end posts 1 x 1¾ in. Total length of the posts when the top rail is added should equal the height of the chest. Dadoes for the hardboard panels are made in facing edges of the posts, but you'll notice that they are blind—that is, they are stopped where the panels fit. Grooved rails D, E and F merely butt the posts. A long screw, plus glue and the panels themselves, holds the rails. All such screw fastenings, by the way, are made in counterbored holes and later capped with wood buttons.

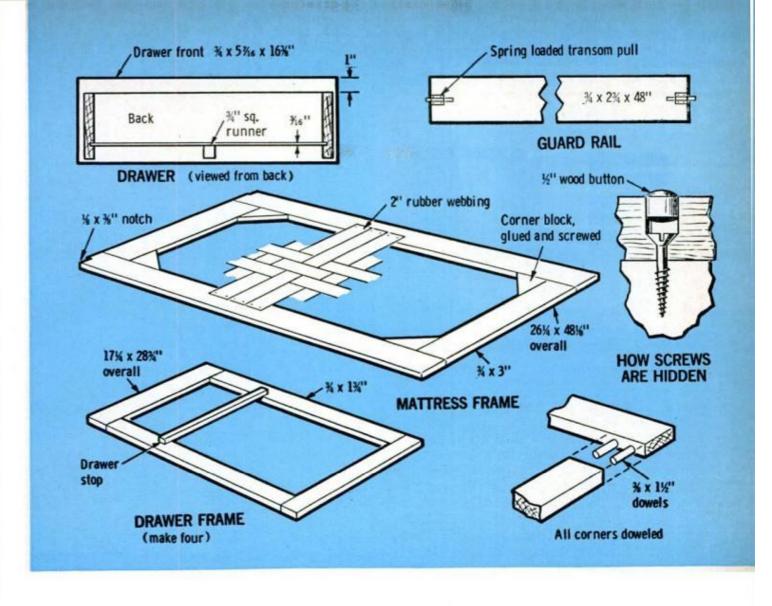
Besides being grooved, rail D is also drilled for five ½-in. spindles. These can be common hardwood dowels, or you can turn fancy ones on a lathe. Top rail B is drilled also and its lower edges beveled. This now leaves two cleats to be screwed to rails E and F, one to support the bot-

tom of the storage compartment and the other to support the mattress frame. Additional cleats are added to the face of the rear post and to the chest to later support the ends of the compartment's back panel.

Rails A and C and A and G are fitted with eleven ¾-in. spindles equally spaced. Here in checking the sectional details of the rails, you'll notice that the dowel spindles are shouldered to fit ¾-in. blind holes.

If dowels are used for spindles, shouldering them almost requires a lathe and one that has a hollow spindle through the headstock large enough to accept a ¾-in. dowel. Chucking it and letting the end protrude a couple of inches makes it a simple job to turn a perfect ¾-in. tenon at the end.

However, you can cut a fairly accurate tenon on your bench saw by laying the dowel flat on the table, at right angles to the blade, and slowly rotating it over the top of the blade. Here the saw's fence is used as a depth stop and the saw's miter gauge (anchored to the table with tape)



is used as a fence against which the dowel is rotated. The blade is raised to project a maximum \(\frac{3}{16} \) in. above the table, but you should take only \(\frac{1}{16} \)-in. cuts at a time when working with such hard wood. If you're careful, you can produce a fairly accurate tenon this way.

You'll notice that rail C, as well as its mating rail H, has grooves in it for two sliding hardboard doors. Likewise, rails G and I are grooved to accept the back panel. You should note that the grooves for the sliding doors are made deeper in the top rail than the bottom one so you can later insert the doors. Rails H and I also have rabbets along the inner edges to support the \%-in. plywood bottom.

Flathead wood screws in counterbored holes are used, along with glue, to join the rails to the footboard and to the chest. Additional support at the chest end is provided by corner irons placed under rails A, C and G. The crib, by the way, can be added to either the right or left side of the chest, as you prefer.

The mattress frame rests on the cleat

added earlier to the footboard and on a second cleat screwed to the side of the chest. The detail above shows how the corners of the mattress frame are doweled and how the top of it is covered with rubber webbing stretched and interlaced to form a soft support.

Since the front rail is fixed and doesn't slide up and down like most conventional cribs, a separate removable guard rail is provided. This is simply a 3-in. board fitted with a spring-loaded transom pull at each end to engage catch plates attached to both the chest and the footboard. L-shaped retaining brackets, cut from ¼-in. wood, position the guard rail and help register the pulls with their catches.

One last step after painting is padding the crib side of the chest. Here a 1-in. layer of cotton is covered with fabric, tufted by driving bright tacks into the chest and trimmed around the edges with gimp. Add the knobs to the drawers, the finger cups to the sliding doors and you're finished.

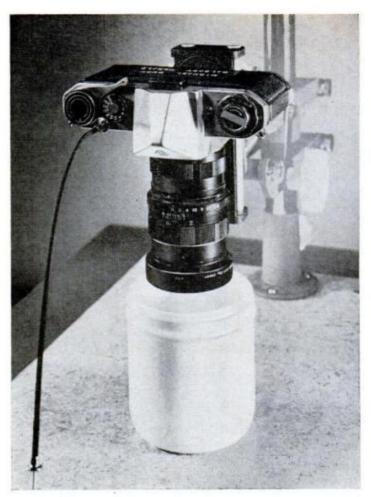
PHOTO HINTS



Close-up light diffuser

An empty white opaque face-cream jar makes an instant "tent" for clean, even lighting of small shiny objects like coins. Place the object in the bottom of the jar and shine the lights at the sides. In the case of coins, like the one above, basic exposure remains unchanged.

-Michael Burns



Plastic box protects film

The molded-plastic cartons that cameras and small appliances come in are perfect for carrying film and batteries on a trip. The insulating plastic protects them from heat.—Marshall Lincoln

Bag those flashbulbs

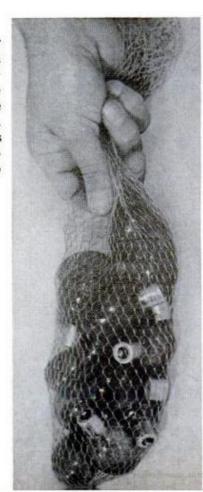
Flashbulbs kept in their cardboard sleeves take up a lot of space in a crowded camera bag. You can solve the problem with a mesh vegetable sack from the supermarket. The sack will keep the bulbs together yet let them slip into small nooks and crannies to save space in your bag.



"Automatic" lens cap

If you've lost your lens cap or prefer not to bother with one, here's an answer. A small piece of foam plastic fastened inside your camera case will press up against the lens automatically when the case is closed and keep out dirt and moisture. Drop the front of the case and you're ready to shoot.

-Ken Patterson



Why is it called a 2x4?

EVER MEASURE a 2x4? It isn't 2 in. x 4 in. at all. True, when first cut it did measure 2 in. thick and 4 in. wide, but planing it smooth on all four sides, plus loss in size through shrinkage in drying, reduced it to about 15% x 35% in.

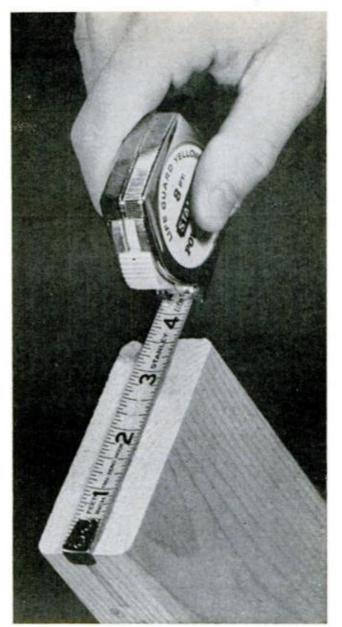
When lumber is first cut from a log, it may be literally saturated with water. This is reflected in the term "green" used for unseasoned lumber. As this water evaporates, lumber shrinks.

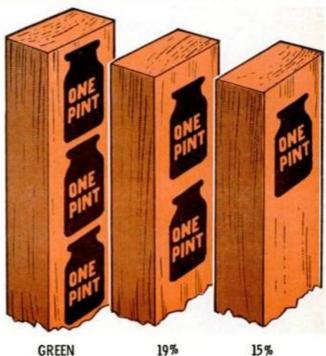
For example, an 8-ft. green 2x4 contains about three pints of water. Conventional kiln-drying at the mill lowers the water content from three pints to about two pints, or 19 percent average moisture content. But the piece dries even further in use. At about 15 percent moisture content, it remains reasonably stable.

Obviously, all framing lumber (2x4s through 2x12s) with uneven, uncontrolled amounts of water will shrink unevenly and shrinkage begins in different members at different times. These changes continue even after the lumber is nailed together. In fact, they never stop until the moisture content of the wood and the atmosphere come into equilibrium. This tends to produce a shifting, moving house. Stairs and floors squeak, windows and doors stick and bind, plaster cracks and nails "pop" in drywall. Thus the importance of building a home of dry lumber is obvious. Framing lumber that's shrunk down to uniform size before it goes into a house won't give you trouble afterward.

Since the thickness of lumber should be related to its moisture content, Weyer-haeuser, for example, surfaces its 2x4s down to a 1½-in. thickness after they are dried to a uniformly low moisture content of 15 percent.

Oddly enough, as lumber dries and shrinks, it actually increases in strength, stiffness and load-bearing ability, resists twisting and warping and has four times the holding power of green lumber. Tests have proved that its reduced size not only provides ample strength, but helps avoid "over-construction."





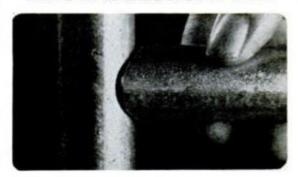
THE BEST kiln-dried lumber is never completely "dry," but it remains reasonably stable when the green moisture content is reduced to 15 percent



WEEKEND PROJECTS WITH PIPE

- Shop stool
- Typing table
- Hand truck
- Fireplace grate
- PLUS handy tips on making things with pipe

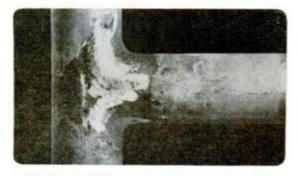
STEPS IN MAKING A BUTT WELD



1. GRIND AND CHAMFER edges to form groove



2. WELD JOINT, filling groove with weld metal



3. DRESS FILLET smooth with grinding wheel



4. SAND JOINT to remove remaining scale

By JOHN BURROUGHS

Technical art by ZIK Associates

STEEL WATER PIPE is a first-rate raw material for shopwork. It's as readily available as lumber, comes in convenient standard sizes and isn't awfully expensive.

Furthermore, you don't need a shopful of metalworking equipment to build a project with pipe. That dead-soft lowcarbon steel is quite easy to cut and it welds beautifully. The only power tool that's really essential is a grinder. If you lack welding equipment, you can have the necessary welding done at a local garage or welding shop (about \$5 an hour) or rent a small arc welder from a tool-rental firm (about \$6 a day).

Pipe, of course, can be welded up in combination with other mild steel chunks of plate, bar stock, lengths of angle iron or butt-weld-type pipe fittings.

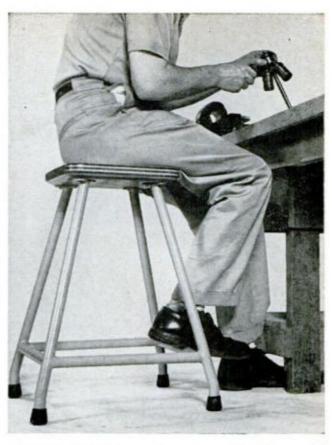
When your pipework involves short lengths of mitered pipe welded into a complex shape, or requires two or more subassemblies that must match, make a full-size drawing on a plywood panel or wrapping paper. Then fit the pipe directly on this layout.

You can buy standard-weight pipe with either black or galvanized finish in the sizes listed on page 183. (Though you'll seldom need it, double-strength pipe with heavier walls is also available.) Galvanized pipe is usually preferable to black for pipe projects, as the soft zinc galvanizing is much easier to smooth up with a sanding disc.

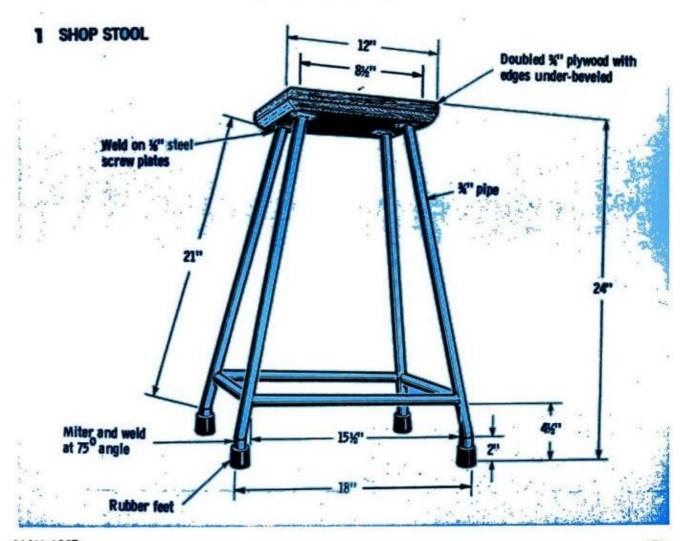
Pipe is sold in 10 and 21-ft. lengths, or cut to size at per-foot prices. Most plumbing supply firms and hardware stores make an extra charge (about 10 cents a cut) for cutting pipe to specified lengths. However, you can cut up full lengths yourself with a plumber's pipe



TORCH WELDING is slower than arc welding but leaves smoother fillets. However, either may be used provided proper care is taken in smoothing joint



FINISHED STOOL is sturdy and good-looking, could just as well be used in the kitchen or the laundry room. Note the use of crutch tips to protect floor

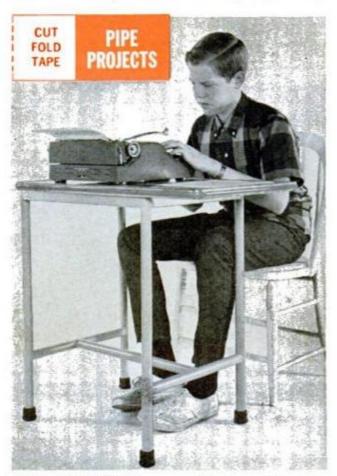




TO CUT PIPE, use abrasive cutoff wheel in a portable saw. Block the pipe between two 2x4s and tack a wood strip across the blocking to guide saw



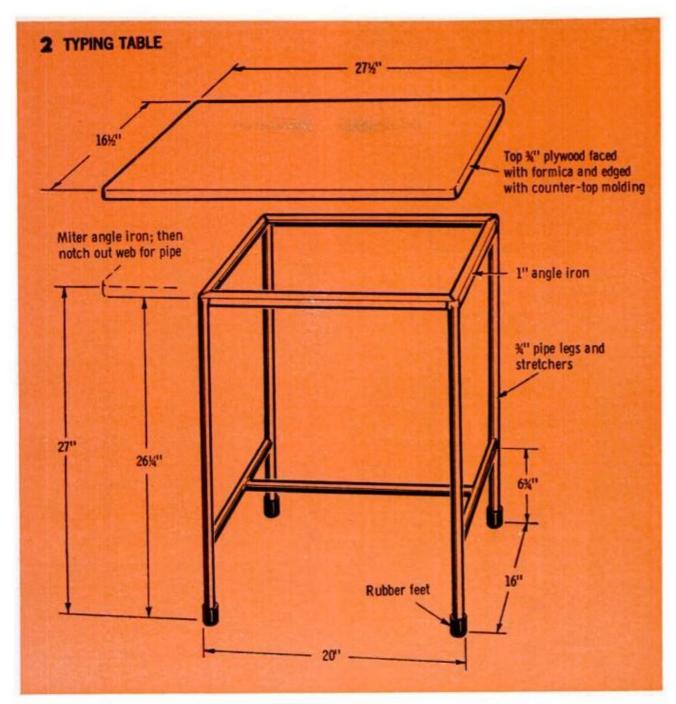
FOR LASTING FINISH, prime welded pipework with a rust-inhibiting primer, then brush on at least two coats of any good-quality, synthetic-base enamel



TYPEWRITER TABLE has an offset top which overhangs the frame at one end, providing extra space to hold books, papers or other materials to be copied



REGULAR PIPE CUTTER is the handiest way to chop pipe to length. As tool is rolled around the pipe, handle is screwed down forcing cutter against wall



cutter, an abrasive cutoff disc in a portable electric circular saw or a sharp hacksaw.

Fitting a joint for welding is a twostep operation.

First, the pipe is ground to butt neatly. (Use a medium-grit wheel and always wear protective glasses.) If the joint is mitered, this is simply a matter of truing the angles of cut. If it's a T-joint, the end of the butted pipe should be ground concave.

Second, adjoining edges should be ground to a chamfer, or bevel, to form a V-shaped groove around the joint. This permits the weld metal to penetrate the full thickness of the pipe wall and thus assures a sound weld.

It's easier to weld pipe than to braze it.

First the work should be tack-welded and checked for proper positioning and alignment. Then the joints are welded all-around, right over the tacks. Weaving the arc or oxyacetylene flame in a tight zigzag fills in the V-groove and builds up a fillet of weld metal. (Any length of pipe that will be welded closed at both ends should first be vented with a 316-in, hole drilled bottom-center.)

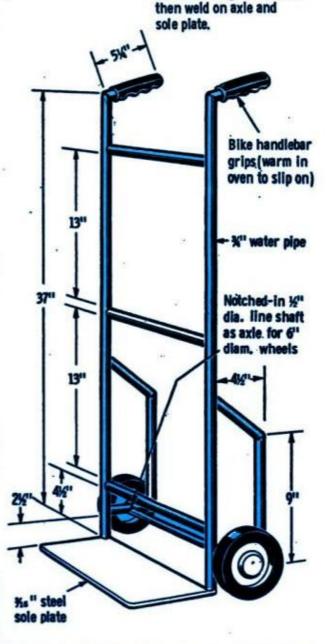
There's no reason to dress the welds in rough work. When appearance is important, however you'll want to smooth off the welds to neat uniform fillets. You can do this by hand with a sharp rat-tail file but the job is easier with a rounded-face grinding wheel especially made for the purpose (welding supply firms have them).

3 HAND TRUCK

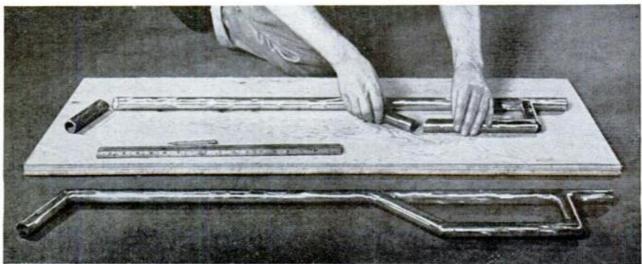
TO FINISH JOINTS, smooth with 40-grit aluminum oxide sanding discs. Be sure to wear protective glasses



SCRAP LENGTHS of 3/-in. pipe were used to build this small hand truck. Axle is a 1/2-in, line shaft

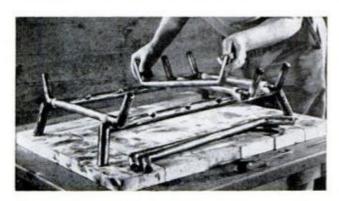


Note: first weld up side assemblies; then weld in three 15" long stretchers;



FULL-SIZE LAYOUT on a plywood panel or butcher paper simplifies the cutting and fitting of mitered parts

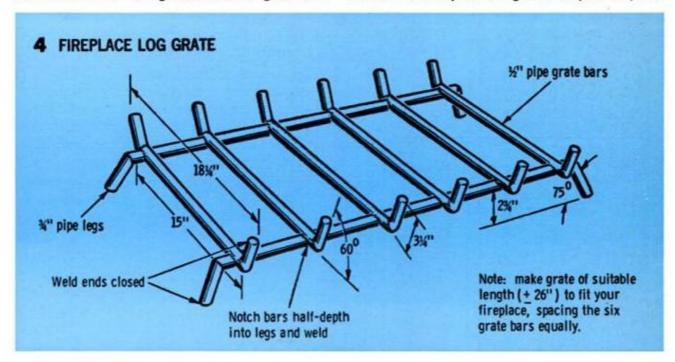
S	STANDARD WEIGHT STEEL PIPE		
Nominal Size	Actual Outside Diameter	Actual Inside Diameter	
1/4"	.540	.364	
3/8"	.675	.493	
1/2"	.840	.622	
3/4"	1.050	.824	
1"	1.315	1.049	
11/4"	1.660	1.380	
11/2"	1.900	1.610	
2"	2.375	2.067	
21/2"	2.875	2.469	
		(From American Standard B36.10)	





CUT NOTCHES in the leg assemblies for grate bars

DIMENSIONS may be changed to fit your fireplace



Disc-sanding the welds after they're filed or ground smooths off grinding marks. Going over the entire assembly with a 40-grit sanding disc will clean up the pipe for painting.

Priming welded-up pipework with rustinhibiting primer and brushing on two coats of top-grade enamel give it a finish that will outlast paint on wood. Coppernickel-chrome plating which you can have done at a plating shop is another attractive and lasting finish.

If you want to design a project of your own, first make a scale model from soda straws so you can thresh out any problems before you touch a pipe.

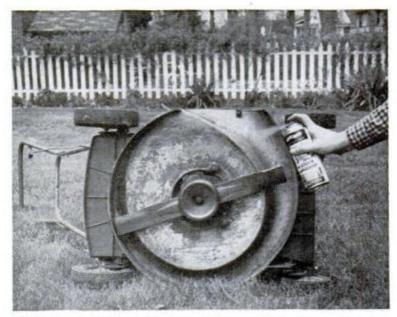
Pushbutton yard maintenance



GARAGE DOORS are easier to lift and stay so for weeks after hinges and tracks are treated with silicone spray lubricant. Just hold can close; spray on heavy coat







UNDERDECK OF POWER MOWER will resist build-up of grass, dirt and rust after treatment with a silicone spray lubricant

EVERY WAY YOU TURN these days, you find a new aerosol product to ease your yard and home maintenance.

For instance, there are Hot Paints to withstand temperatures above 1000° F.—just the thing to spray barbecue grills where high heat is a factor.

Spray high-visibility fluorescent paints on garden and hand tools—you'll be less likely to overlook them if left in tall grass or shrubs.

And with use of a silicone spray, the "dry" lubricant, your mower and spreader will be more efficient—the garage doors will run smoother, too.

There's even a "Styrofoam-compatible" formula, such as Plasti-Kote BonBon Home and Hobby Spray Paint, to decorate foam-plastic coolers.



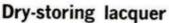
SPREADER OPERATION is improved by spraying rotor with nonsticking silicone "dry" lubricant. This will reduce friction between moving parts, but seeds and pellets won't stick

HINTS

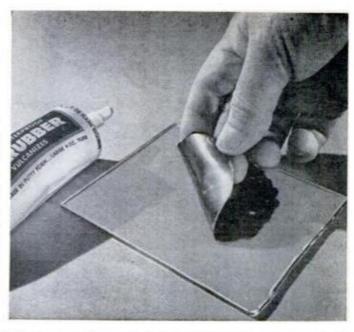
FROM READERS

Homemade sheet rubber

Liquid rubber in a tube is not only good for sealing holes, it's great for making on-the-spot "sheet rubber" for special needs in the shop. Simply squeeze it out on a clean piece of glass and tap the edge to spread it to a uniform thickness. When dry, just peel it off. Where an extra thin piece of rubber is needed, add a little water to the liquid rubber and it will spread out more freely. It's a good trick to remember.—Ken Murray



When brushing lacquer is used infrequently and in small quantities for touch-up work, it's difficult to keep it in liquid form once the can is opened. However, I've found that by allowing it to dry in a fairly thick layer on the cover of a can, I can reactivate it at any time by simply dipping the brush in thinner and working with it like water colors. Pigmented shellac can be stored in the same way and later made brushable with alcohol. The photo shows flat black lacquer being reactivated and applied to a brass lens ring to kill reflections.—Walter E. Burton







♠ Anchoring a drill stand

When a drill stand is used only occasionally, it's silly to have it bolted down, taking up valuable bench space. It makes more sense to bolt it to a wood block so it can be clamped in a vise when needed. It's not standing in the way, yet handy.

-Marshall Lincoln

Sanding-disc tree

Storing abrasive discs in saw cuts made in the side of a mailing tube makes it easy to pick out the right grit when changing discs on your portable sander. Make the saw cuts at a 45° angle, an inch or so apart, and attach the tube to your shop wall.

-Ken Patterson



Flat Turnings From Round Stock

Here's a reliable old shop trick in which you turn the work first, then cut it apart and stretch it out flat

By WALTER E. BURTON

THERE'S MORE than one way to skin a cat, as the saying goes, and here's a good example of how your metal lathe can pinch-hit for a shaper or milling machine when none is at hand.

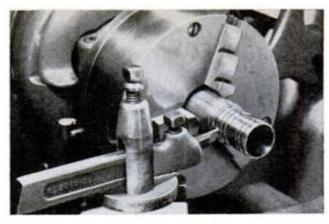
It's a clever shop trick whereby a three-dimensional surface design with grooves and ridges can be machined in a flat plate with, of all tools, the lathe.

The design is turned in the wall thickness of tubing. Then the section is cut free, slit lengthwise, spread apart and hammered flat. Once flattened, it looks as if it were made on a metal shaper.

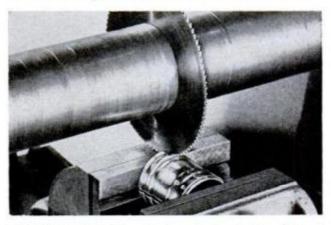
The drawings and photos on the opposite page show some of the many things you can make. The tubing diameter determines the length of the flattened turning. Width, of course, can be anything up to 2 in. In the case of a nameplate, the grooves and ridges would be grouped near the edges with the center portion left blank for lettering. By using the lathe's threading ability to cut right and left-hand intersecting, spiral grooves, you can produce a pattern of basically diamond-shape buttons, which can be combined with regular grooves and bands.

Usually the metal is soft enough to flatten without cracking; if not, it can be annealed easily by heating and cooling.

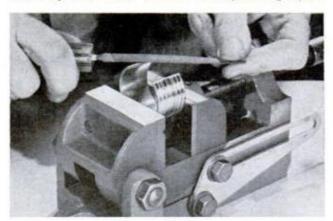
Normally, there's no need to further finish the parts once they are flattened. However, additional texturing can be applied with a nailset or prick punch. If brass, the metal can be antiqued with chemicals. Steel can be blued by heating and then quenching. Aluminum can be left as is, or anodized. A coating of clear lacquer will prevent tarnishing.



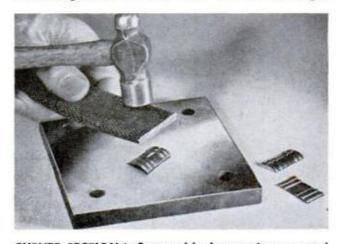
TUBING IS TURNED down until wall thickness is uniform, then ridges and grooves are formed as desired



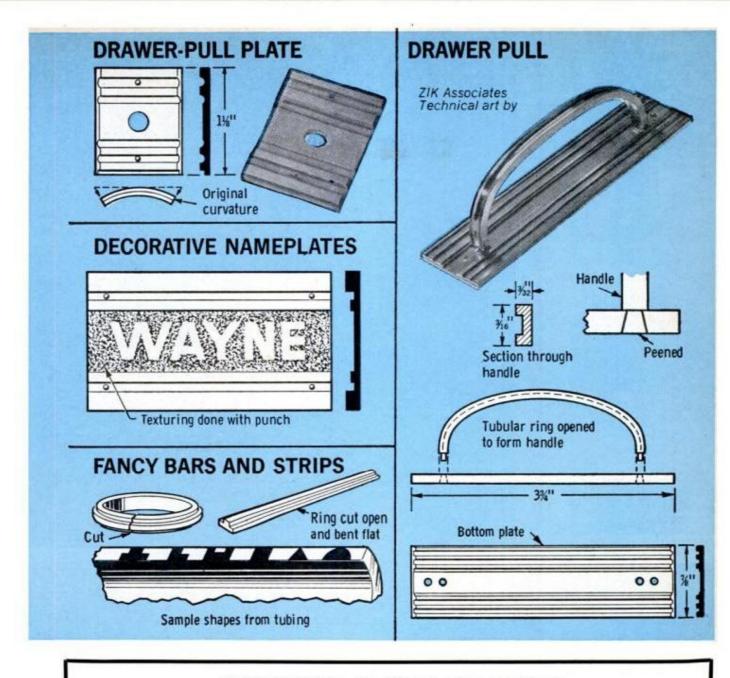
FINISHED TURNING, whether sleeve or ring-shaped, is slit by machine or hacksaw for spreading apart



ROUGH EDGES of a partially opened sleeve are filed smooth, grooves are continued around the edges



CURVED SECTION is flattened by hammering on metal surface. Rubber belting saves turning from marring



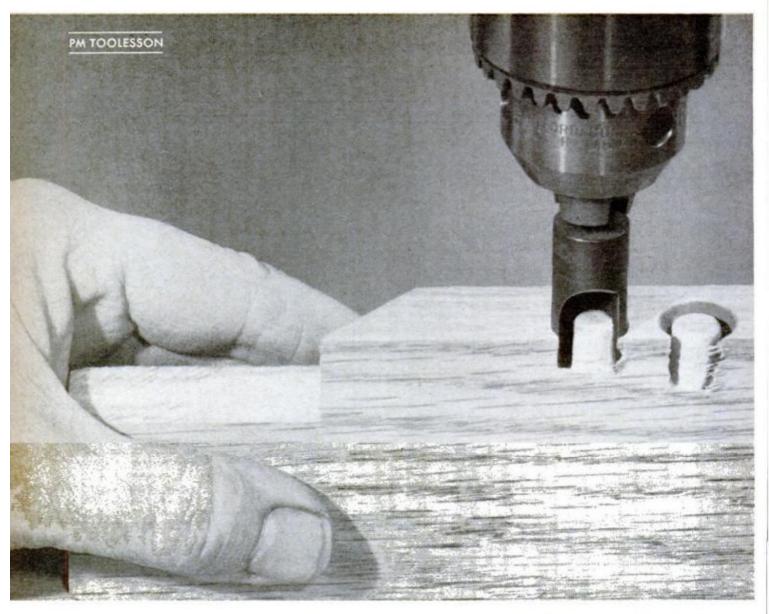
NEXT MONTH IN SHOP AND CRAFTS

HOW TO REROOF YOUR HOME. If your home has a steep "rain-splitter" roof, you should leave it to the professional roofer when it needs reshingling. However, if it has a fairly low-pitch roof, you won't be risking your neck by reshingling it yourself and you'll wind up pocketing a good-size labor bill. Next month a home-improvement feature will take you through the steps of laying asphalt shingles. Part 2 in July will cover the laying of a cedar-shingle roof.

BUILD A MINIBIKE. Tired of pedaling? That old 26-in. two-wheeler can be converted to a sporty motor-driven minibike for almost half the price of a new one. Your main outlay is for the engine, transmission and wheels. A craft feature next month shows how you build it, starting by cutting down the old bike frame.

HOME-OFFICE ROOM DIVIDER. If you've needed an office at home for business or household use, here's a handsome one that makes use of prefinished material to make it exceptionally simple to build. You can build it as a combination desk-divider affair, or tuck it against a wall or in a corner. You'll see it in beautiful color-roto next month.

YOU CAN LAY A SPANISH TILE FLOOR. Luxurious beauty, durability and lazy-man's maintenance are yours with quarry tile. And a new epoxy compound lets you set and grout them yourself—at a saving of hundreds of dollars. First-hand report by a PM editor who made an actual installation.

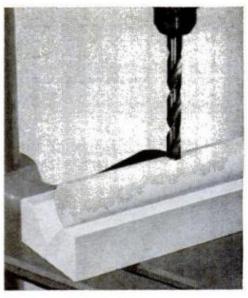


don't sell your drill press short

By MANLY BANISTER

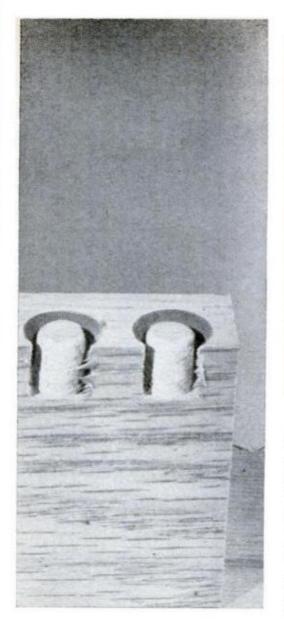
Technical art by Donald Evans

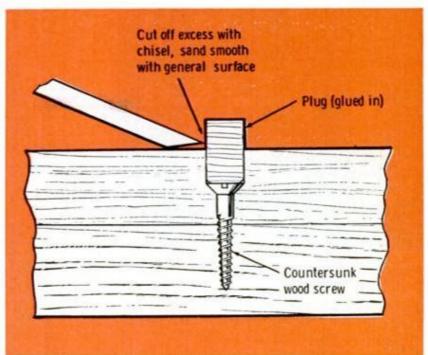
It can be the most versatile tool in your shop—once you've learned to exploit its potential with a few simple accessories. Here are a dozen or so ideas to remember



DRILLING A DOWEL. When a hole must be drilled transversely through a dowel, take time to make a V-block on your saw from a short piece of 2x4 scrap. It will cradle the dowel, yet won't mar it in the slightest.

POPULAR MECHANICS

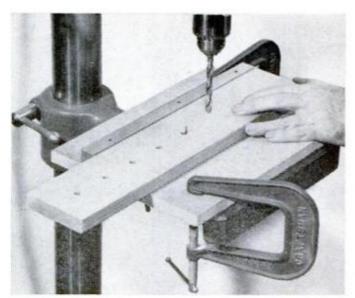


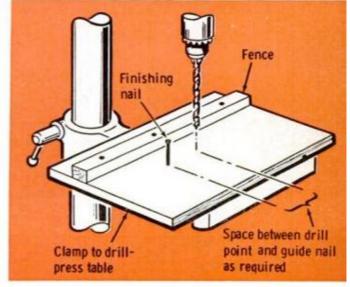


CUTTING SCREW PLUGS. A handy drill-press accessory is a plug cutter. This is a tool for making wooden plugs which are

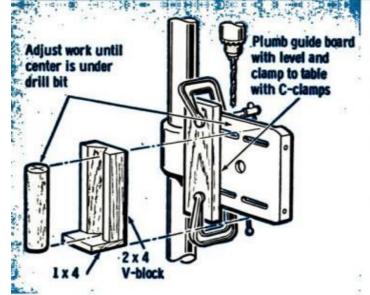
FILE FLAG OPPOSITE SIDE

used to conceal screwheads in counterbored holes. Plugs differ from dowels in that their grain is crosswise so that they can be chiseled off flush after being glued in place. The thing to remember in using a plug cutter is to bring it down as far in the wood as it will go. This tapers the plug so it will fit the hole tightly when tapped in place. Note direction of grain in board shown at left.





DRILLING EQUALLY SPACED HOLES. Where a row of holes must be drilled the exact same distance apart, you can do it in jig time with an auxiliary plywood table that's clamped to the drill press and fitted with a nail-on fence. The work is placed against the fence and the first hole is drilled. Then the work is shifted and the second hole is drilled. The bit is left in the second hole so the work can't move and a finishing nail is driven in the first hole. As each new hole is drilled, the work is slipped over the nail for the next hole. The nail automatically spaces each hole identically.

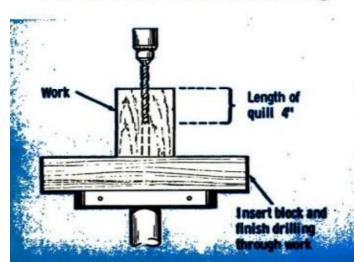


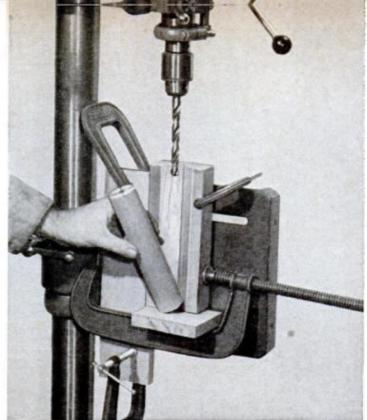
END DRILLING DOWELS. If your drillpress table tilts, the setup at right automatically centers the work under the bit when you want to end-drill round stock. A stop nailed to the end of the V-block lets you stand the work on end to hold it.

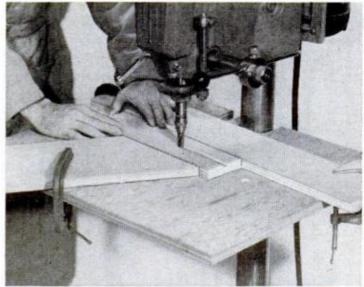
CUT DRILL-PRESS TECHNIQUES

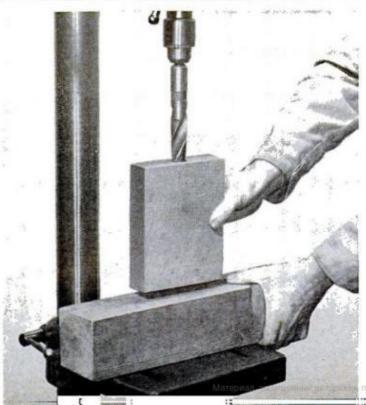
DRILL-PRESS ROUTING. With a finger-board forcing the work snugly against a fence of an auxiliary table clamped to the drill press, open and blind grooves can be accurately made with a router bit in the chuck. Here the drill press is run at its highest speed for a smooth cut. Limit each pass to a ½-in. cut, feeding the work from left side, against rotation of cutter.

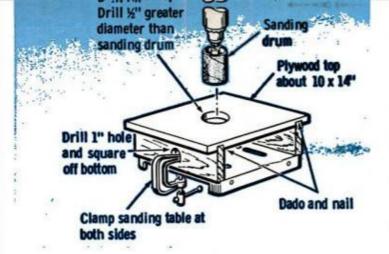
GAINING DRILLING DEPTH. When there's plenty of drill left, but you've reached the end of the quill, you can still complete the hole when there's but an inch or so to go. Simply turn off the motor, leave the bit in the hole, raise the work on a block and continue drilling.

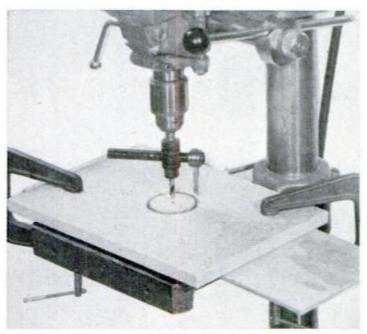


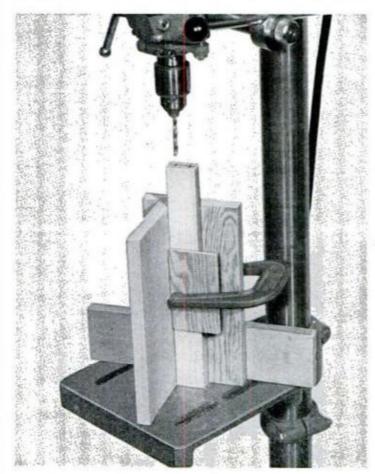


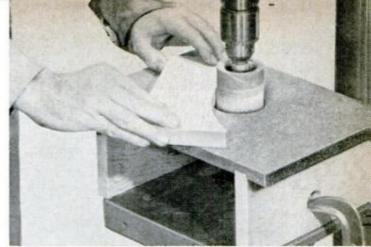








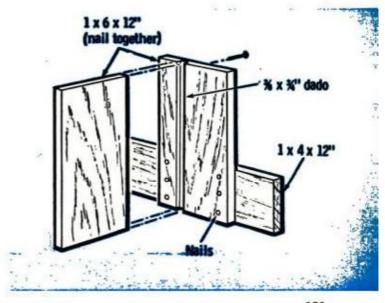




USING ALL OF DRUM. Using a sanding drum in a drill press always means you have to clamp a board with a hole in it to the drill-press table so the drum can be lowered below the work level. However, if the board is elevated as shown, you'll be able to distribute abrasive wear evenly over the full length of the sleeve.

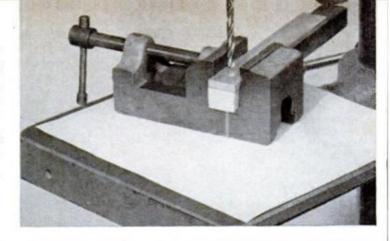
"SAWING" WITH DRILL PRESS. Fastest way of cutting discs and large holes up to 8-in. in both wood and metal is with a flycutter. If you're cutting a hole, position the cutting bit to face in; if cutting a disc, turn the bit to face out. Regulate drill speed by the size of the hole—the larger the hole, the slower the speed. Always clamp the work to be safe.

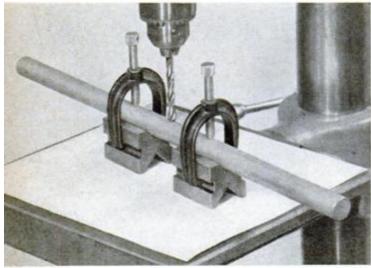
DRILLING FOR DOWELS. Holding slender work vertically for drilling dowel holes in the ends is no problem with this T-shaped jig made to stand on the drill-press table and slide along a wood clampon fence. Work is placed in the corner of the jig and clamped. The jig, of course, must stand perfectly plumb.

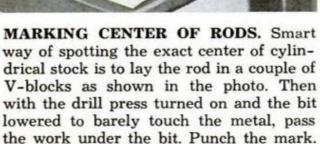


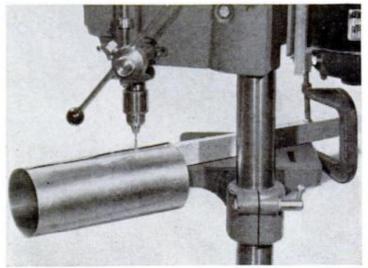
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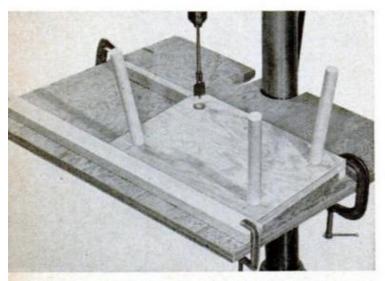




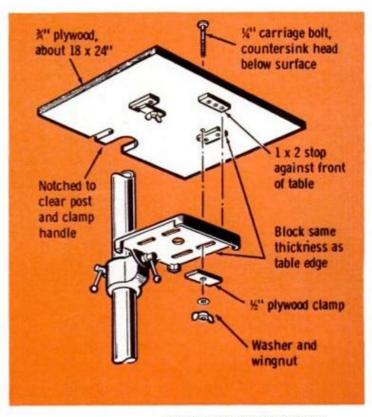




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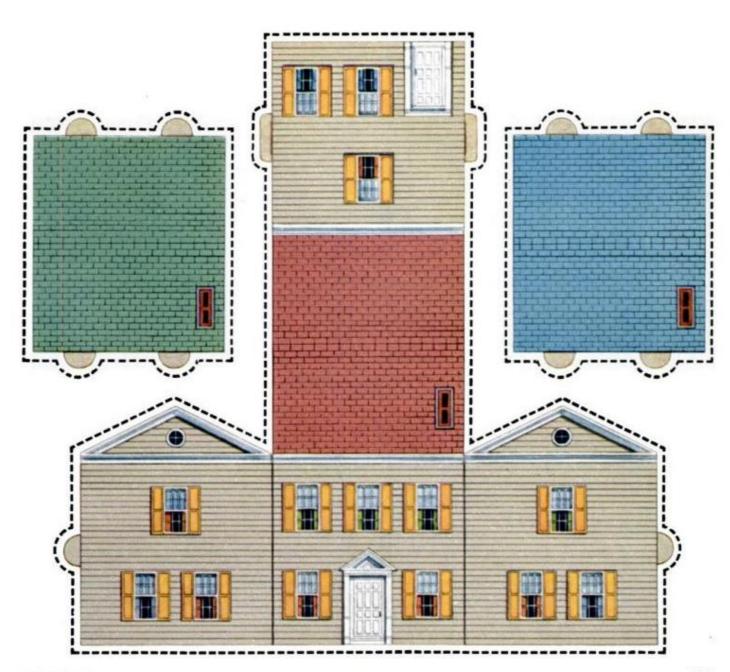
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said. "The trail up to Imogene Peak will give everybody a chance to limber up,

and there's some good scenery."

Two short blocks, over a cattle guard, and we were on what looked like a mule path—a narrow, rutted ledge cut into the side of a steep hill. There was a sign that warned: Danger! Proceed at your own risk. Four-wheel-drive vehicles only.

The line moved slowly upward. Within 10 minutes I was looking down at the cluster of rooftops, the false-fronted stores, the church steeple—an aerial view

of picturesque Telluride.

There were places where the road slanted at a precarious angle and the outside was washed away to leave the tire mark on the very edge of a precipitous drop. I followed the others across, but my hands on the wheel were damp with sweat, and I was ready to bail out.

It was on a nice wide spot that the brand-new V6 Jeep engine conked out. The line came to a halt, the hood went up and a dozen experts came to look. Everything was checked, but it wouldn't start. "Probably a vapor lock," someone said. The Jeep was pushed to a cutoff and left. I went on as a passenger in the Scout.

Scout is a workhorse

The road went up and up, winding through breathtaking alpine scenery. If the Scout had been sluggish on the highway, it was a workhorse in four-wheel drive, responding to the throttle with steady, sure-footed power. It was like a dude who suddenly rolls up his sleeves and gets down to work.

At the farthest point of the morning's drive, the road is steep and covered with loose rocks and shale. There are numerous tight switchbacks, and this is where Ron Gibson was practically making the Bronco

stand on end.

Although the Jeep owners were impassive during the display, I was impressed. Compared to the Jeep, Land Rover or Toyota, the Bronco is a dandified rig. It looks like a suburban car perched over its wheels on over-sized springs. On the highway it rides like any other highpowered Detroit product, so you have the feeling that it is just another mass-production gimmick. But it literally leaped over those mountain trails.

The caravan turned back and I rode down the trail with Ron Gibson. He went full tilt all the way, keeping up a steady stream of talk as he twisted the wheel this way and that.

"I was raised in this country," he said.

"I've owned every kind of four-wheeler there is, and this is the best of the bunch. I sell them, of course, so I guess I'm partial, but it's really some machine."

I held my breath as we came thundering around a turn and a Jeep was coming up toward us. Ron hit the brakes and the Bronco slid to a stop. He put it in reverse and we backed up the trail to a cutoff and let the Jeep pass. Then we went on.

"You hear these fellows saying that they don't think the Bronco will hold up," Ron said. "Well, that's nonsense. I sold one to Jim Starr. You met him, the big guy wears the plug hat. He's got a mine over at Crested Butte, drives back and forth from Delta every day, right over the mountain on a road worse than this. And he's a hard man on a machine—drives like a maniac."

Coasts back to Telluride

We reached my parked Jeep, it still wouldn't start, so we got it turned down-hill and I coasted back to Telluride. We went to find some lunch while Al Morris, who owns a service station in Montrose, buried himself under the hood to find the trouble.

I was bellied up to the Elk's Club bar listening to Jim Starr, of the wide suspenders, plug hat and cigar, regale the group with various tales of derring-do, when Morris brought news of the Jeep.

"You were out of gas," he said.

Red-faced, but with the Jeep fully fueled, I joined the caravan for the afternoon jaunt up to Bald Mountain and Alta Lakes. The first leg of this trip was over a road that I would have said was impassable. It was muddy, steep and deeply rutted, and harrowing spots had to be taken at full tilt. The punishment on the machine made me shudder.

Find Bronco at top

The Scout was lugging it up ahead of me, matching the others jolt for jolt, but when we reached the top, there, literally perched on the peak of a steep knoll some distance off the trail, was the Bronco with Gibson and Starr stretched on the hood.

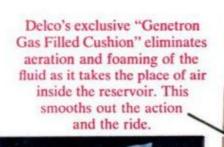
We doubled back on the trail, drove up to Alta Lakes, then took an easy winding trip back to Telluride. We camped out that night in the hills above town, but we were out at dawn to give the three vehicles some high-speed runs through a nearby stream.

Don O'Rourke was driving the Jeep to give it a fair shake against the others. But we could have saved our time. The tests were just a game of follow-the-leader. They raced down the bank, into shallow

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water, and up the far bank. We drove them through deep water to see if they'd drown out, but they just plowed through it. We ran them through soft and thick mud. When it came to hard work, one was as good as the other.

The caravan was assembled when we returned to Telluride, and we were off on a long trip to Silverton and Ouray. We turned off the paved road at Ophir. When we reached Old Ophir, the sky suddenly opened and it poured rain. It only lasted an hour, but the mountain roads were like gumbo. It was slow, but it was just an

easy sightseeing trip to Silverton.

We lunched at the old Imperial Hotel, watched the narrow-gauge Rio Grande railroad train come in, then headed out toward Engineer Mountain and a mean stretch of road.

It was high and hard going. It rained and the road, a narrow ribbon of mud, was slippery. At one point, I pulled over to rest and was joined by Ed Nelson and his son Dan. An ardent four-wheeler, Ed is director of the Montrose Chamber of Commerce. Standing in the road, Ed pointed off to the bottom of a canyon.

Went over the side

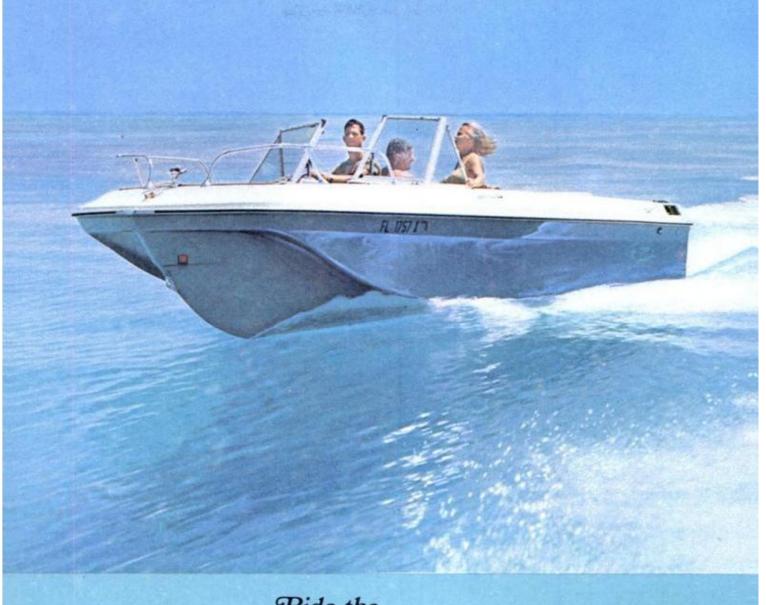
"See that spot of red down there?" he asked. "That's a vehicle. Man and his family. Went over the side. Terrible."

"Does that happen often?" I asked.

"No, but it happens. Usually it's a tourist not used to driving in the hills like this. The driver gets taken with the scenery, looks away from the road, and over he goes."

Straggling into the town of Ouray, the safari came to an end. Our three vehicles had collected some jolts, a few dents and a coating of mud. The most surprising of the three was the Bronco. The Jeep performed as we expected it to, and it was not surprising that International would make a machine that was more at home off the road than on. The Bronco was a top performer on both highway and trail.

If I had my own vehicle, my next vacation would be spent four-wheeling in the San Juan Mountains. It is an excellent trip for the family and a good test of driving skills. There are a number of four-wheeler clubs in the area that stage annual safaris. A letter to Ed Nelson, Chamber of Commerce, Montrose, Colo., will bring complete details. The Telluride Jeep Club will set up and guide safaris for groups of four-wheelers, but you'll have to give them advance notice. Write to Don O'Rourke, Telluride, Colo.



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AQUANAUT

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lights on panels before me. A maze of pipes and oxygen bottles lies just below my right elbow. Daylight shows through a small window by my left ear. A watery light filters through three viewing ports at my feet.

"Buckle up," Al orders. I snap the seat belts closed. The speaker blares:

"Ready to go."

I have a strange feeling that this is a space capsule, not a submarine. Standing on the seat, head through the hatch, Al steers us away from the barge. On the right-hand panel I see red lights blinking at irregular intervals. Each tells the direction we're moving-up-down, forward-reverse, port-starboard.

Sub has three props

Star III has three electrically powered One of these "thrusters" athwartships in the bow. Activating this 2-hp motor moves the bow left or right. A second 2-hp motor is mounted vertically amidships for up-down motion. The main prop is a 7.5-hp thruster in the stern. This is for forward or reverse motion. The red lights tell the pilot what thrusters are engaged.

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Suddenly, Al drops down, slams the hatch. "Here we go," he says. To my surprise, the red reverse light glows. I feel my body sliding back against the seat. We're sinking by the stern. Al smiles. "This is the easy way. The main prop doesn't clear the water as we submerge backward."

Minutes later, Al moves his fingers slightly. We level off. Through greenish, bubbly light I see the bottom. We are

now 50 feet below the surface.

"Get down and have a look through the floor ports," Al says. "How?"

"Any way you can."

"But my feet may kick a switch or a valve."

"Don't worry."

I twist and turn. My knees are under my chest, my forehead's against a cold bulkhead, my breath is fogging the view port-but I'm looking at the dim bottom. I see acres of sand spotted with long strands of kelp waving dreamily as currents move them at will. A flat fish shakes sand off its back and scurries away. A starfish clings to a protruding rock.

I wonder how Al knows what's ahead.

I can see only a few feet from my port. "TV cameras," Al says. "We have a bow camera to see what's just ahead and a camera in the sail for a broader, longer view. The screens are here in the cabin."

Cold seeps into my neck. I feel my muscles cramp. How long can I stay in

this position?

"My buddy and I can only stay at the window a few hours," Al says. "I get a tension headache if I stay too long. The pilot and observer change off every hour or so. The longest that I have stayed in the sub is 7½ hours, though Star III can stay submerged 12 hours."

I'm getting colder now. Al tells me there're no heaters, but body warmth and heat from motors and pumps keep the chill off. In warm water, he sinks the sub deep to cool it off before coming

back to working level.

Star III helps to lay underwater pipe lines, surveys construction or drilling sites, and takes photographs for study. With her mechanical arm, she can work on submerged oil wells and retrieve valuable equipment. (Small subs were used to recover a missing H-bomb off the Spanish Coast.)

I hear the sound of whirring motors as Al maneuvers Star III. She handles with tremendous ease and dexterity. Suddenly the motors stop and I see we're resting on the bottom. Silt fills the water around us. Al snaps on the 500-watt light outside. It does little good.

Like a Ferris wheel

The motors start again and we slip away. The motion of this sub reminds me of riding a Ferris wheel—softly swinging in the chair when the wheel stops.

Breaking the surface, we can hear the outboard motor of a tender coming alongside. Three raps on our hull signals that the water has been pumped from the sail. I'm surprised as the sound of a popping champagne cork hits my ears. Al has cracked the hatch.

"We'll get drenched if the sail isn't clear of water," Al says. "We can't tell how much water is left in the sail, but the launch crew can see through the windows in the sail. They rap on the hull when it's clear."

Standing on the seat again, Al steers for the barge. As the bubbling water washes by my porthole, I wish for a longer and deeper trip. I've been bitten by the minisub bug.

On the barge, I meet Bob Toeher, designer and father of the Star class subs.

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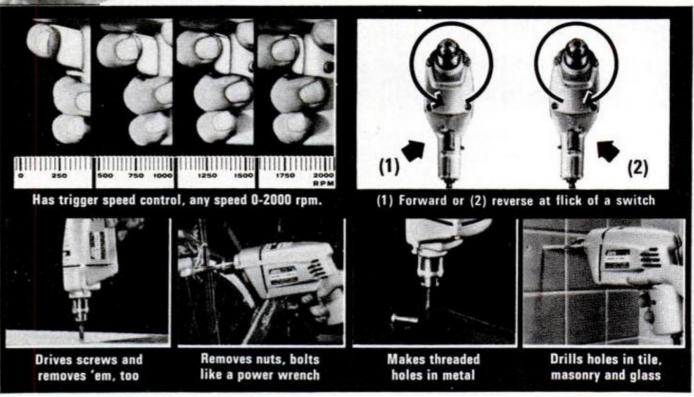
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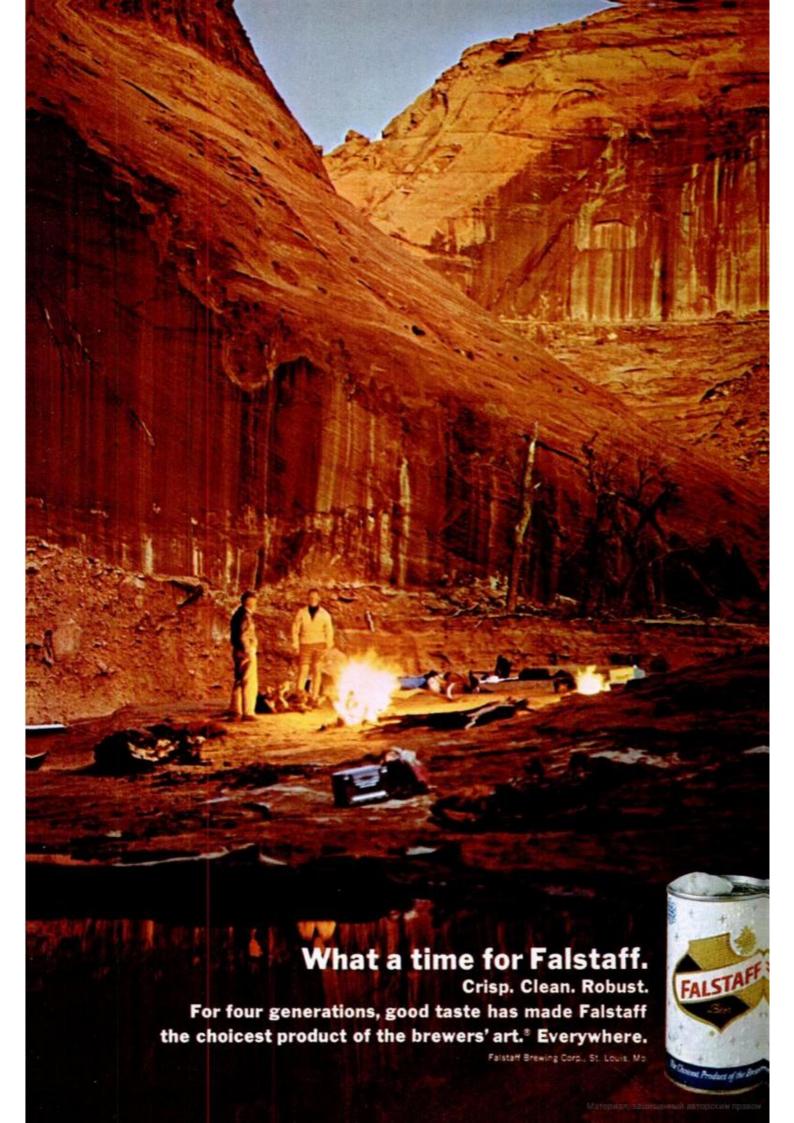
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EOD team set about the task until, finally, the bomb was declared safe. How was the job done? We'll never know. That's classified information.

However, the most common triggering device is a wristwatch timer. Another the VC likes to use is fashioned from an ordi-

nary mousetrap.

There is more than booby traps for EOD men to worry about in Vietnam. Plenty of hair-raising assignments involve the more conventional weapons, too.

Not so long ago Capt. Samuel Moschella led an Air Force EOD team through



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miles of dense Vietnam jungle and rice paddies to get to a 250-pound bomb that had been jettisoned by a B-26 with engine trouble. The bomb hadn't gone off, and it was Moschella's job to find and disarm it.

After flying to Tra Vinh, closest base to the ejected bomb, his team went the rest of the way by jeep, sampan and foot, often wading in leech-infested water up to their chests. After days of searching, they found it half buried in the dense jungle near a friendly village. It was too close to the settlement to be blown up, so the captain went to work. Within 10 minutes, he had the detonator out and the bomb made harmless. He returned from the job with a wrenched hand, several dozen leech bites and a high fever and spent the next few weeks in the hospital.

EODers never know where their next risky assignment may take them. Marine Staff Sgts. Harold Ermish and Frank Broughton, for example, were sent to a Buddhist temple. An unexploded 90-mm shell was lodged deep in the temple's wall, up in a corner where the wall joined the roof.

To get it, Ermish stood on Broughton's back. First he scraped away the loosened wall around the shell. Then his years of training came into play as gingerly touching it in just the right places and exerting just the right amount of pressure, he worked it loose.

When he had the shell all the way out, he recognized what it was—a "Willy Peter." In EOD language, that means a white phosphorous round that contains a burning chemical. The two Marines placed it in a clearing and ran, just as the chemical started burning with a whitehot heat.

Much of the equipment used by EOD men looks like the tools found in anyone's home workshop. The secret is in learning to use them with the skill of a surgeon. Some of the devices, however, are highly sophisticated, such as the electronic stethoscope that can detect the slightest whisper of a tick coming from a heavily insulated parcel, and a portable X-ray machine that enables the men to determine what might be inside a bomb casing.

Avoid magnetic materials

All of the tools and equipment are nonmagnetic and made from a special bronze and copper alloy that doesn't generate static electricity. This problem of magnetic properties in metals and alloys is so important in EOD work that even the men's watches must be nonmagnetic, and recently a Navy dentist suggested a substitute for tooth fillings of EODers that is less magnetic than the standard filling materials.

A good many times the reports from Vietnam tell of how the VC have devised a Rube Goldberg type of booby trap out of U. S. ordnance that's either been captured or has failed to detonate.

Good examples are the tiny bomblets that U.S. planes have used to drop on VC positions deep in the jungle. The midget bombs are dropped in clusters. They have fins, and some catch in trees or don't explode when they hit the ground.

The VCs gather up these duds. They'll place them with the detonator up and a heavy rock propped overhead on a stake in the ground. The stake is attached to a trip wire leading off into the brush. American patrols enter the area and trip the wire, pulling out the stake, and the

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rock falls onto the detonator. The bomb

is no longer a "dud."

And the EOD men will be the first to emphasize that the VC are far from stupid when it comes to ingenious devices designed to catch U.S. troops off guard. For example, the guerrillas will rig up a warning device made out of a C-ration can tied to two pieces of bamboo. The bamboo is placed in the ground, with the can slightly elevated. At the top of the can are elastic bands stretched across, with a small hole in the top of the tin.

A U.S. patrol enters the area, trips the string, and the wound-up elastic spins, with the small piece of metal clanking an alarm that can be heard for quite a distance. It's an effective warning device.

Only trouble is that when U.S. troops find these or other "harmless" articles, they get too sure of themselves. A GI will spot one, recognize it as a warning device, and pick it up. About that time, the VC will start booby-trapping them, and this simple warning device is turned into an armed and dangerous booby trap.

Favorite trick: broken glass

A favorite trick of the VC is to dump a couple of pounds of broken glass around a land mine when they bury it. It pays double dividends. If stepped on or run over, the flying glass plays havoc with surrounding troops. If the mine is detected-and most of them are-the jagged slivers of glass play havoc with the skilled hands of the EOD men who are called on to disarm it.

Every EODer receives what the military calls "incentive pay for hazardous duty." It amounts to \$55 a month. "But we don't do this type of work for the extra money," says Master Sgt. Harold Brooks. "Most of us enjoy it."

Probably one of the things they enjoy most is the kinship and camaraderie within their profession. They're a special

breed and they know it.

Marine Sgt. Walter Perry likes to tell about the day his EOD team met a patrol of Marine infantrymen.

"You the guys that remove mines, tinker with booby traps and that kind of stuff?" one of the leathernecks asked.

Something like that," Perry replied. "Man, I wouldn't trade jobs with you for a thousand cases of beer!"

"And that guy," recalls Perry, "was just coming in after being shot at for a couple of days and nights.

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CHEVROLET IMPALA

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satisfied with it." He has probably resigned himself to the fact of questionable workmanship and quality control or to the tyranny of the old mechanic's law that says if something can break down, it will.

While these owners were getting the bugs ironed out of their Impalas, a good many others were out on the road forming opinions on handling, styling, comfort and ride—the four qualities that drew the most

favorable response from owners.

A good number of comments we received about handling seem to be from owners who are just happy to be driving brand spanking new cars again. Their lukewarm comments seem to refer more to a power-steering and power-brakes-equipped car that's easier to drive than the car they traded in:

"Steers and handles with extreme ease."

—Minnesota retired businessman.

"Easy to handle in traffic."—Colorado farmer.

"Handles beautifully."—Iowa salesman. An owner who refers to "ease of handling" is usually not referring to a terrific suspension design meant for road racing—as much as how easy it is to steer.

On the other side of the coin, however, are the owners who actually provide a basis of comparison in judging handling:

"Car handles much better than the other Chevrolets that I have owned."—Georgia customer service employee.

"The car handles very well in corners

and turns."-Missouri technician.

Many other owners like these two had more positive comments about roadability and overall handling that earned the Impala a number one rating for handling.

Styling ran a close second on the likes list while at the same time the restricted rear visibility, due to style, headed the dislikes list. You can't have your cake and eat it too. It's the old battle of design and function, and where one wins the other usually loses. The oohs and ahs for styling ran right up the scale of enthusiasm to the declaration to end all declarations from a retired gentleman in Minnesota who tells us simply that his Impala is the "most beautiful car on the market." Many other owners, too, favor the "great lines" of the car. But these same lines are criticized by the 22.9 percent of owners who can't see what's out back due to those "great lines" into which a rear window was dropped:

"The visibility out the rear window is cut back because of the slope of the deck."

—Missouri worker.

"Rear window is worthless."—Illinois businessman.

"Lower the rear end so you can see out the back window."—Iowa plumber.

"Blind spot on each side of the rear window caused by wide solid panel."—

Florida chemical engineer.

This Floridian is especially unhappy about that window as he tells us in a post-script: "I have come to feel strongly about the 'blind' spot caused by the wide panels next to the rear windows. This has been a definite hazard in driving and has cost me \$40 thus far for fender repair when my wife backed into another car which she could not see."

At the mention of "wife" and "dented fenders"—which seem the perfect ingredients for the much hackneyed situation comedy—you're inclined to snicker at our friend whose wife, you think, put one over on him. You wouldn't, however, if you had read the curses over the rear window that burned our ears here at PM.

Back on the plus side, comfort and ride received high praise from owners. Not a single respondent commented unfavorably about comfort. Impala drivers and front and back seat passengers are all getting comfortable passage. An Arkansas railroad yardmaster is especially emphatic:

"It would be difficult for me to say which gives me more enjoyment, my Morris chair or the front seat of this Impala,

and the same goes for the rear.'

Masochistic car buffs may feel that driving a car should be no more comfortable than sitting on a stool in a Conestoga wagon, but not Impala owners. Without exception they're all for its comfort.

The only distractions from an otherwise comfortable ride were indicated as wind noise and body rattles. Rattles, as we all know, are most plaguing when they re-

main mysterious:

"Too many unlocatable noises in the undercarriage."—Louisiana businessman. An Arizona retired salesman doesn't say whether his rattles are "locatable" or not; he's just unhappy: "Car's a rattletrap."

Summed up and averaged out, however, Impala owners are happy with the machine they're getting for their money. Some owners' anticlimactic comments, however, do make me feel a bit sad when I contrast them to Detroit's annual advertising hullabaloo:

"It's new, runs good, looks good, nothing real outstanding."—Missouri factory worker.

"I like everything about the car, especially the color."—Maryland stretch ma-

chine operator.

And a closing comment from a Florida real estate man: "Have no praise or condemnation. I suppose it is as good a car as others in this class."



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GARDEN TRACTORS

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Bolens has an "integrated" hydraulic system (motor and transaxle share a common oil system) and claims that this larger oil capacity plus large fins and a fan to dissipate heat are an ideal cooling system. A limited-slip differential and the added weight of the Husky 1250 solve virtually all problems of wheel slip.

Massey-Ferguson notes a trend "to be one step ahead of the Joneses. If his neighbor has a 10-hp, the man wants 12. If the neighbors have standard, he wants hydrostatic. Hydrostatic may cost a little in loss of horsepower, but it's made up for in efficiency of operation in tight spots. You can now mow an averagesize yard about 30 percent faster than with conventional transmission."

The new Gravely Convertible is a 7.6hp riding tractor that can be converted to a walker for "the tight spots"—steep slopes, garden rows and the like. One pin detaches the rider. Gravely rates this convertible feature—also available on its "Commercial 10" as a distinct competitive

advantage.

ECONOMY'S 12hp "Jim Dandy" has automotivetype all-gear drive



Gravely hasn't gone hydrostatic. "Our forward and reverse lever gives the operator instant control without clutching. This is possible with our compact plane-

tary transmission."

For years Economy Tractor's 12-hp model has been one of the biggest of the compact tractors. Today, the company observes, competitors have at least conceded that it takes that kind of horsepower for average work. But Economy says, horsepower alone doesn't mean more pull-power. Economy uses a highautomotive-type all-gear which, it claims, "delivers over 90 percent of engine horsepower to the wheels."

Says a company official: "We're in the business of building a working tractor, not

a weekend toy."

Fortunately for buyers, major tractor makers aren't toy makers and are proving it with a new breed of tractor.



Dusting off the moon

When astronauts bring back samples of dust from the moon for analysis, scientists expect that they'll have trouble separating the real lunar material from space dust that fell on the moon in the form of micrometeorites. An Ohio State University study of long-term fallout in Antarctica may help them.

OSU scientists are taking samples of Antarctic ice and snow, melting them down and measuring the rate of fallout deposited there over the years. Then the fallout is analyzed.

Preliminary results show that the fallout has the same proportion of nickel as large meteorites, which indicates that it comes from outer space, rather than from the atmosphere of the earth.

This means that the Antarctic fallout is the same stuff as the space dust which is probably present on the surface of the moon.

Lubricated water for easier flow

More efficient central heating and longer range Naval torpedoes may result from experiments with "lubricated" water. Friction between flowing water and solid bodies has been reduced up to 40 percent by addition of certain substances such as guar gum and polyethylene oxide in concentrations of less than 100 parts per million.

Lubricated water might allow the use of smaller, less expensive pipes for central heating, or faster circulation with bigger pumps, according to researchers at the Heating and Ventilating Research Assn. in London. One problem is that present lubricants break down under heat and repeated circulation.

OLDS CUTLASS

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"Drives better than any car I've ever driven. Does have some body squeaks I haven't had taken out yet."—Oklahoma school teacher.

A West Virginia bank vice-president, on the other hand, can't think of any

thing he'd like to see changed:

"It is a dream car. I am 75 years old and have driven all makes including Cadillac. I've never driven one that I like better."

Maybe this enthusiastic bank VP isn't as demanding or discriminating as most owners, or he's actually one of the 23 percent who had no specific complaints.

Of those owners with complaints, 23.8 percent beefed about economy. Following economy were complaints about workmanship, rattles and finish, in that order and comprising 22.5 percent of owners. Workmanship got some loud boos from demanding owners—several of whom were long-time Olds fans. A Rhode island housewife was one of the more critical:

"Car was not carefully inspected before leaving the factory. Trimmings inside and knobs fell off immediately. Thoroughly disgusted with automobile

after purchasing fifth Oldsmobile."

The complaints about workmanship are quite critical of factory quality control:

"I think the car should come from the factory with a more rigid inspection than mine for faulty transmission, for doors not fitting properly, dip stick too long, rear-end leak."—North Carolina plant

superintendent.

A Vermont office supervisor exclaims: "My rear door handles fell off three times!!!". A Kentucky technician simply and unexcitedly states: "Quality seems to be sacrificed for quantity." And the three Rs for a Maine schoolteacher are "rattles, racket and rumble"; she has nothing more to say than "shoddy workmanship."

"Body by Fisher rattles."-Kentucky

mathematician.

"Loose nuts and bolts all over."—Lou-

isiana industrial engineer.

Other owners feel that they're not getting the paint that they're paying for:

"The paint is thin—has already chipped

badly."—Kentucky lab technician. "Poor paint job."—Air Force man.

Although style is the number one reason for buying Cutlasses, owners' number one specific praise of the car is its handling. Of the 56.9 percent of owners who felt this way, many said that the Cutlass was the easiest car to drive of any they had driven.

"It handles better in town than any car I have ever driven. Also surprised at way it holds the road."—Arkansas housewife.
"Excellent maneuverability; instant

response."-U.S. Army major.

Owner enthusiasm about handling is only slightly dampened by the six percent of complaining owners who commented unfavorably about lack of "traction."

"Rear end of the car is too light for driving on wet roads or snow."—West

Virginia traffic engineer.

"Lots of swaying if car is loaded and

it's windy."-Maine specialist.

Nevertheless, the Cutlass's inherent handling characteristics come out well on the plus side. Hopefully, the owners who have specific praises for the car's power also rate high themselves in handling ability: They're doing a lot of passing:

"I like the pickup when passing, even

in fourth gear."—Maine mill worker.
"It's got plenty of passing power"

"It's got plenty of passing power."— Missouri businessman.

"Passes fast, never balks."—Colorado coed.

Fast it is, and faster yet for those with the 400-cu.-in. V8. But owners actually rate Cutlass comfort a shade higher than power in their overall praise. True, number one on the list of what they'd like to see changed is the limited headroom front and rear, but, regardless, the verdict is it's a comfortable car.

Part of the comfort, especially for rearseat passengers is the fact that the rear end is not cut off short, as is the vogue for the "sport" look. A Louisiana clerk expresses the appeal of the new Cutlass:

"I like the styling and the semi-sport

lines." (Italics ours.)

His opinion is backed by a Missouri manager who probably pinpoints what "style" means as a major sales factor:

"The Cutlass has many things that appeal to a man with a family, and still has enough style and class to be sporty."

This owner is right in the young family age bracket, the group that's doing more signing on the dotted line for the Cutlass

than any other age group.

One owner in this group—a garrulous Massachusetts draftsman with two children—confided his technique for having his Cutlass and family harmony too. His wife talked nothing but new station wagons. So he proceeded to ogle his first love—miniature foreign sports cars—every time he and his wife were out together. Then, with the family battle at high pitch, he nobly suggested a size compromise. Now he drives his Cutlass with ". . . a sneaky smile and my old, worn, sportscar driving gloves."

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CAR STEREO

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ers on either side of the firewall or behind the back seat mounted horizontally in the luggage shelf. The latter installation provides good sound and is relatively easy since you make the installation from the trunk of the car.

Some tape players—a few SJB models, for example—have the speakers mounted on either side of the tape player itself. These players are designed specifically for straddling center consoles.

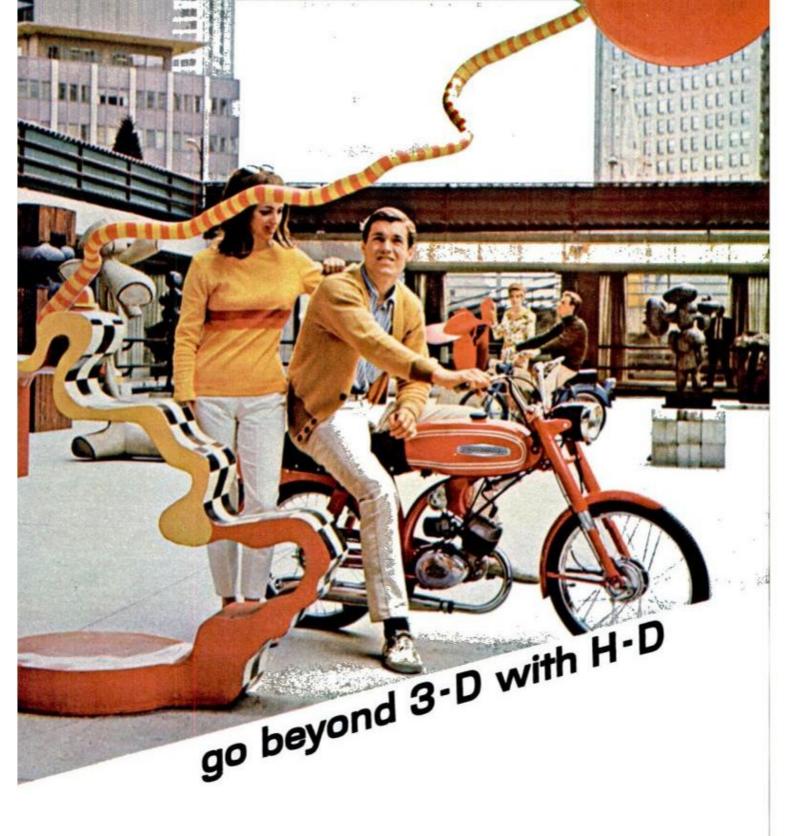
If you're a PM reader, it follows that you're a do-it-yourselfer. So, when it comes to a car stereo unit you'll assume what I assumed: I'd install it myself. But before you start drilling and cutting, it's well to know what the job entails.

Check door's structure

Mechanics at a good tape dealer or auto radio shop will first check the make of car and then, either from memory or from the chassis service manual, check the interior structure of the door. Only then can they begin to locate a speaker position in the door where they will not find a major structural member or bump into an electric window motor after cutting through the door panel. More than one inexperienced do-it-yourselfer has installed his speakers only to find his windows won't go all the way down! If you can't check your door, best bet is to remove the panel before cutting it.

Each speaker must be mounted in what is usually a 4 or 5-inch-diameter hole. The pros use a special mandrel sized for the speaker they're installing. It has a knifelike cutting edge rather than teeth to prevent snagging your carpeting. Chances are slim that you'll have the mandrel you need in your workshop, so you'll wind up using any one of several slow and tedious cutting methods.

Without going any further, you see that there's a trade-off point where you have to weigh your time and labor against the price of letting your car stereo dealer do the work. Installation prices vary with regional labor rates and business volume. It's often difficult to determine the exact figure since the quoted price is usually given for a unit installed with a specific speaker configuration. If you're considering doing the job yourself, you'll probably pay close to the retail list price shown in the chart for the tape player and accompanying speakers "to go." The price installed averages between 10 and 30 well-spent dollars above the list depending on the complexity of speaker installation.





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the polysulfide sticks to that instead of the

wood.

To make the seam smooth and slightly concave (to allow for bulge-out when the planks swell), wet your fingertip and slide it along the surface of the freshly applied material. Polysulfide won't stick to a wet fingertip, and the moisture gives the compound an instant skin. As the stuff sticks to itself with a powerful grip, you can build it up to span seams as wide as \% in. And it still has enough built-in strength to hold its own without dislodging.

Many brands are made in several grades of firmness, from buttery to creamy. Use the stiff grade when you have to caulk upward into a bottom seam; the creamy grade for easy downflow into deck seams. If the seams are clean and free from oil and grease, the cured caulk is there to stay. Examples of Caw-King polysulfide (a long-established one) are still leak-proof after nine years of service.

For a comparable, but easier, job you can use urethane seam compound, one of the newest types. Like one-part polysulfide, it's cured by moisture in the air. It's made in white, mahogany and black; other colors may be available later. Apply it directly from the taper-nozzle squeeze tube. Allow three to seven days for curing.

For problem sealing jobs on plain wood, painted or varnished surfaces, metals,

CAULKING LORE

If all this specialization makes you feel that things were better in the old days, don't be too sure. Time was when boats were caulked with such things as packed grass, clay, plaster, beeswax and hot pitch. In parts of the Pacific, they were sewn together to eliminate the need for caulking.

Even today, hot pitch is still used in some areas of the world, and one of our familiar expressions, "the devil to pay," is said to have come

from this practice.

The "devil," in seagoing terms of old, was the hull plank just under the gunwale, usually the longest one in the hull. The caulking was "paid" into the seams, in the jargon of the times and, according to such famed sailing men as the late H. A. Calahan, the caulking of that plank gave rise to a seafarers' bit of cussing—"the devil to pay and no tar hot."

plastics, plexiglass, canvas or almost anything else, a silicone-rubber sealant is likely to be the best answer. Buy it in a plastic squeeze-tube with a diameter to match the seam or gap to be filled. Rest the cutoff nozzle in the seam, tip the tube to an angle and push it along in the direction the nozzle is pointing, while you squeeze out the sealant like toothpaste.

Smooth off the job quickly with your fingertip, a putty knife or glazing tool, as the material skins over in about five minutes. It's dry to the touch in one hour, and smells like vinegar up to that point. It's fully cured, firmly bonded and just about odorless in 24 hours, but its strength keeps increasing for another week. If you use a silicone rubber sealant below the waterline, wait the full week before you launch the boat. If any trimming is required, do it with a razor blade.

You can seal anything from a hatch to a windshield with silicone rubber and expect it to last as long as the boat. But don't try to paint silicones. The only one to which paint will adhere is Dow-Corning's

silicone/fiberglass type.

For "bedding" jobs like moisture-sealing the base of a cleat to the deck, you can use any of the compounds mentioned, but removing the bedded item may call for some work if you use the tougher ones. Butyl rubber bedding compound, however, is soft enough to ease the job, yet water-tight enough to provide a total seal. It's a one-part compound that cures by solvent evaporation like rubber cement, and it's cheaper than the tougher rubber types.

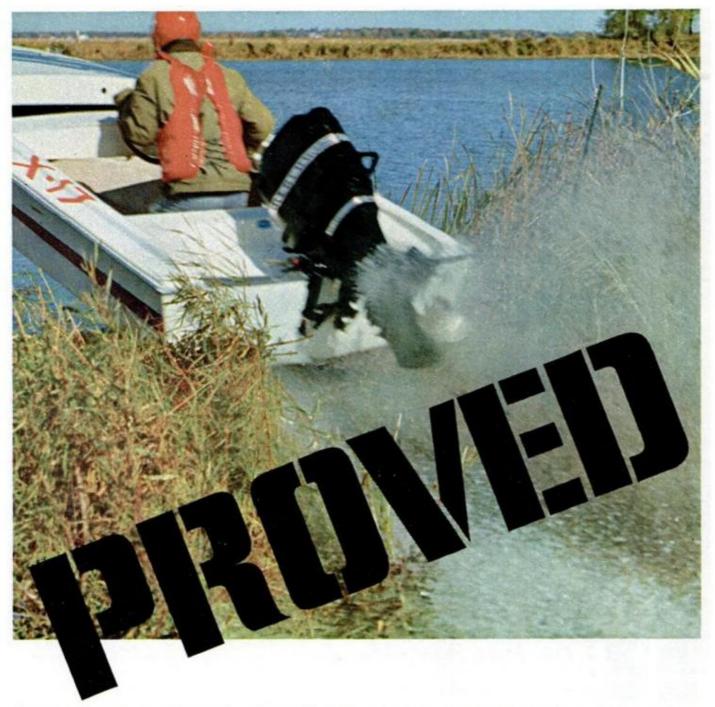
When you must work under water to stop a leak, there are several sealant types that can do the trick. A Buna-N sealant can be applied directly from the squeezetube nozzle to the seam, tilting the nozzle and pushing it in the direction it is pointed, as with silicone rubber. The resultant seal is as flexible as rubber.

If the leak area is not pinpointed, and you need broader coverage, a rubber-base paste-type cement is a better choice. An egg-sized blob in the palm of your hand can be spread over an area larger than this page with good sealing effect. This type sets hard. But it stops leaks so well it's widely used to seal cofferdams to the sides of ship hulls when welders work in a dry chamber below the waterline.

When using either type, it's wise to wipe the affected area in advance with a cloth to remove any slime or marine growth.

To seal aluminum-hull seams and patches, aluminum manufacturers favor a flexible epoxy. Simply brush it on both surfaces of all seams before bringing them together for riveting. Then keep the job

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as warm as possible to speed curing. (Most epoxy makers can supply you with a temperature-hardening-time chart.)

In cases where a closed seam is leaking because the original sealant has come out through hull damage, the epoxy may be brush-worked to provide a new seal without opening the seam. As the epoxy is 100 percent solids and sets chemically, there's no problem of trapped solvent. And it not only seals the joint, but bonds it.

Other sealants based on natural oils and resins may also be used to provide a non-bonding seal. But skip polysulfide or other sealants that contain metallic compounds likely to react with the aluminum. They stop wood-hull leaks, but may actually start aluminum seams leaking by bi-metal reaction.

For the white lines between dark wood deck strips, use a preparation like "Squeezing" 3-Ton Adhesive. This is a variation of the acrylic adhesive of the same name. Caulk your deck seams in the usual manner, as with a polysulfide. Then, after it cures, run a coat of white squeezing compound along each seam, paid on from its squeeze tube. The striping is likely to last as long as the caulk. You can do this with a paint compatible with caulk, but may not find it in a squeeze tube.

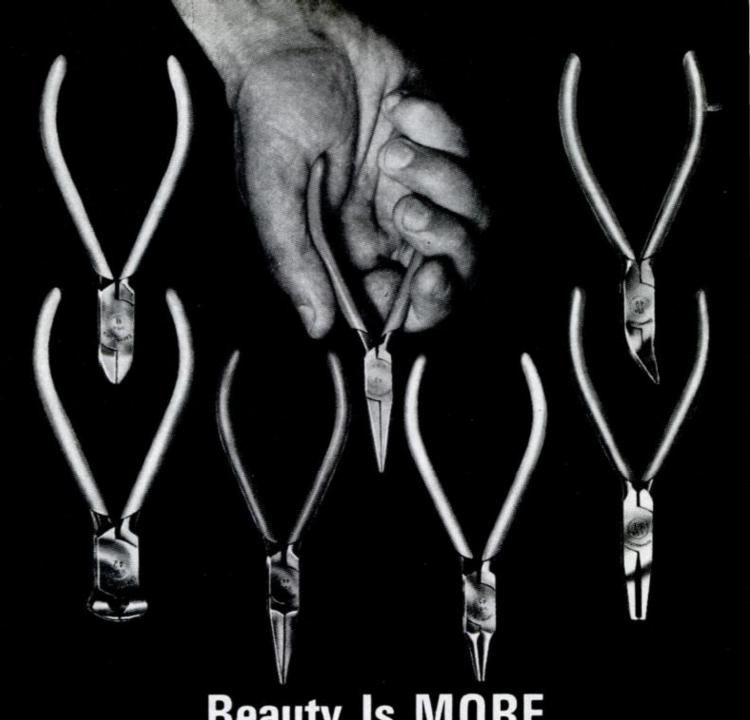
For filling deep dents and gouges, you have a choice of materials that include epoxies, acrylics, synthetic rubbers, resins and nitrocellulose wood flour. Pick the best type for the job you want done and the time you have to do it.

If the surface involved is springy, keep in mind that flexible epoxies usually have longer curing times than harder types. Nitrocellulose wood flour is a good choice where shaping is required, as it can be sanded and treated just like wood.

If you want the quickest possible cure, you can fill your gouge or dent with an acrylic. This normally sets in 5 to 15 minutes, but can be catalyst-mixed to cut the time to three minutes.

Things to come in the hull-helping field may well outperform the materials that surprise us now. From 3M, for example, there's a new Scotch-Seal No. 5200. It's a one-part moisture-curing, synthetic elastomer (not Thiokol) that's 100 percent solids (no solvent evaporation).

It has no shrinkage; you can paint it as soon as you apply it, and it sticks to teak wood (most seam compounds won't because of teak's oily nature.). As to durability, test samples have been soaking in gasoline and seawater for 18 months without enough deterioration to mention. ***



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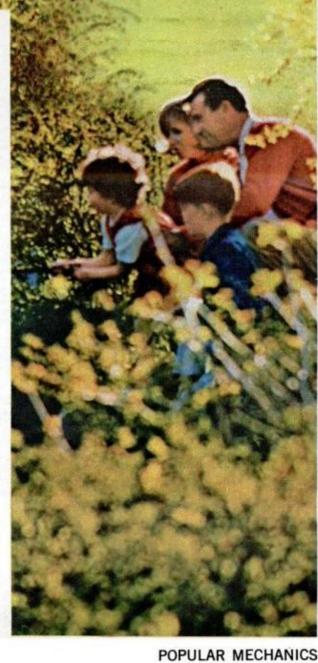
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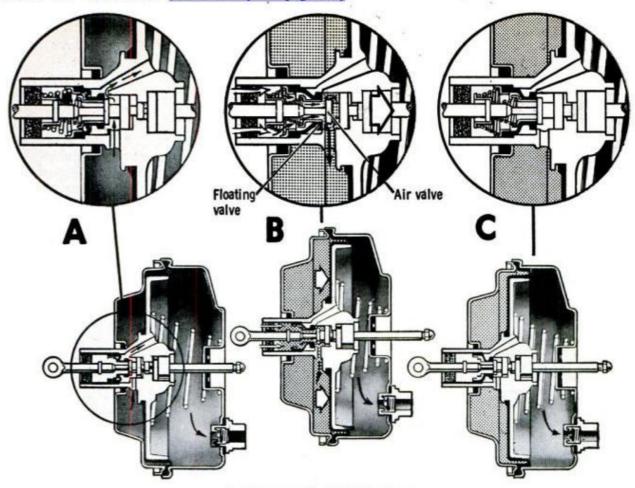


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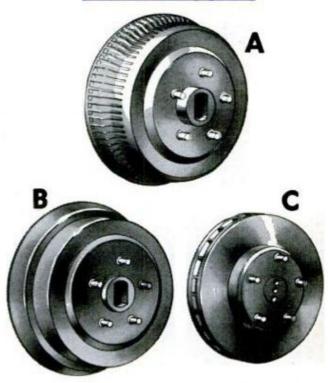
contained in a "caliper"-the housing which straddles the edge of the disc. With this type of brake, short single-acting hydraulic cylinders are contained in the stationary caliper with the open ends of the cylinders opposing each other on opposite sides of the disc. Frictional material is sometimes mounted directly on the piston in the form of a "spot," but in heavier cars the friction element is more likely to be incorporated in a shoe which spans the adjacent cylinders on each side. Light spring action keeps the frictional elements in contact with the discs in order to keep them wiped clean. One style of disc brake construction is shown in the upper detail.

Disc-brake systems operate at considerably higher line pressures than drum brakes, so a vacuum booster is usually incorporated in the system. In combination systems using both types of brakes, the rear drum brakes would lock up at the line pressures required by the discs in front. To prevent this, a brake line pressure-limiting valve is included in the hydraulic line leading to the rear brakes.

Another recent innovation is the "dual" braking system, which in reality is nothing more than a split system. A dual master cylinder is used, having two complete master cylinder assemblies in a single

housing in tandem, and operated by the same pedal push-rod. One of the master cylinders is connected to the rear brakes, and the other to the front brakes. If either

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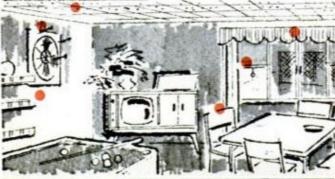
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ABCs OF BRAKES

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system should fail you'll still have brakes on two wheels.

So-called "power brakes" in today's cars are actually only power-assisted brakes. Atmospheric air pressure on one side of the brake booster piston, as op-posed to the lack of it on the other side, "helps" you push the brake pedal.

A power brake booster consists of three basic elements: a vacuum power cylinder, a control valve attached to the brake pedal operated push-rod, and a conventional hydraulic master cylinder which may be of the single or dual variety.

All automotive power-brake boosters since 1963 have been of the "vacuum suspended" variety. This means that both sides of the piston are in a vacuum when the engine is running and the brakes are released. The piston is retained in retracted position by the piston return spring.

The booster control valve is double in nature, on a single shaft. The forward air valve, working against the floating valve, controls the entrance of atmospheric air to the booster. The floating valve controls the air flow from the rear side of the piston to the forward side.

Figure 6A shows the power-assisted system with brakes released. The air valve is seated against the floating valve; no outside air can enter. The floating valve is retracted, and the port between the two sides of the piston is open; engine vacuum has exhausted the air from both sides of the piston, and the piston is retracted by the piston return spring.

Figure 6B shows what happens when you apply the brakes: The floating valve is closed, and the air valve is open. Air is being admitted to the rear side of the piston only, and the piston is being pushed forward by atmospheric air pressure, ap-

plying the brakes.

Figure 6C shows the system with the brakes being held. Both valves are closed, maintaining a closed system. The brakes have been partially applied by partial atmospheric pressure behind the piston. The partial air pressure behind the piston is balanced by the partial build-up of hydraulic line pressure.

Brakes dissipate kinetic energy in the form of heat, so brakes are essentially devices for converting energy. Efficiency of heat dissipation from the frictional elements of the braking system consequently has a direct bearing on brake efficiency.

Since heat dissipation is in direct relationship to the surface radiating area that is exposed to the cooling air stream, the

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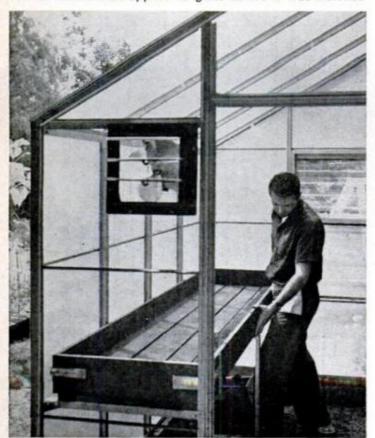
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BUILD A KIT GREENHOUSE

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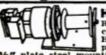
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growing light, but requires shade in summer. A northern exposure will sustain foliage plants such as African violets and orchids, but heating will cost more.

The greatest thrill in year-round gardening comes when you're growing plants and flowers right through the most bitter winter. While the sun may provide all or most of the heat during the day, you'll need some means of furnishing heat at night. This can be done with electric heaters or small gas units. Heat from an existing hot-water or warm-air system will do. The amount of heat required will be determined by the size of your greenhouse, the night temperature you want to maintain and severity of your winters.

Home greenhouses are the easiest things to erect. If you're the least bit handy with tools, you can erect one in two or three weekends. Most of the kits on the market are aluminum and designed to go together like the parts of a toy construction set. Such firms as Lord and Burnham, Aluminum Greenhouses, Inc. and others, offer a whole array of glass houses-little ones and big ones, simple ones and fancy ones-enough to make any gardening buff's mouth water. Most of the larger greenhouses need a masonry wall to sit on. The smaller ones need only a concrete footing that extends below the frost line. As for a floor, a plain dirt one covered with gravel is best. It won't dehumidify the air and dry out the plants. A few flagstones or an aisle of bricks placed between your redwood benches will provide a place to walk.

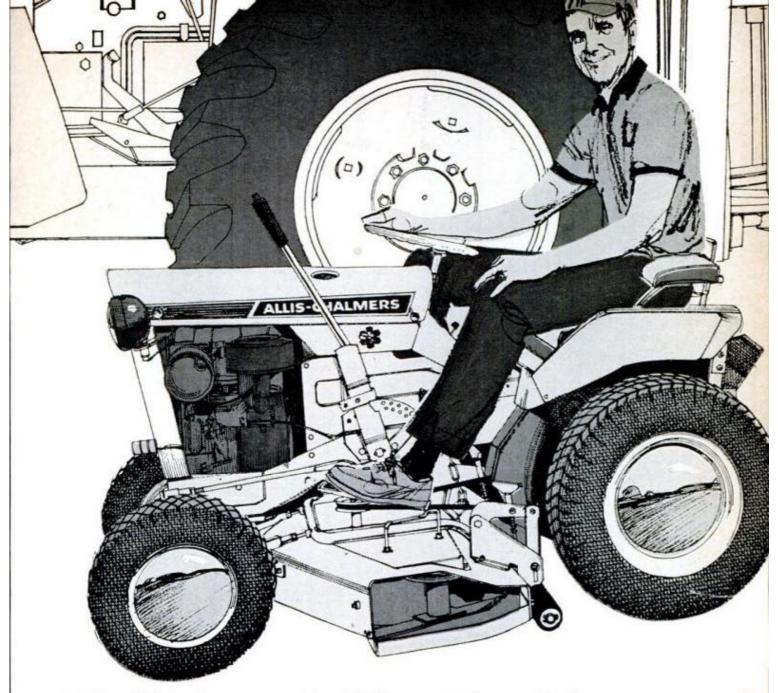
ABCs OF BRAKES

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basic brake drum has undergone some modifications. Figure 7A shows a finned drum which seems to offer the best solution for increased heat dissipation. An alternate method, shown in Figure 7B, and frequently used, is the provision of a long flange extended from the drum periphery.

Disc brakes gain additional cooling area by separating the rubbing surfaces with an air space as shown in Figure 7C. Air flows from the center outward through the disc as the wheel rotates, cooling the disc.

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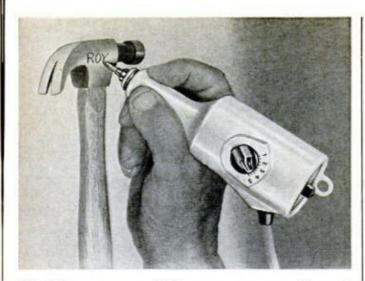
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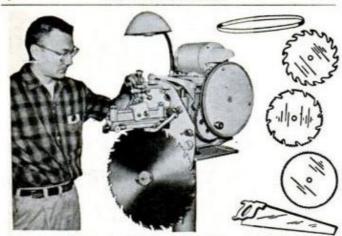
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The Wasa sank in 100 feet; for a time her masts showed above water. Salvage efforts were made, but the job was too big for 17th-century technology. However, in 1668, in one of the greatest underwater feats of all time, Swedish divers, under Hans Albrekt von Treileben, working in primitive diving bells, brought up almost all of the ship's ponderous guns.

Then for nearly 300 years the Wasa was forgotten, even though generations of ships -sail, then steam-passed above her in busy Stockholm Harbor. Many anchored directly over her and lost their anchors in

her rugged beams.

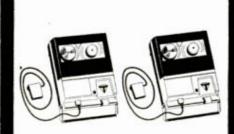
Finally in 1956, a marine archeologist, Anders Franzén, who had studied about the Wasa in Swedish archives, retrieved a tiny piece of black oak from a spot where it was believed to have sunk. Navy divers went down and found the lost flagship.

Salvage began by moving the Wasa underwater from her 100-foot resting place to a shallower depth. Divers drove six tunnels under the Wasa's hull and passed lifting cables through them. The cables were attached to two large pontoons, which were filled with water until they barely floated then pumped out. As they rose, so did the Wasa. The pontoons were then towed toward shallower water until the Wasa touched bottom. The process was repeated 18 times until the Wasa rested in 50 feet (page 114, March '60 PM).

For the final raising, the pontoons acted merely as platforms for big hydraulic jacks which did the actual lifting. But first the Wasa had to be made watertight. Divers worked all of 1960 and 1961 sealing up cannon ports, repairing portions of the stern that had been torn out by ships' anchors (several anchors were found in and around the Wasa), and banging wooden pegs into holes left by rusted bolts. One "dockside superintendent" suggested filling the hull with millions of ping-pong balls. Another said to pump a cooling liquid into the Wasa to freeze her into a solid block of ice which would float.

However, the salvage company decided to stick with pontoons and jacks, and by April 24, 1961, they were ready to hoist. By noon, outlines of the ship were visible. Soon after, carved heads atop two bitts gazed at the sun for the first time in 333 years! As soon as the upper deck was above water, pumping began at the rate of 7500 gallons a minute. On May 4, the Wasa was buoyant enough to be towed to a drydock. For the first time, the salvagers and divers and archeologists could see the full immensity of their prize.

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RODGER WARD'S INDY PREVIEW

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Two-time U. S. Auto Club national champion Mario Andretti, winner of this year's Daytona 500 stock-car race, will drive one of two Ford-powered Brawner-Brabham chassis cars for Dean Van Lines. One is the same car (although somewhat refined aerodynamically) in which he qualified last year at an eye-popping 165.889 mph.

Carrol Ĥorton, Indianapolis-based builder, has two cars ready for this year's race, again both rear-engine Fords to be driven by Ronnie Bucknum and Al Smith.

Also in rear-engine cars will be such stars as Clark and Hill, Cale Yarborough, Jimmy McElreath, Gordon Johncock, Al Unser and others, and such outstanding international drivers as Lorenzo Bandini (presumably on hand as a prelude to Ferrari's plan to try the Brickyard in 1968),

Dennis Hulme, Pedro Rodriguez, Chris Amon, and several others.

Cars of this design, some of them, as noted, rebuilt from former years, have of course been modified and hopefully improved in power, suspension, handling, reliability and so on.

(Keep in mind, incidentally, that when it comes to innovations at Indy, there's actually very little that is really new; just about everything—sometimes crudely, I admit—has been tried. But car builders, engineers, mechanics, tire specialists, drivers—the entire racing fraternity—are working with new knowledge of what may in fact be old concepts. This, I think, is what each year accounts for higher speeds and better racing.)

But coming on strong for 1967 will be a number of designs that, even if only partially successful, may prove as revolutionary as did Clark's first Lotus.

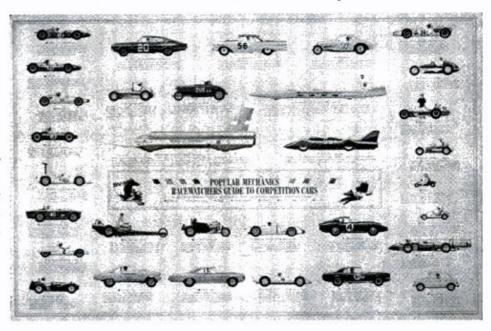
Jim Hurtubise, now a car builder as well as a driver, has put together three unique cars for this year's race—one and a spare for himself, the other for entrant Herb Porter, the driver of which will probably be veteran Bobby Grim.

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ADDING COMFORT TO CAMPERS

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• Improve your water system. The basic

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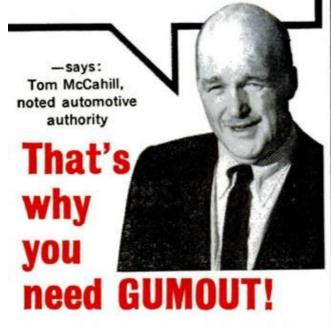
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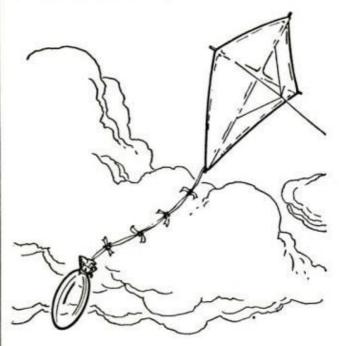
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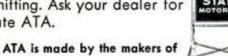
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proximately amidships. Construction is semi-monocoque. The driver sits farther back than in a "conventional" roadster—almost against the solid rear axle. The cars have coil springs and two-speed rear-end drive. If Herk's high hopes for the cars turn out to be justified, there could be a lot of racing-world drawing board activity in the coming months.

Personally, for this type of race, I think the roadster-type car is best. I've raced both kinds and I always felt the "seat-of-the-pants" control factor was more acute in a roadster. In a tight, high-speed corner, for example, the rear wheels of a roadster will swing out in a more pronounced fashion, tending—I think, anyway—to make the driver more aware of just what's happening to his car.

Four-wheel steering

Another new front-engine car that will be battling for a starting spot this year is Mickey Thompson's Wynn's Spit-Fire Special, to be driven by Gary Congdon. Thompson is nothing if not inventive and his effort in this car is no exception. Not only is the engine up front, but the car also features front-wheel drive and four-wheel steering. He claims to have licked the traction problems that usually plague front-drive cars and says his four-wheel steering setup will give the car much improved high-speed cornering ability.

Thompson's car is built on a 96-inch wheelbase and is powered by his own version of a basic Chevy V8 engine offset two inches left and featuring hemispherical combustion chambers with three valves (two intake, one exhaust) per cylinder. Right now the engine is cranking out 540 hp at 7200 rpm. I doubt this is enough, and so does Mickey. He says he hopes for 565 hp at 8500 rpm by race day.

(The car also houses what I've been told is some kind of radio device—for what, nobody will say. Radio communication in one form or another has been tried at Indy in years past, but various bugs—to say nothing of driver distraction—caused such attempts to be abandoned.)

Thompson also plans to show up with a conventionally designed rear-engine rear-drive car, the driver of which has not as yet been announced.

STP's Andy Granatelli and his Merry Men will be on hand this year with an interesting array of cars, including a radical four-wheel-drive, Novi-powered rearengine car to be driven by Greg Weld. Also in Granatelli's surprise package is a

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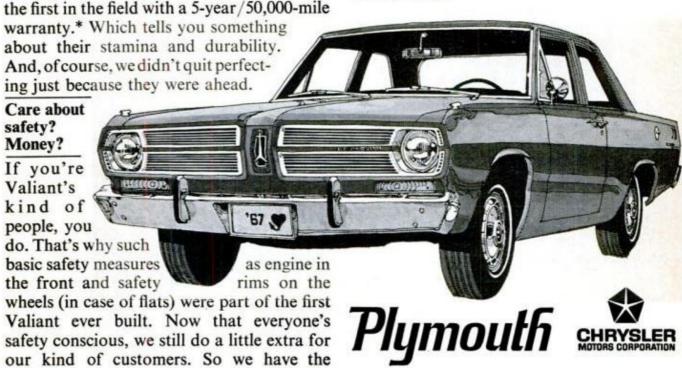
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turbine-powered car I'm told a "name" driver will try to qualify. Other STP entries include four new Lotus cars being built in England by Colin Chapman. The two fastest will be driven by former 500-winners Clark and Hill.

The Novi engine has been a big wind and a fan favorite at Indy for years. In action, it blasts out an awesome sound. But cars powered by this big bomber haven't had much luck, the engine's best finish being Duke Nalon's third in 1948. This year's Novi will feature a Rootes-type blower in place of a former screaming centrifugal-type.

Turbine-powered cars, probably the powerplant of the future at Indy, are nothing new, really. In 1962, as a 500 rookie, Gurney did his best with an entry called the John Zink Trackburner but found it about four mph shy of qualifying. This year, with new technology and techniques, things could be different.

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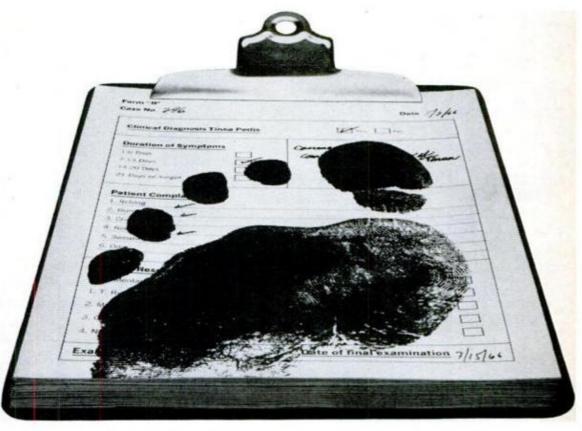
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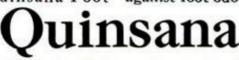
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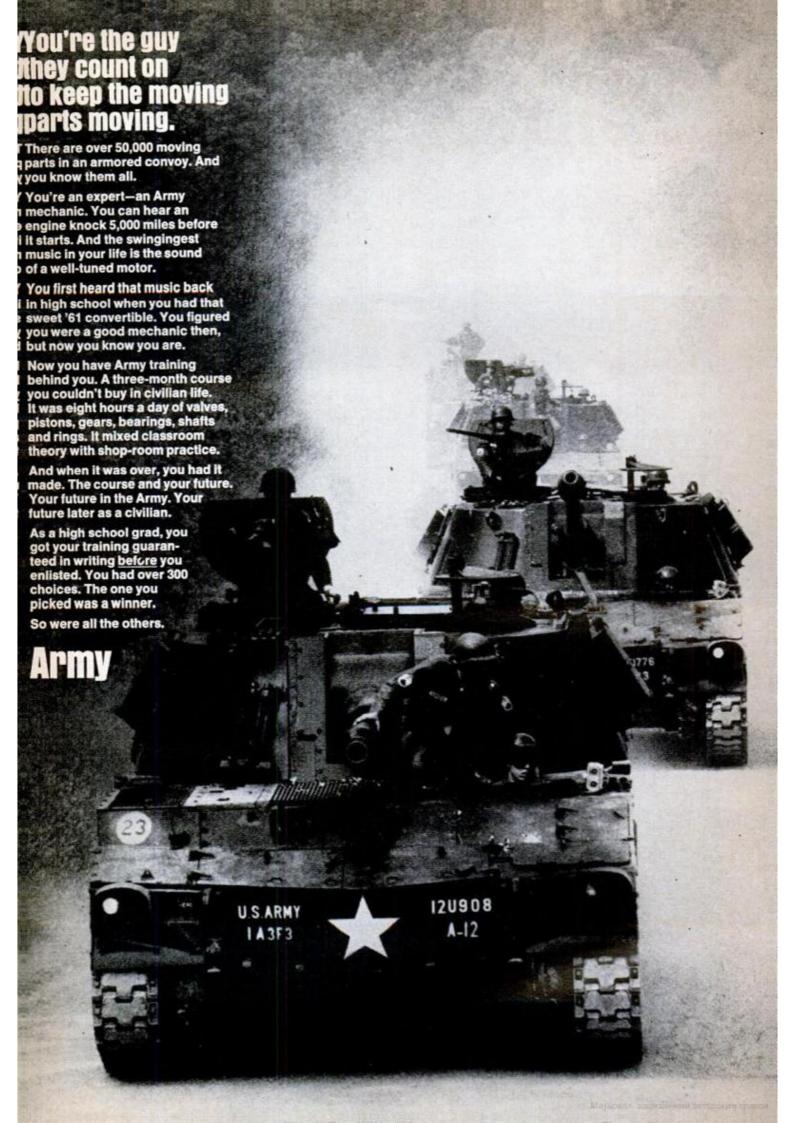












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The power setup for two of the four new Lotus cars could rattle a few cages, too.

New British engine

Two of the cars will be powered by a new 16-cylinder nonsupercharged H-type BRM (British Racing Motors) engine. Builder Chapman claims to be getting an extra 30 hp out of the new mill, but it's rumored that they're having a bit of reliability trouble. If the engines prove fast and hold together, though, we could have a new power cycle at the Brickyard.

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exhaust-driven turbocharger.

Carrol Horton has modified his Checker Marathon Specials this year by moving the driver seat back almost eight inches, increasing overall length by 12 inches, and stretching the wheelbase from 96 to 108 inches. He sees the changes as doing a better job of weight distribution and providing improved handling.

He is also equipping his cars with a new vacuum fuel system in lieu of the usual

pressure setup.

All the Gurney Eagles will have Ford engines, with one of the new cars possibly being powered by a 303 CID pushrod Ford with Gurney-Weslake heads. Unlike last year's Eagles, all of which were centered, the chassis of this year's cars will be offset one inch left of center in an attempt to improve high-speed cornering ability.

A. J. Watson, a man who built me a few great cars in years past, and (reportedly) Colin Chapman are reintroducing the de Dion rear end to Indy this year. This is a somewhat complex axle-suspension arrangement allowing stress loads to be taken off the drive components and trans-

mitted directly to the wheels.

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In all, what with a record field, new designs and probably faster cars, the 1967 Indy 500 shapes up as the world's foremost auto race. I'll be there and, like an old firehorse, I know I'll be wound up as tight

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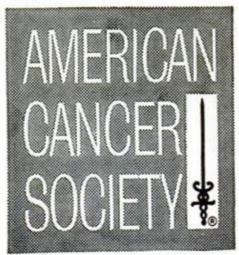
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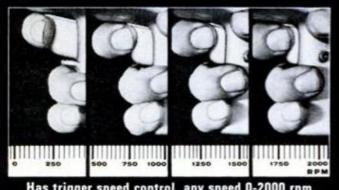
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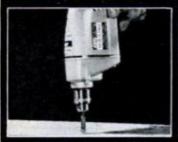
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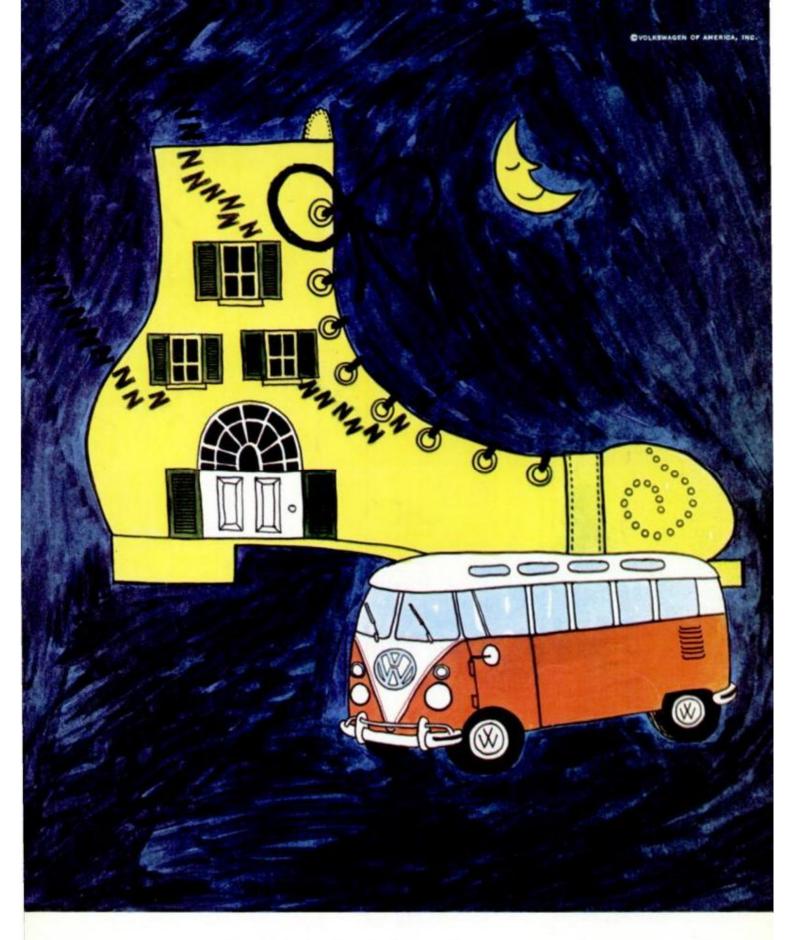
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