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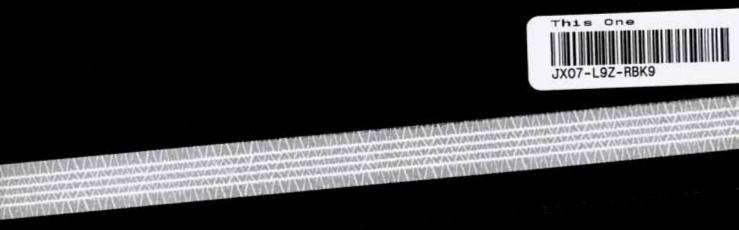
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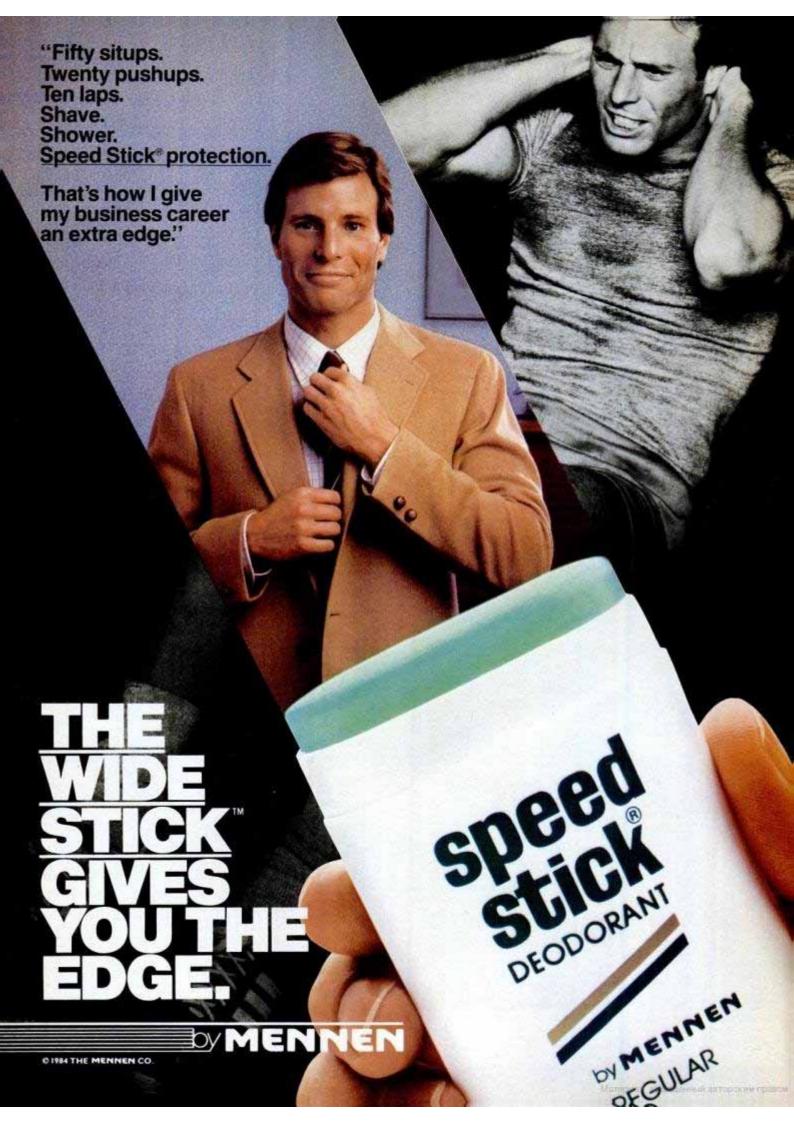


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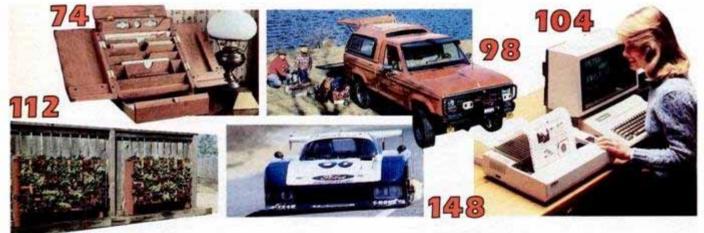
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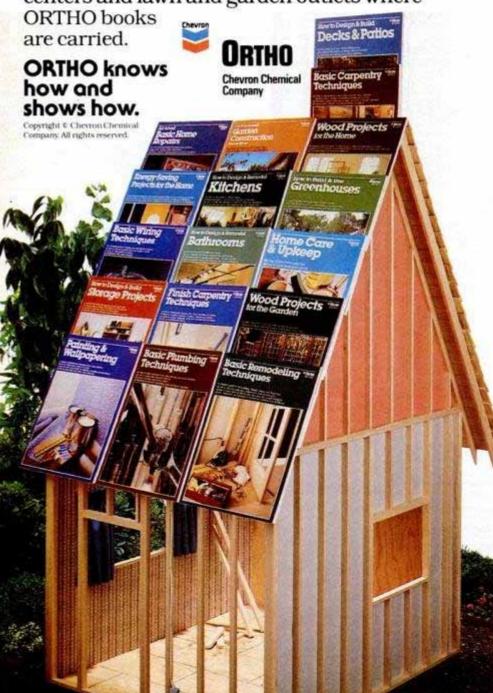
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# EDITOR'S NOTES

ore than 30 different bobsleds were tested by the U.S. Olympic team before the athletes selected one for the current competition at Sarajevo. Each sled was the product of a skillful designer who used all his technological tricks to make it a gold medal contender.

Other U.S. teams have employed wind tunnels, computers, superspeed photography and other high-tech methods to prepare for the Games. And even now, the summer athletes are deep into scientific training and coaching techniques that they hope will produce winning performances in Los Angeles next August.

For a look at the fascinating new combination of science, technology and athletic

skill, see Forging Gold On Olympus (page 89). Another ingredient in the mix may well be inventive genius. Among the foremost U.S. bobsled



Designer Tip Sempliner: From hair curiers to Olympic bobsleds.

Photographer Steve Fay savors the Joy of working at home.

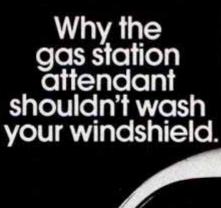
builders is New York designer Tip Sempliner, who holds an amazing total of 67 patents on everything from tape recording equipment to hair curlers. You can learn how he goes about building bobsleds in Fire On Ice (page 92). . . . Photographer Steve Fay, whose work you've seen in PM through the years, is now the envy of all commuters. He can work at home when he wants to, thanks to a new studio and entertainment room he put into his previously unfinished basement. Through the combined efforts of architect Ira Grandberg and the PM Home & Shop Dept. Steve has discovered new happiness in The Rediscovered Basement: Lowest-Cost Space Maker (page 122). . . . . . Some people who started

generating energy as a hobby are finding their back-yard power plants put out a surplus they can sell. And others, like Paul Eckhoff (below, with

Science Editor Dennis Eskow), have even launched new businesses selling energy-related equipment. Energy writer Dianne Driever tells you how to do it in Mom & Pop Power Turns A Profit (page 100).



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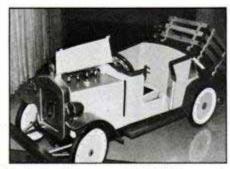
Scott helps those who help themselves.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



#### PM's pedal car in two body styles





Two versions of PM's convertible pedal car for kids: delivery van (left) built by reader Willson and pickup/dump truck (right) made by reader Wingert. It can also be a roadster.

Your readers might like to see a photo (above, left) of the pedal truck I made from your excellent plans (*Build PM's Delivery Wagon*, page 62, Aug. '82). I scaled it up 25 percent to accommodate large kids. I also added spring suspension.

LARRY R. WILLSON HIGHLAND, CALIF.

We built the pickup/dump truck version (above, right) for our grandson, adding automotive-type steering with ball joints and ball-bearing wheels. The hood also hinges up to reveal four real (discarded) sparkplugs. My wife and I have made many PM projects, but we think this is one of the most enjoyable we've ever undertaken.

WESLEY WINGERT BATESVILLE, ARK.

You both did a great job and added some nice touches. For others who may be interested, the plans, which show three different body styles, are \$9.95 postpaid from Stevenson Projects, Box 584, Del Mar. Calif. 92014.

#### They're both a LARC

I enjoyed your article Seafaring Fire Engine (page 93. Oct. '83), but I think you erred in referring to LARC as a Light Amphibious Rescue Craft. When I was in the Army, LARC stood for Lighter Amphibious Resupply Cargo.

PHILIP H. CHASE CHARLESTON, S.C.

We're both right. The meaning you refer to was used prior to the Vietnam War. Ours is the current usage.

#### Full of hot air?

We were pleased to see your coverage of hot-air sport balloons (Now: Backpack Ballooning, page 75. Dec. '83). It contained some misconceptions, however. In our Drifter, the pilot does not land on his feet. He remains seated and allows the bottom of the fuel tank to absorb the landing shock.

Your writer was unnerved by the fear of the pilot light blowing out in flight. This can't happen while flying free, since you're moving at the same speed as the breeze. In any case, with the burner shut off, the balloon descends at 700 feet per minute—considerably slower than the 1,000 f.p.m. of a typical round-canopy parachute.

WILLIAM C. CHAMBERS JR. HOVERAIR LTD. SAN FRANCISCO

I really liked Ray Hill's story on backpack ballooning. The idea of exploring the wilderness while sailing over the treetops is fascinating.

> SCOTT D. TEBOW LA HABRA. CALIF.

#### Old idea, new twist

The French seem to be about 40 years late with their "new" low-level parachute bombs (*Technology Update*, page 145, Dec. '83). This technique was used with great effect during World War II in Burma. B-25s dropped 100-pound bombs at treetop level, using chutes on them to delay their fall and give the bombers time to get away.

COLUMBO S. CAPOGROSSI TRUMANSBURG, N.Y.

Yes, parachute bombs are not new in concept. However, the French system differs because they have rocket charges that will drive the bombs into heavily reinforced concrete after the chutes have been jettisoned. Otherwise, the bombs would lack sufficient impact to do serious damage.

#### Chilling reminder

Your article Through The Ice! (page 88, Dec. '83) contained very useful information, but it overlooked one point. I agree it's easier to roll down a window rather than push open a door against water pressure, but suppose the car has power windows that short out and won't open? Also, many four-door sedans have nonopening rear windows.

I think the best advice is: Never venture out on ice unless you're in a convertible—with the top down!

> C. R. BLYDENBURGH SAUNDERSTOWN, R.L.

#### Exerciser update

Thank you for including our Vitamaster electronic exerciser in your article It's A High Tech Christmas (page 84. Dec. '83). I would like to point out, however, that the display shows not the time of day, but the elapsed time since the user started exercising. Also, the retail price should have been listed as \$599.95, not \$320.

P. JAY HARRIS VITAMASTER INDUSTRIES INC. BROOKLYN, N.Y.

The price that appeared on our test exerciser did not include shipping and handling charges or dealer profit. We regret the confusion.

# Italsohas u rather kat:



Any way you look at it, the Accord Hatchback is new. New engine. New tighter suspension. New lower hoodline. New sporty black trim. New contoured bucket seats. We could go on. But the best way to look at this new Honda isn't in a picture. It's out on the road.

The Accord Hatchback

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# ALL OUTDOORS

Camp-out sailboard takes you away

Most hot-dog sailboarders push their boards hard all the time—that's what sailboarding is about. But if a leisurely pace suits you, how about a cruising sailboard with dry storage and a sail that converts into a tent for two?

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You can order the Ten Cate in the United States through British Information Services, 845 Third Ave., New York, N.Y. 10022. The cost is about \$560 including shipping. It's made by Ten Cate Ltd., Broadsailing Div., Unit 10, Stort Valley Industrial Park, Bishops Stortford, Hertfordshire CM23 2TU, England.



Sailboarders can take it with them on the Ten Cate Cruiser. Board has removable watertight box. Sail design allows the craft to be used as a tent for camping out.

#### Cartridge doubles power

An all-new cartridge, not just a new loading of one that's been around for years, is an event. Now, on the heels of the Remington/Ruger .357 Maximum introduced a year ago, comes the Federal/Harrington & Richardson collaboration on the .32 Magnum.

With comparable power to the .38 Special +P 110-grain load, the semiwad cutter .32 Magnum nearly doubles the energy of the standard loading for



New .32 Magnum round stands 1.35 in. tall, almost ¼ in. longer than the .32 S&W Long.

the .32 S&W Long. Cartridge and case lengths are increased so the more powerful new cartridge cannot be chambered in older and weaker revolvers.

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Four basic five-shot revolvers from Harrington & Richardson handle the new cartridge: the Model 686 Western Style, the 904 Swing-out with adjustable sights, the 732 Swing-out and the 632 Solid Frame. Each comes in various barrel lengths, Prices range from \$100 to \$195.

Many handgun shooters have long mourned the gradual decline of the .32 revolver for serious shooting. Now, this new cartridge, with guns to match, should bring it back stronger than ever.

#### Motorcycle tank pack

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Tank Trunk can convert to a backpack.



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# IMPORTS & MOTORSPORTS





Ah, versatility. Convertible owners can drop their tops on sunny days, hatch-back drivers fold their rear seats to set up the canine corral and pickup truckers pop on the cap anytime they want to go camping. But no one I've seen can do a jiffy switch from van to pickup or vice versa the way you can with this versatile vehicle. The Logicar is a Danish creation from the drawing board of designer Jacob Jensen. His pickup/van is in the prototype stage now, with the fiberglass body on a galvanized tube-

type chassis and power from a VW aircooled engine.

The first step in converting the van to a pickup is to slide the side windows into the roof as seen above. The roof is then lowered by a springloaded, telescoping system (that patent is pending) and it becomes the pickup bed. The rear window frame then slides forward to close up the cabin right behind the driver's seat, while a protective rubber mat rolls out to cover the pickup bed. In the pickup mode, Logicar carries driver

In case you hadn't noticed. Audi's on a





Logicar as a van is converted to a pickup: First step is rolling the side glass into the roof (top, left). Roof is lowered (top), then rear window slides forward (above).

and passenger and about 900 pounds of payload. With seats, in the van configuration, it carries a driver and four passengers.

For production and licensing information, write to Logicar A/S, Hjulmagervej 5, DK 8800 Viborg, Denmark.

#### Wagon gets a whine



without losing its looks or sacrificing sportiness. German drivers will, of course, want more power to go with the additional room, and for that a turbo will do the trick. This prototype Turbowagon was spotted in Germany, where it's been flashing every other wagon out of the fast lane as it closes at 148 mph. That's what 182 hp from the turbo Five nets as top speed. If fourwheel drive is the next thing to be added, we may see another Audi model here—the Quattro Turbowagon.

Alfa Romeo renaissance

You can still buy an Alfa Spider, the design of which goes back to the '60s. It didn't get so old running on yogurt, you know, but because it's one of the all-time most beautiful roadsters. It'll probably still be available in 1985-86, when Alfa is planning to introduce two new sedans here, both in the BMW

Arna (for Alta Romeo Nissan Automobiles) has Alfa engine and Nissan sheet metal.

class. Right now, the only closed car we get is the GTV-6, which was originally introduced as the Alfetta

GT. When I visited Alfa and drove the GT in '75, I saw the potential of Alfa's production facilities at several locations in Italy. They are currently in full swing on projects that include the Alfa

33, Arna, Avio turbos and a 4×4. We'll be impressed with those '85-'86 sedans. That's my Alfa bet.

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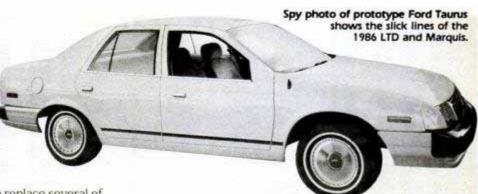
# DETROIT LISTENING POST

#### 1986 Ford LTD

Here's our first good look at the Ford Taurus-series automobiles scheduled to debut in the fall of '85. The vehicle shown here demonstrates that Ford has a commitment to aerodynamics in its future. The car bears a striking "upsized" resemblance to the Tempo/ Topaz twins. More than one observer, however, has remarked on the similarity that the Taurus bears to the departed American Motors Concord.

The Taurus-series cars are intended to replace several of Ford's bigger Panther- and Fox-series vehicles—Lincoln Mark VII and Continental. Ford LTD and Mercury Marquis—but exactly which cars is still an open question. In 1982, Ford brought out its smaller Marquis and LTD, still rear-drive and built on the Fairmont (Fox) platform. Ford sources indicate that the company will sell the big sedans alongside the newer, smaller Taurus-series sedans and wagon, perhaps well into the late '80s.

The uncertainty, it appears, lies in Ford wanting to serve two masters—the fuel-efficient crowd, and those who buy



big, rear-drive Detroit sedans regardless of the fuel situation. Taurus development was cut back significantly this year to carve costs from the program, and the Taurusseries replacement for the Mark VII, we're told, has been shelved until 1988 or beyond.

Taurus-series cars, sources indicate, will likely be motivated by a 2.5-liter version of the 2.3-liter Four now in the Tempo/Topaz. Also slated for the Taurus are a new 3.0liter V6 and a four-speed automatic. Ford expects Taurusseries cars to achieve 26 mpg in the city with the 2.5.

#### New Hurst transmission

George H. Hurst is a man who requires little introduction. Here it is: the Hurst Shifter and Hurst/Olds (before it was absorbed by Cars and Concepts).

George Hurst has always been an innovator. You've seen his magic at work on television and, perhaps, at race tracks, where the Hurst Jaws of Life help to safely extricate drivers from crashed vehicles.

Hurst's latest toy could revolutionize the auto industry. He's working on a transmission which, very loosely, works on the same principle as the impact wrench. Though promising in theory, prototypes have either failed to live up to expectations or simply failed to live. George Hurst, however, is unaccustomed to failure.

#### Blowers from D.C.

Superchargers are making a comeback. After somewhat promising efforts put forth by Bendix a couple of years ago, the supercharger business withered away to little more than poorly funded research projects. Many outfits do build and successfully sell superchargers on a relatively small scale, but the equipment is not well distributed, generally speaking.

Chrysler's Direct Connection might turn that around soon. After intensive investigation of supercharger performance in Shelby Chargers at the West Coast development center, a blower manufacturer was chosen from four or five semifinalists. As this is written, Camden Superchargers of Austin, Tex., is in negotiation with Chrysler to supply blowers for "off-road use only" through Direct Connection parts dealers and catalogs.

Why not from the factory? A supercharged Shelby Charger sold through the factory would be subject to the scrutiny of EPA exhaust sniffers. The cost of certifying the blown engine would be prohibitive in view of the relatively small numbers of sales such a specialty car would generate. Though performance figures aren't known at this writing, the supercharged Shelby Charger will generate as much excitement as it will horsepower.

#### The ad game Tempo

You've seen the Ford commercial in which the Tempo does a G-pulling loop-the-loop in the "O" of a giant Tempo logo? Pretty slick driving, or just trick camera work?

Neither, as it turns out. The Ford

folks were taking no chances that the neat trick would pay more attention to gravity than the shooting script. The Tempo is securely bolted to a moving track and *pulled* through the shot. The slot is nearly invisible on-screen, making the Ford Tempo the world's first full-sized slot car.

#### The Firenza firecracker

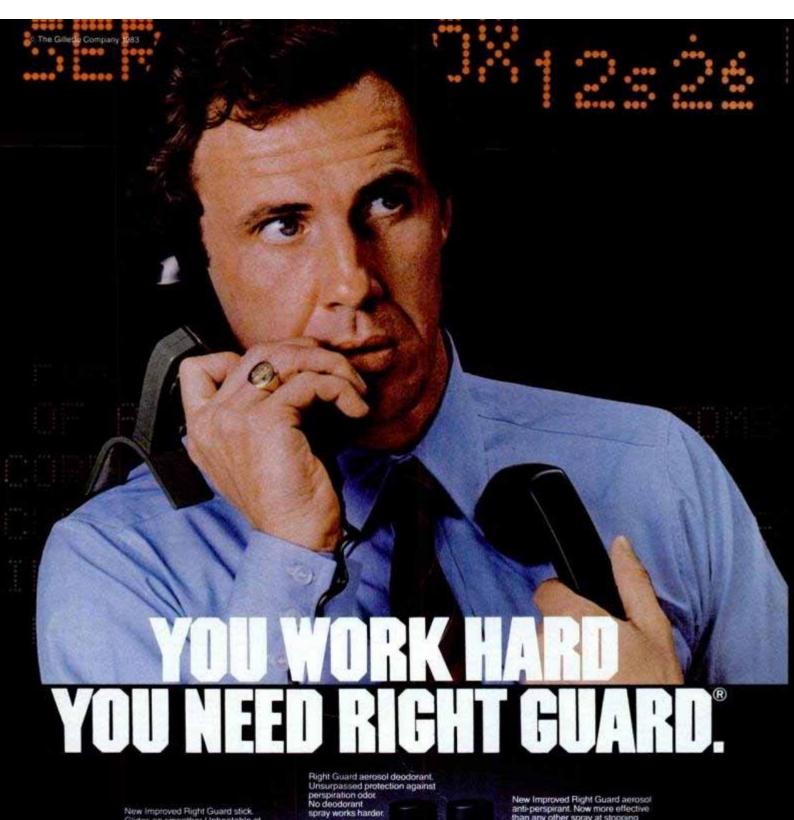
Keeping pace with Oldsmobile will become more difficult in 1985.

In a recent interview with Olds' general manager, Joe Sanchez, we tried to confirm his division's exciting prospects for the future. Joe Sanchez is a canny salesman, unwilling to do much more than allude to the following, so here's what Olds insiders themselves are excited about:

The Olds Firenza could get, as early as next fall for the '85 model year, Chevy's 2.8-liter HO Six. Olds will enhance the engine with direct port fuel injection and Oldsmobile heads, and the beast will pump out an honest 180 hp. Imagine that in a J-car, lightened up to 2,370 pounds!

In addition, Olds and GM's Hydramatic are working to adapt the electronically controlled 4+3 manual trans-

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mission, currently offered in the Corvette, to that same HO-powered Firenza. Development centers around adapting the unique computer-shifted overdrive setup to a front-driver with transversely mounted engine.

The new Firenza will receive fourwheel disc brakes and a new suspension, enhanced for performance. The Firenzas will then be slotted just under the GM20/N-car for '85, which itself will include a sporting derivative. Will the sporty N-car offer Olds' pending

160-hp diesel? Or a 16-valve gasoline engine? Maybe both.

#### Chrysler names H-cars

The Chrysler H-body cars, due in the fall of 1984 as '85 models, have been given names. The four-door hatchbacks will be sold as the Chrysler Commander and Dodge Lancer.

Lancer, one notes, is a Chrysler tag we've seen before. The Commander badge had originally been considered for an up-market version of the T-wagon Voyager minivan. Chrysler will build the sporty touring sedans in the

Sterling Heights, Mich., assembly plant it acquired from Volkswagen of America. VW never got the plant on-stream in the face of declining fortunes, and it has been extensively remodeled for Chrysler. According to sources, Chrysler expects to begin H-car assembly as early as September.

#### Ear to the ground

The IRS cometh: April 15 isn't very far away, so file this where you can find it. The IRS has announced that the standard mileage deduction rate for cars used for business purposes has been raised from 20 cents per mile to 20.5 cents. This applies to the first 15,000 business miles on a car not fully depreciated. Check with the IRS for details.

The big byte: GM has purchased the hyperexotic CRAY-1 supercomputer for its research labs at the GM Tech Center in suburban Warren, Mich. The \$5.3 million number cruncher is to be used for research and development, high-speed storage-retrieval and computer modeling.

More money matters: The American Automobile Assn., in its most recent estimate, reports the average cost of operating a motor vehicle at 23.8 cents per mile.

Heard it on the gripeline: Volkswagen of America, through association with the Better Business Bureau, has established a nationwide complaintsettlement program for owners of VW, Porsche and Audi vehicles. The "gripeline" number, a toll-free hotline titled Autoline, will be supplied to buyers of new vehicles with their warranty information. The program also applies to those VoA products still under new-car warranty.

Class action class: Mercedes-Benz failed in an attempt to have a disgruntled 450 SLC owner's paint complaint thrown out of court, where the man had brought his gripe. The company wanted to set aside a San Francisco federal court ruling allowing the complaint to become a class action suit.

#### Short drives

Dodge Rampage 2.2 is the pickup version of the Charger. Baby, it's small inside, but you've never driven a Charger with this much trunk space. It could use more power for load-carrying, though it already carries the 2.2-liter HO Four.

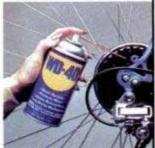
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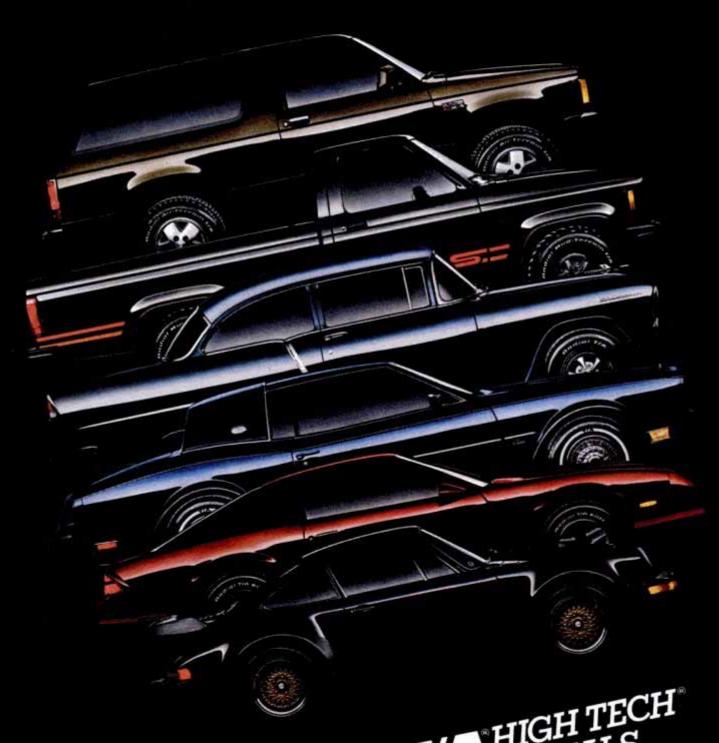
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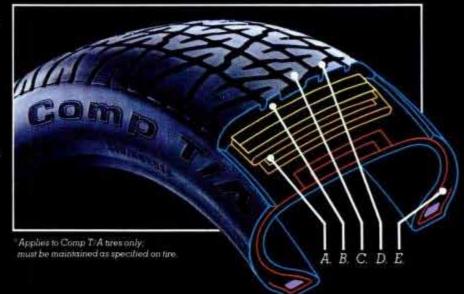
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LT195/75R15	5.0- 6.0	
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195/60VR14	5.0- 7.5
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### NEWSCIENCE/UPDATE

# William H. Whyte observes the teeming tribes of urban jungles

William Hollingsworth "Holly" Whyte has spent much of the past decade lurking in shadows, watching and filming total strangers. He's not an agent for the CIA, though; he's a self-taught urban sociologist, a student of street life. He has written several books on the subject and advised local governments on how to make public spaces attractive to the public.

"The most important thing we've learned in our studies," says Whyte, "is that what attracts people most is other people." Despite their protests that they hate crowds, city dwellers will mingle happily with others to buy food from a street vendor or to watch a performer. In New York City, says Whyte, a large crowd can form in 40 to 50 seconds. People even prefer crowds for conversation, he has learned. They will chat in the middle of a teeming department store or stop to talk by a busy intersection, while avoiding quieter, emptier spaces nearby.

Whyte is, at 66, the country's presiding expert on how people interact with urban landscapes. Sober-faced and three-piece-suited, he looks more like a banker than a sociologist—appropriate enough for a man who worked as an editor at *Fortune* from 1946 to 1959. His essays on corporate life were collected in his 1956 best-seller, *The Organization Man*. It was a first foray into amateur sociology, a hobby that was formalized when, in 1969, he was appointed distinguished professor of sociology by New York City's Hunter College.

While at Hunter, Whyte turned his attention to the study of New York City's planning ordinances, which require developers to provide miniparks and plazas in return for permission to erect taller buildings. Smoothly written proposals won him grants from more than a dozen foundations (including the National Geographic Society for a study that approached life in Manhattan as though its setting were a Sumatran jungle). Since 1971, Whyte's Street Life Project has been researching the habits of the urban human.

His techniques for studying sidewalks, parks and plazas consist mostly of making time-lapse films, measuring the space he's photographing, interviewing the people he watches and simply looking. "I've always been interested in direct observation," he says, admitting, however, "this is held in very low esteem as a technique in the social sciences.

"The really difficult part of observa-

tion is hypothesizing. People get out on the street and are swamped by it all, so you need a hypothesis to help focus. Then, if the hypothesis blows up in your face, you know that you're onto something."

One example of a blown hypothesis is Whyte's finding that sunniness, esthetics and the size or shape of a plaza are often irrelevant to its success. Trees help—the bigger the better—as do food vendors and waterfalls, especially if the water is close enough to touch. But the most attractive factor is lots of space to sit, ideally with movable chairs. (Surprisingly, he discovered, loose chairs and tables are rarely stolen from public places.)

His studies have also disclosed a phenomenon he calls "triangulation": Two strangers are likely to start talking to each other if a third arrives and does something unusual, such as starting a political harangue or juggling or playing a flute.

Whyte judges the success of public spaces by the number of people they attract. Some notable successes are Boston's Quincy Market, the glassed-in Gallery in Philadelphia and the Auditorium Forecourt Fountain in Portland, Oregon; these are easily accessible from the streets and "user-friendly." Glaring failures include many so-called megastructures, such as Detroit's fortesslike Renaissance Center, the Peachtree complex in Atlanta and the Houston Center—all forbidding, deliberately shutting out the city.

A sunlikely as it seems, Whyte has found that battlements and barriers aren't necessary to keep out the "undesirables"so frightening to business owners. Amenities like chairs and fountains that attract people discourage vagrants and drug pushers, who are not fond of crowded places. He has also found that the "amiable crowding" of parks and plazas is self-limiting and that people start to drift away when the population density becomes too great. "People have some visceral sense of the rightness of it all," he says.

Whyte admits he has made no controlled experiments—deliberately manipulating trees, vendors, chairs or fountains. But he is convinced that successful parks cheer harried urbanites. He spent hours watching every New Yorker who passed Paley Park—a vest-pocket park with trees, vendors, movable chairs and a waterfall. Half of the passersby looked in, he reports. And half of them broke into a smile.

#### The lovebug's busy love life

en don't seduce; women choose," noted one shrewd observer. And in fact, in many species it is the female that selects the mate. But in the case of a fly native to Florida and Mexico, popularly known as the lovebug (Plecia nearctica), the male de-

The male lovebug lives only two to five days, but it spends an average of 56 hours copulating (hence the name). Apart from its remarkable mating behavior, says Craig Hieber, a zoologist at the University of Florida in Gainesville, "it's an insect of not much consequence, really."

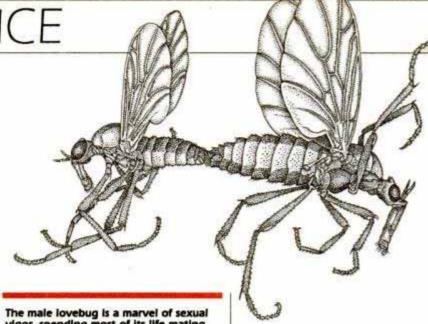
Hieber and colleague James Cohen report in Evolution that large female lovebugs are the most fertile and that males swarm over the nests of females emerging from their larval stage. The heaviest males are usually at the bottom of the swarm, and they compete for the fattest of the lady lovebugs. (Sometimes the eager winner begins copulating with his choice even before she has fully emerged.) The heaviest males are also likely to get the plumpest mates-thin females usually die old maids.

#### Shift of poles is overdue

arth's magnetic poles may be reversing. The evidence, reported by University of Minnesota researchers, came from sediments laid down in a lake bottom.

Although this phenomenon has occurred every 200,000 to 1,000,000 years, it shouldn't be ignored; it would force us to reorient every guidance system that uses a compass. And animals that use Earth's magnetic field to navigateeverything from bacteria to birdswould either adjust or perish. Also, because cosmic rays from space are normally magnetically deflected toward the poles, a reversal could create climatic disturbances. Some theorists even suggest that prehistoric mass extinctions may have been caused by such changes in the weather.

Geologist Subir Banerjee and graduate student Donald Sprowl say their samples suggest that Earth's magnetic field has weakened by more than 50 percent over the last 4,000 years. Baner-



vigor, spending most of its life mating.

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The larva of the petroleum fly is found in natural petroleum pools In California. It floats completely surrounded by oil, with only a breathing tube connecting it to the air. The larva feeds on insects that become trapped in the oil.

-Submitted by Vatsala Muralidhara Fair Haven, NJ jee says no conclusions can be drawn until data from other parts of the world are checked. A reversal can take very few years or up to 4,000, he says. No one knows why they happen, but Banerjee, noting that the last one took place 710,000 years ago, says, "we're overdue."

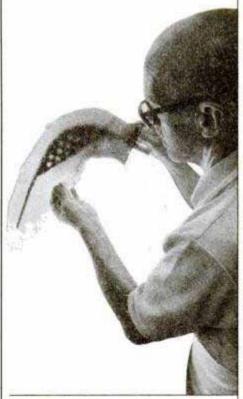
#### "Lucky" turtle gets new flippers

ucky, the sea turtle, was blissfully mating last April when a shark flashed from the deep and dined on her two front flippers.

A fisherman who saw it happen called the Coast Guard, which brought the 400-pound loggerhead turtle to the Theater of the Sea on Islamorada in the Florida Keys. This year, Lucky is to become the first sea turtle ever to receive anesthesia-and the first to get artificial flippers.

Lucky's replacement surgery has been worked out by Miami orthopedic surgeon Patrick Barry, who normally operates on humans. Metal implants that attach to the turtle's bones have been developed for Lucky by Howmedica, of Rutherford, New Jersey, a division of Pfizer. Artificial flippers molded of natural rubber by Goodyear and dyed to resemble the real thing, complete the package. Lucky's original flippers had small muscles that the replacements lack, but her strong, intact shoulder muscles should enable her to swim efficiently.

The cost of the operation, measured in materials and scientists' time, is far in excess of \$50,000-all donated in the name of "corporate goodwill" and basic research.



Prostethic flippers, custom-made of steel and rubber, will provide a wounded sea turtle with a new means of locomotion.

## **UPDATE**

#### Tongue cleaning makes a comeback

espite the popularity of brushing and flossing and the countless dollars we spend on mouthwash, billions of bacteria call our mouths home—and our tongues are the welcome mat.

According to Alan Drinnan, professor of oral medicine at the University of Buffalo School of Dentistry, we should add daily tongue cleaning to our oral hygiene routine. "People are always surprised at the amount of debris they remove this way," he says. The procedure cuts down on bacteria and leftover food particles, both implicated in tooth decay, periodontal disease and bad breath.

It is only in the past century that we have neglected our tongues. Throughout the 1700s and 1800s, Europeans used tongue scrapers, often elaborate silver ones. And archeologists have unearthed Roman tongue scrapers dating to A.D. 100.

While there are at least six different scrapers now on the market, Drinnan says it's just as easy to use the edge of a spoon, gently pulling it across the tongue.

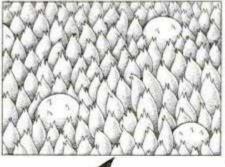
# Tumors feel radiation's touch

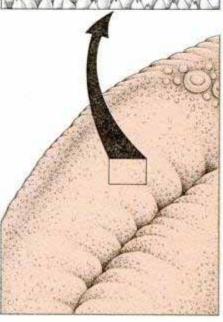
hen cancer is treated with radiation, the procedure can destroy healthy tissue as well as tumors. So a group of physicians has come up with a way to deliver the radioactive dose exclusively where it's needed.

The technique, developed at the University of California, San Diego, Medical Center, has successfully shrunk tumors that were blocking the air passages of patients with terminal lung cancer.

First, a tube is inserted through a patient's nostril and down the windpipe. Pellets of radioactive cobalt are then pushed through the tube until they touch the tumor.

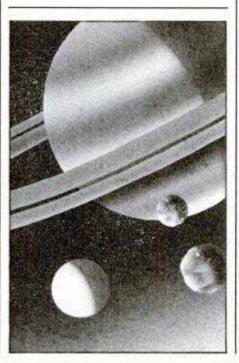
James Harrell, a member of the team, says they've seen improvements anywhere from two days to six months after the procedure. More than a third of the treated patients survived another six months (they had originally been expected to live only three months). Harrell hopes this technique will soon be used along with traditional radiation therapy for all lung cancer patients.





The tongue's surface provides a myriad of hiding places for bacteria and old food.

Only one of Saturn's moons has a smooth surface. Old craters may have melted.



#### The mystery of a melting moon

ne of Saturn's moons is giving scientists a headache. The moon, Enceladus, appears to be crater-free. But it has no atmosphere to protect its icy surface from the meteors that have scarred exposed surfaces on Mercury, our moon and other airless bodies.

There is one other moon that resembles Enceladus—Jupiter's Io. But this only deepens the mystery: Io's orbit is elongated, toward Jupiter, then away from it. Gravitational stresses heat the interior, forcing molten material upward to repave the surface. But Enceladus' orbit is nearly circular, with no stresses to induce melting.

The answer may be Saturn's rings. In the (relatively) recent past, say scientists, Enceladus' orbit may have been elongated, like lo's. Volcanoes may have been spewing molten ice that refroze to hide all past imperfections. But gravitational pull from the rings tugged on another moon, Janus, which in turn pulled on Enceladus and eventually evened out its orbit.

An anteater searches for insects by flicking its 19-inch tongue more than 160 times a minute.

#### New surgery cuts blood needs

A ccording to the Jehovah's Witnesses, the Bible prohibits blood transfusions. In order to operate, doctors have had to develop "bloodless" surgical techniques.

One method dilutes and extends a patient's blood with water containing minerals and nutrients. Another involves cooling the body to slow metabolism. A patient's circulation can be safely stopped for approximately an hour if the body is chilled to 65 degrees Fahrenheit.

Now, a team of surgeons headed by Sambamurthy Subramanian at the Children's Hospital in Buffalo, New York, is employing both techniques in openheart surgery on children. Bloodless procedures used on 48 patients, ranging from infants to eight-year-olds, reduced blood loss and strain on kidneys and lungs. There is also no risk of contaminated blood or a need to match blood types.

# RESEARCH ROUNDUP

#### Porpoises: the logic of leaping

Everyone loves to see porpoises and dolphins leap into the air. But why do they do it? In the past, observers assumed that the graceful marine mammals leaped to breathe or possibly just for fun. Now a zoologist claims that "porpoising" makes it easier for these animals—and perhaps for some penguins and small whales as well—to swim at high speeds.

Working from mathematical models, zoologist Robert Blake of the University of British Columbia has found that, because of surface turbulence, a porpoise swimming faster than 10 feet per second saves some energy by leaping and even more by swimming at some depth. At speeds above 16 feet per second, though, leaping is the most efficient propulsion method.



Y ou've heard of tennis elbow and jogger's knee? Now get set for cymbal player's shoulder, a painful joint inflammation.

The first case, reported in the New England Journal of Medicine, turned up at Vanderbilt University Hospital, where doctors treated a woman who had put in a 22-hour rehearsal week with the marching band.

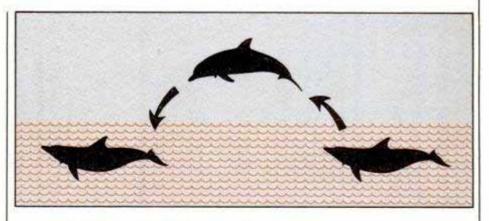
#### Tattoo trouble

**B** ritish doctors have noted a disturbing trend among teenagers: self-inflicted tattoos.

Described as a "craze" in the journal The Lancet, the practice involves pricking ink-covered skin with needles. Potential complications include simple infection, hepatitis, syphilis, leprosy and even cancer. Damage can also be psychological; plastic surgeons report waiting lists of people who want the tattoos removed.

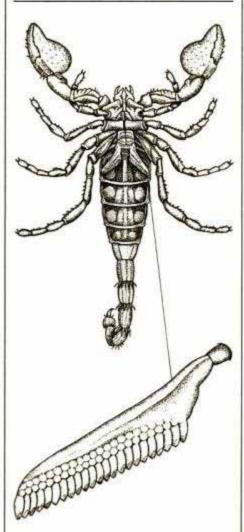
#### **Touchy scorpions**

A s a scorpion walks, two tiny combs on its underside swing back and forth. These so-called pectines have mystified zoologists for years. Researchers Thomas Root and Colin Harrington, of Middlebury College, now believe the appendages'



Dolphins' graceful leaps help them avoid surface turbulence and reach high speeds.

Scorpions use two comblike "pectines" to sense the best surface on which to mate.



function is to sense sand texture.

Using electrodes, they've found that nerves in the pectines fire in patterns that change according to the size of the sand grains contacted. Why so sensitive? Only if the sand is very fine will the male deposit a sac of sperm that the female can detect and collect.

#### Birds' compass

M igratory birds always know where to head in the winter, but do they rely initially on the stars or on magnetic cues for their compass sense?

Two researchers at the University of Lund in Sweden argue for the latter. In a recent issue of *Nature*, they suggest that a bird develops its sense of direction very early in life, based on the Earth's magnetic field. It then charts the position of the stars against this internal magnetic map.

The biologists tested their theory by artificially shifting the magnetic field around pied flycatcher nestlings. Months later, they observed a corresponding shift in the birds' migration orientation—even after the artificial field was removed.

#### **Blood-bank bust**

A Ithough surgeons have mastered the intricate technique of transplanting a liver, hospitals are still hardpressed to do the operation. Why? Because it heavily taxes their blood banks.

About 100 pints of blood are needed for just one liver transplant in an adult—up to 12 times the amount of blood in the body. Only a fourth as much blood is needed to transplant a heart. The reason for the hefty requirement? Since the "old" liver isn't working right, the blood doesn't clot and bleeding is often uncontrollable.

## NEWSCIENCE/INNOVATIONS

#### The sea is lan Koblick's workshop, home and playground.



hen Ian Koblick was 13, he used diving equipment he had built by himself to haul an outboard motor from a California lakebed. "It took me three minutes and I made ten dollars," he recalls. "In the 1950s, that was a lot of money to a kid." Having discovered diving's rewards, his devotion to underwater exploits became total.

Since that time, Koblick has developed a reputation as "America's Cousteau," and like his French counterpart, he has played a major role in a smorgasbord of marine projects.

In the 1960s, fresh out of college, he was a special assistant to the governor of the Virgin Islands, where he researched lobster management, sand-dredging and the construction of artificial reefs.

Soon afterward, he signed as an aquanaut for NASA's Tektite program, in which divers were subjected to extended periods of isolation in an underwater laboratory. As Koblick explains, "Tektite was a primitive space station. They wanted to know what happens when you're locked up and can't go home." Years later, NASA commissioned Koblick to verify data from satellites that were monitoring water quality and tracking fish migrations.

In 1970, he founded the Marine Resources Development Foundation, now based in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. One of the foundation's bigger projects was the deployment of an underwater laboratory for the government of Puerto Rico. Scientists lived for weeks at a time in the movable, 150-ton, threeroom lab. There they measured pollution, studied coral reef ecology and cataloged plant and animal populations.

Perhaps Koblick's most significant contribution to marine science was his discovery that man can live for many days more than 100 feet down. All that's necessary, Koblick found, is a 36hour "saturation" period during which a diver breaths a mixture of 95 percent nitrogen, 5 percent oxygen. This nearly eliminates the risk of developing nitrogen narcosis, a type of delirium that had previously hampered attempts to work at great depths. Much of this work is described in a book Koblick has written with James Miller, Living and Working in the Sea, to be published this May by Van Nostrand Reinhold.

Koblick has reaped a more tangible bounty from the sea than knowledge. In 1980, he acquired a 147-foot research vessel, the Golden Venture. Its most publicized exploit was the archeological exploration of two seventeenth-cen-

tury Spanish galleons, whose remains covered 10 acres of Caribbean seabed. Koblick laid out a grid and helped explore the site square foot by square foot. He also helped recover \$6 million in gold and silver from the wrecks—all of which went to the project's sponsor, treasure-hunter Mel Fisher.

Despite the breadth of his experience, Koblick, at 44, says he's frustrated. He dreams of other projects he fears will never come about. "There's no policy on underwater research in Washington," he says, "no organization to create one. We lack a precise definition of our needs. We need to put together the scientific expertise that exists now but that no one has ever coordinated, just like we did in space."

The oceans could solve countless urgent problems, he insists. Fish farmed in an acre of water could yield 10 times the protein raised in an acre of pasture. We could produce energy from ocean currents and methane from seaweed. We could use fast-growing kelp to help feed livestock and to make fertilizer. "And my pet project," says Koblick, "would be to develop hybrid plants that would grow in salty water, so we wouldn't have to depend on fresh water for agriculture."

S o far, Koblick hasn't had much of a problem finding funding. According to longtime friend and co-worker, Frank Milhoan, "lan is one of the last of the great worldwide ocean con men. And that's not bad. It's the only way the oceans have been explored."

Koblick is currently concentrating on educational projects. He is sponsoring a movable, underwater laboratory that will be used for teaching and research by the Florida State University system. He wants to build a bus to be called the Sea Van, which will look like a submarine on wheels. Inside, it will simulate a submerged sub and offer educational exhibits. In June, Koblick hopes to open the world's first underwater resort near a Caribbean island (not yet chosen). For \$1,000, a guest will spend a week on the island, receive two days of diving instruction, and spend two nights in the submerged, four-guest "hotel"-which is being converted from Koblick's Puerto Rican sealab.

Koblick says these projects will help everyone understand the sea as he does. If that happens, he's convinced that ocean research will become a national priority—and the whole world will benefit.

#### Self-sharpening blade has edge

nspired by rats' teeth, two researchers at General Electric have invented a blade that sharpens itself.

The specialized cutting tool doesn't work like a knife. Resembling the edge of a cube or the lip of a cliff, its cutting edge is a 90-degree angle of metal that is placed against other metal revolving on a lathe. This edge shaves the surface of the spinning metal. As the blade is used, microscopic cone-shaped chips flake from its cutting edge, leaving a sharp, new edge behind. This is caused by the blade's shape, not the material it's made from (tungsten carbide powder that has been mixed with a binder, pressed and heated). Ranga Komanduri, who developed the blade with Minyoung Lee, says the idea came from rats' teeth because they are hard on one side and soft on the other, and thus always retain an edge.

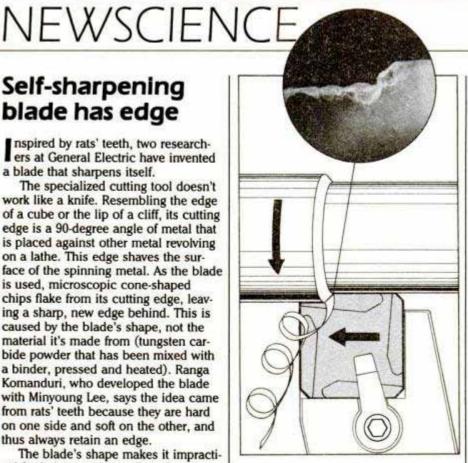
The blade's shape makes it impractical for knives or razors. But when cutting metal, it lasts up to six times longer than conventional tools. It even cuts tough titanium alloys, which react chemically with other blades, dulling them almost at once. Cutting titanium, GE's blade lasts about 30 minutes.

#### Twin telescopes improve focus

ast year's biggest astronomical discoveries were made by IRAS, a satellite that carried sophisticated infrared sensors. But a device is in the works now that will have 10,000 times IRAS's resolving power. It will be carried aboard a trailer truck!

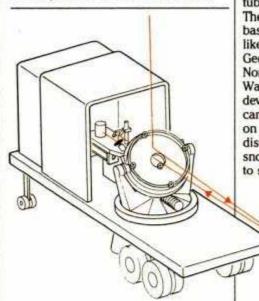
Two trucks, actually. Separated by as much as half a mile, the twin telescopes will work together, through a computer, to get a precise picture of the shape and size of infrared sources in the universe. The project, to be in operation in 18 months, is being supervised by Charles Townes, a Berkeley physicist and Nobel laureate (he won the prize in 1964 for the invention of the laser). "Our system won't be nearly as sensitive as IRAS," he says, "but it will be much better at pinpointing direction." In other words, he adds, IRAS magnifies well but focuses poorly; the new machines will have the opposite attributes.

Another advantage the paired



This new blade maintains a sharp cutting edge by constantly chipping away (inset).

A pair of truck-mounted telescopes will soon improve our view of the universe.



Bats' cries are too high-pitched to be heard by humans. But the squeaks are just as intense as the sound of a four-engine jet one mile away. -Submitted by Phyllis Leppa

Calgary, Alberta

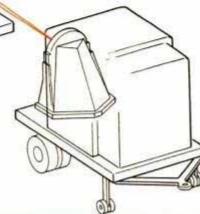
scopes will have over other earthbound devices, according to Townes, is that they will be transportable to wherever viewing is best. "We may take them to the Southern Hemisphere for a year or two," he says. Among the objects to be examined are the center of our galaxy. still-forming stars and other puzzling infrared sources that have not yet been identified.

#### Arctic night lit by "hot" bulbs

t can cost hundreds of thousands of dollars to light airplane landing strips in the Arctic, where in winter the sun shines only three hours a day. But new bulbs containing tritium (a radioactive isotope of hydrogen), which glow with no power source, are expected to cut lighting costs there by 80 percent.

The lights, developed by the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee, are simply 10-inch glass tubes filled with tritium. The inside surface of each tube is coated with a zinc-sulfidebased phosphor. As the tritium decays, beta particles excite the phosphor, making it glow-and no radiation escapes from the tube.

Panels, each containing seven tubes, are placed along runways. They've already passed tests at military bases and in Alaska. "The light looks like a dim fluorescent light," explains George Jensen, of the Battelle Pacific Northwest Laboratories in Richland, Washington, who is overseeing product development. Jensen says the lights can be spotted from eight miles away on a clear, moonless night, and from a distance of two to three miles in a snowstorm. And the bulbs are expected to stay bright for about eight years.



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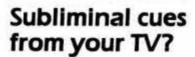
# INNOVATIONS

# Voice is key to new lock

A li Baba opened the Forty Thieves' cave by saying, "Open, Sesame." But a new voice-activated lock is more sophisticated: To open it, you must not only know the right words; the lock must recognize your voice as well.

Designed by 1983 graduate Donald Crockett and engineering professor Lester Gerhardt of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI), the lock combines an IBM Personal Computer, a Votan voicerecognition system and an electrically driven bolt.

To unlock it, you must push a button, wait for a beep and speak a code word. If the lock recognizes your voice, it flashes a pattern of words or numbers on a screen, which you must read back in an order known only to the computer and to those authorized to enter. If you get it right, the lock unbolts. If you make a mistake, you may try again—once. Currently, the sole prototype secures an RPI engineering lab.

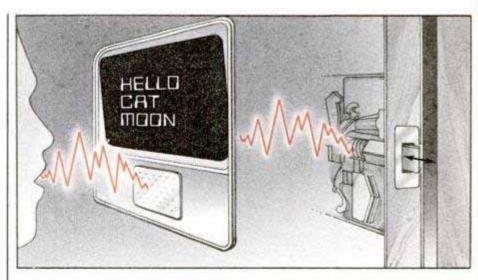


an't lose weight? Stop smoking? Hit a good golf shot? Now you may be able to talk yourself into it, subconsciously, while watching television.

A company called Stimutech, in East Lansing, Michigan, sells a system that makes a Commodore or Atari computer flash subliminal messages on a TV screen while you watch your favorite show. The messages appear for onethirtieth of a second every two minutes or so-too fast to be read consciously. but not subconsciously, the manufacturer claims. The possibilities? Messages such as "I see myself as a nonsmoker," or "Exercise is fun," or "Let's make love" indicate the range. There are eight cartridges, teaching stress control, good study habits, sexual confidence, and so on. The final message on each cartridge is "I am OK."

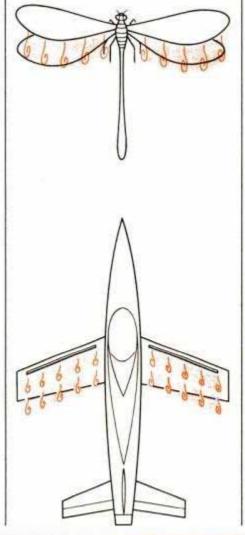
The system is called Expando-Vision. Says Wallace La Benne, professor of educational psychology at Eastern

Why is platinum so valuable? The total amount ever mined would make a cube only 14 feet on a side.



In order to open this computer-controlled lock, your voice has to match its memory.

The flow of air around a dragonfly's wings may help designers fashion future planes.



Michigan University and chairman of Stimutech's advisory board, 20 years' worth of data support their claim. Most famously, in 1957 a New Jersey movie theater boosted popcorn sales 58 percent when "Buy popcorn" was flashed repeatedly on the screen. La Benne says the public fears being manipulated that way, but with Expando-Vision, the user does the manipulating himself.

# Dragonfly model for future wings

hen a dragonfly darts past you, its wings are creating the kind of turbulence that, on a large scale, knocks airplanes out of control. Moreover, a dragonfly can lift as much as 15 times its own weight, while a high-performance aircraft can't lift a great deal more than itself.

That's why scientists under bioengineer Marvin Luttges at the University of Colorado, Boulder, are putting dragonflies into harnesses and blowing smoke at them in wind tunnels. "The dragonfly's wings," says Luttges, "create an airflow that looks like a little whirlwind. We're looking at ways that aircraft might generate similar little whirlwinds."

Luttges and his team are considering a number of modifications for airplanes. One is a second pair of wings that could pivot quickly to change their angle in the oncoming airflow; another, a strip of metal that would stretch the length of an airplane's wings and rise a fraction of an inch above them to create efficient swirls of air. The team also hopes to devise sensors that will allow these mechanisms to respond to changing airflows.

# EVERYDAY SCIENCE

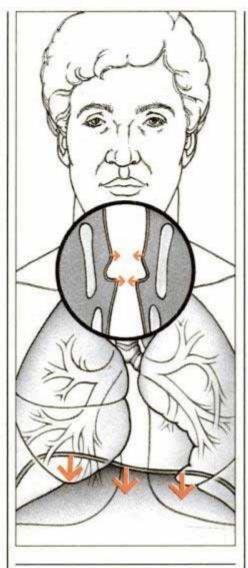
# What's a hiccup? What's the cure?

edical texts propose so many different causes for hiccups that it is reasonable to conclude that nobody knows for sure. Various books tell you that hiccups come from swallowing hot or irritating substances (such as highly carbonated drinks), too much laughing, too much smoking, indigestion, hysteria, exercise too soon after a meal, swallowing air or nervousness. Hiccups are also attributed to irritated diaphragms-or to irritated nerves that control the diaphragm-and they are said to accompany stomach and bowel disorders, pregnancy, pleurisy, pneumonia, hepatitis, uremia, cerebral lesions, strokes, diabetes and even alcoholism.

In other words, whether you're sick or healthy, whatever you're doing, you're liable to start hiccuping. Fetuses even hiccup in the womb. Physically, a hiccup is a sudden, spasmodic contraction of the diaphragm, which produces a sharp intake of breath. The breath, however, is abruptly cut off when the vocal cords involuntarily pull together, producing the sound *Hic!* Some scientists believe hiccups are repeated but ineffective attempts to vomit. And some claim that men hiccup more often than women.

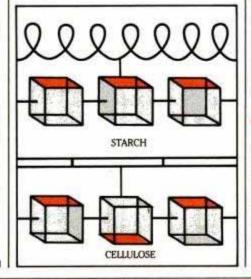
It is widely believed that a low level of carbon dioxide in the blood can predispose someone to hiccups, while a high level will inhibit them. Which is why popular cures involve holding your breath, breathing repeatedly into a paper bag or drinking a glass of water without taking a breath. Doctors sometimes prescribe sedatives or antispasmodic drugs for the afflicted, and medical texts frequently describe a treatment in which a soft rubber tube is inserted three or four inches into a hiccuper's nose and then pulled gently back and forth, "stimulating" the area behind the soft palate.

Another cure, noted by the Tuberculosis & Respiratory Disease Association of New York, is simply a teaspoonful of sugar. Repeated doses stopped hiccups in two-thirds of a sample of patients who had been hiccuping for as long as six weeks. Finally, a letter to the New England Journal of Medicine gives credence to a bartender's cure: eating a wedge of lemon soaked in Angostura bitters (don't eat the rind). This procedure stopped hiccups in 14 out of a sample of 16 hiccupers.



A hiccup occurs when the diaphragm muscle spasms, drawing air over the vocal chords.

Because the glucose molecules in cellulose alternate (bottom), it is hard to digest.



# Horses eat hay. Why can't we?

ows chew their cud, horses chomp on hay, and termites destroy houses. But we humans would starve if our only food were cellulose, the principal component of grass and wood. Nevertheless, we digest starch daily—in foods such as bread, pasta and potatoes—even though it is made up of exactly the same chemical building blocks as cellulose. What makes the difference?

Starch and cellulose are both long chains of molecules of a sugar called glucose. But the molecules are arranged differently in each substance: Imagine a set of blocks that are red on the top and black on the bottom. Each block has a hook on one side and an eye on the opposite side. The blocks can be linked two different ways: with all the red sides on top and the black on the bottom or with the black and red sides alternating. The same patterns hold when glucose molecules hook up. In starch, all the molecules face the same way; in cellulose, they alternate. Also, the chains of starch are coiled and distinct, whereas those of cellulose are straight and occur in bundles.

Digestion depends on enzymes, special proteins that break the chains into individual molecules of sugar that cells use for fuel. Enzymes identify their target partially by shape. The enzyme that we use to digest starch does not recognize the cellulose shape and thus cannot digest it.

The same thing is true for cows, horses and termites. So how do they digest cellulose? The answer lies in microorganisms, such as bacteria, that live inside their digestive tracts. These tiny organisms produce an enzyme that can recognize cellulose and break it into molecules the host can use as food. In exchange for their services, the microbes are provided with free room and board.

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# THE PM GARAGE

# Impact wrench for small jobs



New mini impact wrench operates with ordinary %-in. sockets and reversible drill.

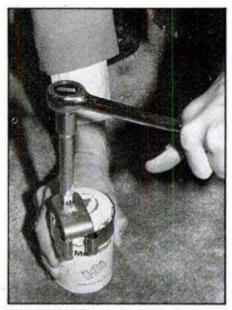
The U-Impact-It tool develops up to 120 lb.-ft. of torque, depending on the rpm of the electric drill that powers it. This is not as much as a professional unit, and you may have to snug up or break loose some fasteners manually (especially lug nuts). However, it does enable you to speed up the installation of exhaust parts and shocks, and is great on lagscrews and other nonautomotive jobs. It lists for \$28.95 and is made by Vermont American Hardware Tool Div., Box 340, Lincolnton, N.C. 28092.—W.H.

# Mini oil filter wrench

The new, smaller oil filters (about 3 in. in diameter) have spawned a new group of filter wrenches, typically using a stepped cap that fits over the end of the filter can. However, stepped-cap wrenches don't fit all the new filters. If you want something that does, you need a band wrench. A new one made for the smaller filters has some interesting design features.

The band has gripping teeth on the inside, so it won't slip. It works when you apply torque in either direction (no need to guess which way to install the wrench for loosening or tightening). It's made to be used with a ½-in. ratchet and extension, so it can fit into tight places.

The list price is \$5.50. The manufacturer, Lisle Corp., Clarinda, Iowa 51632, sells the wrench through auto parts stores.—Paul Weissler



This wrench for 3-in. filters fits all brands, including filters without faceted tops.

# Five-second monogram

Automotive elegance ends with the owner's monogram on the door. That touch of class is now available from Anderson's in California for \$9.50, postpaid (Calif. residents add 60¢ tax). These monograms come in either black, white or gold, in a choice of block



Gold block letters highlight a wood grain wagon panel. They also work on boats.

or script letters. In three-letter monograms, your family name initial is bold and centered. The monograms are guaranteed not to rub off, peel, crack, or chip. I put a set on the family wag-on—an act that took about five seconds per door—and then tried to rub them off. No go; they're on there for good! Order yours from Anderson's, 2527-DPM, West 237th St., Torrance, Calif. 90505.—M.L.

# Tailgate protector



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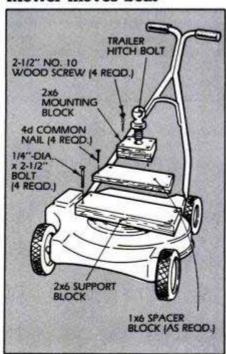
# Dry-cast concrete footing



To make a simple concrete footing for a post or pier, dig a hole to the needed dimensions and dampen it slightly. Fill the hole with mixed, ready-packaged concrete. Incorporate a tie-down strap with 16d galvanized nails going in opposite directions through two of the holes; use dry mix for fill. Tamp the ground level and then dampen it slightly with water from a garden hose until a top crust forms. Be sure to keep the footing wet for several days.

-Richard Day

# Mower moves boat



An old lawnmower chassis, scrap wood and a hitch ball bolt can help move a boat and trailer that are detached from the car. Fasten the wood to the mower platform and bore a hole for the hitch ball bolt.-Nelson I. Baxter

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# HOMEOWNERS' CLINIC



# Woodpecker's song for spring

Every spring, you probably wonder who's knocking on your siding, gutters or TV antenna. The rat-a-tat-tat is not only annoying, but can cause damage to your house. For woodpeckers, drumming serves the same function as singing does for other birds. They're establishing a territory and attracting a mate.

Houses serve as a resonator and amplifier for the drumming sound, so they're more satisfactory than trees. Columns, downspouts and antennas may even resemble a tree to a woodpecker.

Of course, some insects may spend the winter months in the spaces found in siding and columns, while other insects bore into the wood. They're all food for woodpeckers.

My county extension agent stresses that you should combat Mr. Woodpecker as soon as he starts. Don't let him develop a habit.

In order to drum, the bird must be able to hold onto the structure. There-

Every spring, you probably wonder fore, you should try to remove all who's knocking on your siding, gutters or TV antenna. The rat-a-tat is not might serve as footholds.

Although chemical repellents are sometimes effective, such as naphthalene (mothballs) hung in an open mesh bag (a silk stocking), I had success with a visual repellent, I tied foil pie tins and strips of aluminum foil by string from my soffit. The slightest breezes made the foil sway and twist enough to keep the birds away. Handheld reflective windmills, taped or tacked to the siding, will also keep the birds from riddling your house.

This information was obtained from my county extension agent in a booklet titled Woodpeckers and Houses. If your county extension agent doesn't have the booklet, write to Dekalb County Cooperative Extension Service, 101 Court Square, Decatur, Ga. 30030. Ask for leaflet No. 239.

There is a wealth of information available from your county extension agent.

# Sump pump goop

I have a sump pump in my basement which takes the water from my wash tubs, clothes washing machine and floor drains, and pumps it up into the overhead sewer lines. I had no problems for 10 years, but about five years ago my pump began to run nonstop.

I removed the electrical connection, then found the pump and everything in the sump covered with about 1 in. of black goop. It's soft and slippery, and seems to be attached everywhere. It reminds me of a fungus or algae, and it sometimes has a slight odor. I scraped it off and washed everything thoroughly. Now the pump works perfectly.

I clean the system every three months now, but it's still such a mess it takes about 10 washes to get my hands clean. We've changed washing detergents about a dozen times, but that didn't help. I've even put bleach in the sump, to no avail. I'm afraid lime will eat the pipes.

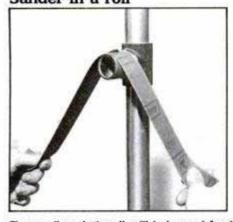
Although we all have well water processed through water softeners. I'm the only one with this problem. How can I eliminate it?—Miles J. Mraz, Arlington Heights, Ill.

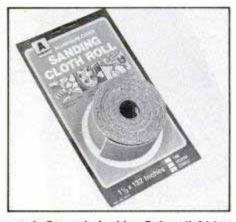
Read the caution on your bleach bottle for an insight as to what it may do to metal.

Both H.T. Adams, my local plumbing consultant, and Tom Harrison of Virginia Supply and Well Co., Atlanta, Ga., point the finger at your sump or tank. They both say that the coating on your tank has eroded.

Tom says that although it's a distasteful chore, and the length of the repair's holding out is unknown, the tank can be cleaned thoroughly, sanded and wire-brushed, then cleaned again and recoated with an epoxy paint. Both Tom and H.T. say you should replace the tank with one of the new plastic ones as the most permanent solution to your problem.

# Sander in a roll





The sanding cloth roll will help sand furniture spindles and plumbing fittings (left) before you assemble them. The 132-in.-long roll is available in a blister pack (right).

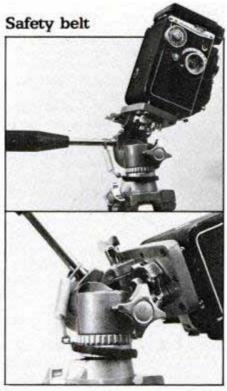
This aluminum oxide sanding cloth comes in a roll. It cleans, smooths and polishes in hard-to-reach places and on objects that are irregularly shaped. The cloth cleans rust and corrosion from tubular patio furniture, railings, tools, bikes and TV antennas. You can use it to sand wooden furniture legs, banister posts and spindles. In addition, the 1½×132-in, sanding roll will sharpen

knives and tools, or smooth lathe work.

The cloth roll is available in fine, medium or coarse grits. It's manufactured by Merit Abrasive Products Inc., 201 West Manville. Compton. Calif. 90224. You can find it in hardware stores (\$3.10) or order from the maker. Postage is \$2 on orders under \$20 and \$2.75 on orders over \$20.

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# PM PHOTO HINTS



Have you ever forgotten to tighten your tripod's tilt handle, and then had your camera fall over? To prevent this type of damage, slip a ring made from ABS plastic pipe around the base of the tripod head and then set an eyescrew in the ring's rim. Pass a cord through the eyescrew and wind it around the tripod handle. Finally, cover the cord with plastic tubing (see details above).—A. Weber

# Unused space



Many amateur photographers set up a darkroom in the bathroom. A convenient spot for a processing data chart is on the back of the cabinet door. This location provides easy access to important information.—Robert Hertzberg

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# APPLIANCE



# Dryer won't work in automatic

I have a Canadian General Electric dryer, model No. TDA720A6W, serial No. WSI8313. The dryer had a problem with a disconnected wire and I replaced the timer with a new one. The unit has given excellent service until recently. The dryer functions well in the timed sequence but doesn't work in the automatic cycle (delicate, permanent press). It seems that the timer fails to advance. I removed and tested it with 110 volts. It worked in both the timer and automatic cycles. I checked the timer contacts. They don't appear to be stuck or pitted. How can I find the problem and correct it?-Frank H. Shipp, Hull, Quebec

The problem may be that your 1960

vintage dryer is suffering from an open heat compensating resistor around the thermostat probe. To check and gain access to the resistor, first disconnect the power from the dryer. Next. open the dryer door and remove the four Phillips-head screws under the front lid of the top panel. Now loosen the two hexhead screws that are near the bottom of the front panel, one on each side, which hold the front panel to the cabinet.

Pull the top forward and lift it up and back away from the front. Now remove the ¼-in. hexhead screws near the top inside of each side which hold the front panel to the cabinet. Lift the front up and away from the cabinet.

Once you remove the front panel, you will see a black box, which is the thermostat. From the box there will be a probe or thin wire which goes down into the lower part of the front panel. Around this probe is the resistor. It is in the shape of a hollow sleeve into which the thermostat probe fits. The resistor is held in place with a clamp and has two wires coming from it. Disconnect these two wires and check the resistor with a continuity meter. You should get about 400 ohms resistance. The replacement part is still available in Canada through a Camco Inc. service part store or in the United States through General Electric. The part number for the resistor is WE4X169. It costs approximately \$16.

# Leaking water

We have a Sears 17.1-cu.-ft. frostless refrigerator/freezer that carries Model No. 10672627411, Serial E35016577. It has an automatic ice maker. For the last several years, water has run down the inside back panel of the refrigerator compartment, causing stains that need to be cleaned off every few months. Is there some way I can stop this?—D.A. Watkins, Jackson, Mich.

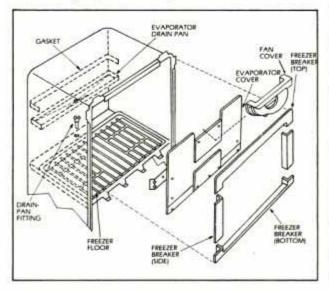
It sounds as if the defrost water is getting behind the three-sided rubber gasket which is between the freezer liner and the evaporator drain pan. Apparently, the gasket is not sealing

properly and some of the defrost water is leaking down the back wall instead of being directed into the drain pan.

To correct the problem, first unplug the refrigerator and defrost it thoroughly. Unplug and remove the ice maker. Remove the fan cover as well as the evaporator cover (rear wall) in the freezer compart-

To keep freezer defrost water from getting caught behind the drain-pan gasket, you should dry and seal the gasket. ment. They are held in place with Phillips-head screws. Lift the covers up and out of the freezer. Next. remove the freezer floor, which is held in place with four Phillips-head screws. Lift up the floor at the rear and pull it out from under the front plastic breaker trim.

Wipe the rear wall and both side walls dry with a towel, then blow them dry with a hair dryer. Check the drainpan fitting to be sure it's not restricted. Once the liner, drain-pan gasket and drain pan are dry and warm, apply a neat bead of RTV silicone rubber sealant between the top edge of the drain pan and the porcelain liner.



# Soap buildup in washer

I have an 8- to 10-year-old, two-speed, heavy-duty Westinghouse washer. There's excessive soap buildup in the washer and on the clothes. How do I get rid of this?—Henry A. Reeves, Farmington Hill, Mich.

First, remove the agitator by unscrewing the agitator cap. Lift the agitator up and out of the machine. Check the inside of the agitator and post in the machine for soap deposits or residue. Remove as much of the residue as possible, then replace the agitator and tighten the cap. Next, fill the washer with hot water (140-160° F.). Add one cup of a nonprecipitating water conditioner such as Calgon, Spring Rain or Miracle White, plus one cup of household ammonia. Do not add clothes, soap, detergent, bleach or any other washing ingredient. Run the washer through a complete cycle. You may have to repeat the process if you notice a soapy film on top of the water.

To get the soapy film out of the clothes, fill the washer with warm or hot water. Add one cup of the water conditioner and one cup of household ammonia plus the soiled clothes. Run the clothes through a cycle.

If you have a problem with any appliance, send your question, along with the model and serial numbers, to Appliance Clinic, Popular Mechanics, 224 West 57th St., New York, N.Y. 10019. Sorry, but letters cannot be answered individually. Problems of wide interest will be discussed in this column.



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# THE PM WORKBENCH



# Little vac tackles big jobs

How do you keep your workshop clean? Until now, there were two basic ways: Simply brush sawdust and woodchips onto the floor to await an occasional sweep-up. Or use a largecapacity shop vacuum. Believing that a clean shop is a safe shop. I've always used a vacuum. That is, until I discovered the Collector by Black & Decker.

The Collector is a 120-v., 1.5-quart vac that's great for quick pickups around the home and shop. Unlike the cumbersone shop vacuum, the Collector transports easily and stores on a



Handheld vac, with 18-ft cord, wall-mount bracket and 3-ft. hose and adapter (above), is ideal for home and shop (right).

wall-mounted bracket. It has no bag to empty or replace; simply snap off the front housing and dump.

It's available at home centers and mass merchandisers for about \$50. For more information, contact Black & Decker, 515 Grebe Rd., Easton, Md. 21601.- J.T.



# Locking hooks

Hanging tools by hooks on perforated hardboard is a popular way to organize a workshop. But the major problem with this system is that the hooks aren't secure-they often wobble about and pop off the board. You can solve this with Perma-Hook. This "stay-put"





Install the two clips so that they overlap, then screw in the Perma-Hook (left). Tighten the locknut to secure hook (right). Several hook models are shown below

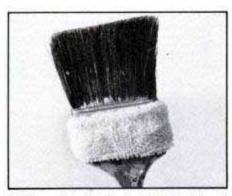


hook anchors to the board with a locknut to provide a stronger, safer and sturdier hanger. To remove a Perma-Hook, just give it a twist.

Perma-Hooks are made in 15 different configurations for use with 1/4- or 1/4-in.-thick board. They're available at hardware stores, home centers and from the manufacturer. For a price list and order form, you should contact Markson Manufacturing Co., 1430 Front Ave. N.W., Grand Rapids, Mich. 49504.-J.T.

# Trickle trapper

Drip-Stop is a highly absorbent elastic band which you place on a paintbrush to catch messy drips when working overhead. Drip-Stop stretches to fit 2-



Position the absorbent, elasticized band around the brush to catch any messy drips.

to 4-in.-wide brushes. It's available at paint and hardware stores. A two-pack sells for \$1.48. For mail orders, contact Drip-Stop, Dept. PM, 4446 Ocean View Blvd., Montrose, Calif. 91020, Add 40 cents for postage.-Rosario Capotosto

# Consumer information

The latest edition of the Consumer Information Catalog is now available. The catalog offers over 200 booklets written 30 federal agencies (some are free, others range in price from 50 cents to \$19) covering 11 The federal govern-general subjects. The federal govern-ment's free catalog booklets on hous- mative booklets.



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# Let me show you how to make more money than you ever thought possible as a professional Chimney Sweep

Read my story, if you like the idea of earning \$150 per day part time, \$700 or more weekly in a business of your own . . .

My name is Tom Risch. I'm 28 years old, own my own home, a 22 ft. sailboat and an antique Morgan sports car. I suppose more than anyone, I'm the person responsible for "re-inventing" the chimney sweep business — as I'll shortly explain.

Don't get me wrong. I'm no genius. You could have stumbled into this as easily as I did. And my story is one you should know, if what you seriously want out of life is greater personal freedom, satisfying work — and a lot more money than you're earning now.

### A dead-end road

When I got out of school, I thought I had it made. I loafed around that first summer, then went to work for a house painter. But I didn't like the boss breathing down my neck, so I went out on my own.

For the next few years I tried to make it as a house painter and general fix-it man. I had plenty of independence but I was going nowhere fast.

One day in 1974 I found myself in a lady's attic fixing her chimney. An old top hat was lying on a trunk, so I put it on and started singing that great song from Mary Poppins — "Chim-chiminey, Chim-chimeney, Chim-chim-cheree, a Sweep is as lucky as lucky can be. . ."

Wondering what all the racket was about, the lady climbed the stairs and when I'd finished the chorus, asked me a fateful question: "Whatever happened to the old Chimney Sweeps?"

### No Sweep in town

I didn't have an answer, but the question aroused my curiosity. At that time the Arab Oil Embargo was on. The incredible boom in heating with wood was just getting underway. Folks everywhere were starting to use their fireplaces and new woodstoves around the clock.

And suddenly, dangerous chimney fires were breaking out all over town. I knew the reason; woodsmoke produces creosote, a highly flammable substance that condenses on chimney flues. Unless the chimney is cleaned regularly, a fire is almost inevitable.

Heart of the System

# Starting over

My local fire chief convinced me my services as a Chimney Sweep were urgently needed. But I had a lot more to learn — most of it the hard way.

Everything that happened next is told in a booklet I want to send you, free. Just let me say here that I made plenty of costly mistakes and wrong moves — mostly because nobody was around to help me get started right. I realized I needed better tools. It took many months of hard searching to find the right equipment. I designed and built my own vacuum system — the first ancestor of the amazing SootSweeper\* we use today.

## \$45 for an hour's work

My System makes it possible to complete a typical chimney cleaning job in less than an hour. My standard fee was \$40 (most Sweeps now charge \$45 to \$501 and people were glad to pay it. I found myself earning more money than I ever dreamed possible \$150 to \$200 a day. \$700 or \$800 a week. And almost all of that was clear profit, for there's very little overhead in this business.



"Last year with a helper for 5 months I did 1200 jobs, this year I'm trying for 1500 Needless to say I seel very good about what August West Systems has helped me do with my life"—Paul Sheehan, Sandwich, MA

I realized there were more chimneys in my town than I could ever hope to clean, not to mention in my state and the whole U.S.A. I realized my success didn't have to be unique. I had friends all over the country who could profit from this wonderful opportunity. So I began sharing my experiences with them through AUGUST WEST SYSTEMS\*

— the first nationwide organization to provide training, equipment and start-up guidance for independent Chimney Sweeps.

## A wide-open field

Since then we've helped over 3,000 men and women begin new, highly profitable businesses of their own as professional Sweeps. Yet they've just begun to answer the need: there are over 25 million fireplaces in American homes. Since 1974 woodstove ownership has leaped from 200,000 to over 5 million, and the end's nowhere in sight. The more the economy worsens, the higher oil prices go, the greater the need for your services.... But what's it really like to be a Chimney

Today it's a lot different than many folks imagine. First, with The August West System you dean most chimneys from below instead of on the root. Your cleaning tools are brushes attached to our exclusive Flexi-Rods<sup>®</sup> that let you do a quick but thorough job. The dust from the chimney instantaneously disappears into the SootSweeper instead of seeping into your lungs or all over your customer's ruo.

If you're ambitious and a good planner, you can easily clear \$150 a day, maybe a lot more. You can work full-time, or start part time while you keep your current job until your new business is firmly established.

I want to be straight with you: chimney cleaning is no lazy way to quick riches. It's hard work, you do get dirty. But the rewards can be great. Paul Biskner, a real dynamo from Garden City, Mich. says: "I've already had plenty of \$1,000.00 weeks. Now I'm shooting for a \$1,000.00 day!"

### The perfect bootstrap business

You don't need special skills, business experience, a college degree or a big investment. The August West System gives you everything you need to start earning money almost right away and we keep on helping you with advice and answers to your questions as your business grows.

But you are the boss. You can work as many or as few hours as you want. You'll enjoy wearing a top hat (and the response it inspires). You'll like the feeling of knowing you are performing a needed service. Here's what Isaac Watts of Madison, Va. recently wrote us:

"Every job is different — a new challenge. When I come through the door in my top hat I get first-class treatment — it's not like being a plumber or repairman. And I know my work is saving these folks from dangerous chimney fires. It's work you can take pride in."

### Ask for free proof

Find out more about the high earnings potential and other wonderful benefits you can enjoy as a professional Chimney Sweep. Just call me TOLL-FREE at 800-243-5166 and ask for extension 212 A.F.II rush you a detailed INFORMATION KIT with the complete August West Story. Call or write today!

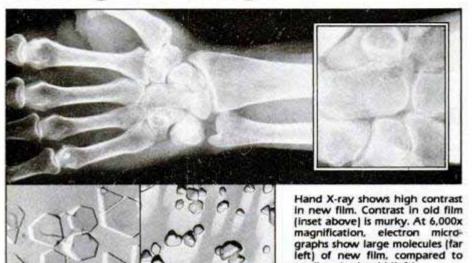
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# SCIENCE WORLDWIDE



# Focusing in on X-ray film



New X-ray film introduced at a scientific meeting in Chicago has produced some of the sharpest, clearest radiography known to medicine. Radiologists say the new Kodak T-Mat G film will be of greatest importance in the emergency room, where rapid-serial—quick-fire—X-rays are taken. The secret of the film's contrast quality is in the molecular pattern of the silver halide grains used on its surface. The new film's molecules are flat, table-shaped and very large, compared with the pebble-like grains of silver-halide formulations used in previous films. Contrast in the old X-ray film is murky. The breakthrough should make X-rays more useful in discovering minor fractures, small tumors and other hard-to-detect subskin problems. It will also mean more accurate diagnoses.

# Where there's fire . . .



A man's finger is hit by a special laser pulse to demonstrate new heatless etching.

IBM scientists have etched circuitry onto submicroscopic chip material without causing any heat damage to the material. The revolutionary process uses a single laser pulse lasting 12 billionths of a second. Called "ablative photo-decomposition," it brings us one step closer to a true superchip.

# A-OK cancer therapy

University of Arizona researchers have found that a synthetic form of vitamin A fights tumors in a rare form of skin cancer, *mycosis fungoides*, which can spread to the lymph nodes and other organs. The vitamin, called "analog," has been tried on patients with advanced stages of the ailment. There is no indication that vitamin A itself would have a similar effect.

small grains in old (left).

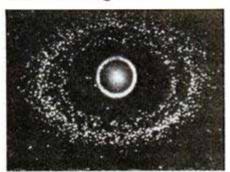
# Boning up on archaeology

Michael Waters was digging in the Sulphur Springs Valley of Arizona as part of his geology graduate work last year when he found a complete human skeleton. It has been dated to at least 9,000 years old. The find establishes the earliest known pre-Columbian settlement in the Southwest.

# New look at space station

Even as NASA was taking a fresh look at several proposed configurations for America's next space station late last year, the National Research Council tossed a little cold water on the discussion. The council's Space Science Board said few of the missions now envisioned for a 1990s space station would benefit especially by being in orbit. NASA is re-examining its space station plans so that they can include more experiments that can be done only in orbit.

# With this ring . . .



A decade ago, only Saturn was believed to have a ring around it. But recent discoveries have shown rings around Jupiter and Uranus. Now a Japanese infrared astronomy team has created a computer-enhanced image of a ring around the sun. Further observations are under way.

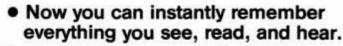
# How do you spell relief?

Physicians have to remember so many details in diagnosing a disease that it's easy to drop the ball. But now they can resort to *Mnemonics Rhetoric And Poetics For Medics*, a book by Robert Bloomfield and E. Ted Chandler (Harbinger Press, \$9.95). Delightfully humorous and filled with interesting ideas on how things are remembered, the book suggests word games as a help.

For instance, if a patient complains of pain when he tries to grasp something, it might be inflammatory arthritis. The mnemonic: GRASP. G is for gout, R for rheumatoid arthritis, AS for ankylosing spondylitis (spinal degeneration) and P for psoriasis. All are possible indications of inflammatory arthritis. How can anyone forget?

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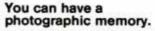


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# Shake-down cruise gives bad vibes

Since the day I took possession of my 1980 Buick Skylark, which has front-wheel drive and an automatic transmission, I've been plagued by a vibration while driving between 50 and 55 mph. I've haunted the Buick dealer, had the factory representative examine the car, had tires balanced four times, had wheels checked for runout and had wheel bearings inspected. Three new tires have been put on the car and balanced. The vibration is still there, and I'm disgusted. You're my last resort. Please help.—Arthur Engles, Queens Village, N.Y.

Tires are responsible for a large percentage of vibration complaints, but they're not the only cause. A loose engine-mounted accessory can cause vibration. So can a problem with the transaxle or engine. I think what's needed is a more logical way of tracking down the trouble area. Here's what to do.

Drive the car on a smooth, level road, maintaining the speed at which vibration occurs. Shift into NEUTRAL while the car is moving and vibrating. If vibration disappears, the cause is a loose accessory or a problem with the transaxle or engine. Assuming that all accessory brackets are tight, tighten all supports holding the engine/transaxle to the frame before tearing into these assemblies.

If vibration should continue after the transmission has been shifted into NEU-TRAL, then it becomes a somewhat more complex troubleshooting problem.

The best way of telling whether vibration is caused by a tire/wheel assembly is to replace your four tires and wheels with assemblies that are known to be in good shape. Take them off another X-body car. If vibration is eliminated, then one or more of your tires or wheels is to blame. To find out which one is causing the problem, you must place your tires and wheels, one at a time, back on the car and then test drive it.

Don't overlook the fact that out-ofbalance brake drums or discs can also cause vibration. See that wheels and tires are balanced; then use a wheel spinner to turn the assemblies. If shaking is noticed, you've found what you're looking for. Replace that disc or drum to rid the car of vibration.

# Cold-blooded Chevy

A perplexing problem has struck our 1980 Chevrolet Citation four-cylinder engine. The air conditioner and heavyduty cooling system perform properly on hot summer days, even in heavy traffic. However, in cool weather, the temperature gauge barely rises for 25 miles, which suggests that the engine is failing to reach normal operating temperature. It doesn't matter whether the car is driven in town or on the highway. Several visits to our GM dealer have resulted in checking the cooling system and replacing the thermostat. Do you have any suggestions?-Dave Kutseker, Rich Creek, Va.

Yes. The electric cooling fan may be running when it shouldn't. The fan is supposed to come on when engine coolant temperature exceeds 230° F. When temperature falls below 214° F., the fan is supposed to turn off. A defective fan switch that senses coolant temperature or a bad cooling fan relay may be causing the fan to operate prematurely.

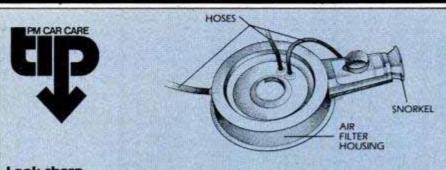
In hot weather, when ambient temperature is a factor, a cooling fan that runs prematurely may not affect coolant temperature all that much. This may be why the temperature gauge responds in hot weather.

Another possible reason for your problem with the Citation could be an unresponsive temperature gauge transducer (sensor). If the part of the transducer that's in contact with coolant is coated, the transducer may not pick up lower coolant temperature. To check it out, remove the transducer. It's located in the rear of the right-hand cylinder head. Use a wire brush and a little brass polish to clean the part of the unit that comes in contact with coolant. Then, with an ohmmeter, check the transducer for resistance.

which should be zero. If it isn't, install a new transducer.

# History lesson

I've had the 1600 CVCC engine of my 1978 Honda Accord tuned more times than Liberace has had his piano tuned, and the EGR system inspected almost as many times. Still, no one has been able to rid the car of a significant power (Please turn to page 42)



# Look sharp

When you have occasion to remove an air cleaner assembly from a carburetor, it's important to remember that one or more hoses are attached to fittings. If these hoses aren't reattached securely, or you accidentally break a fitting (many of which are plastic) without realizing it, your engine will develop a problem caused by a vacu-

um leak. This type of problem can be a bugger to track down.

Depending on the engine, hoses that are attached to air cleaners include the ones serving the thermostatic part of the air cleaner, the fuel-vapor canister and the positive crankcase ventilation (PCV) system.

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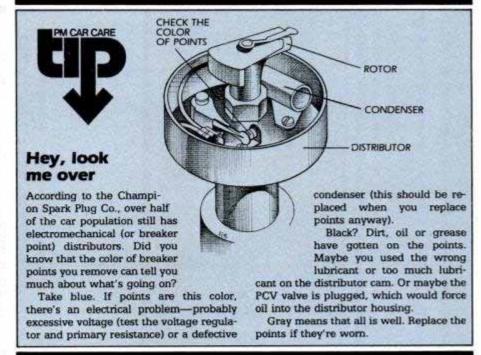
# CAR CLINIC

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loss, usually on acceleration but sometimes while cruising at highway speed. I realize this is a long shot, since you can't test the car, but is there anything in this car's history to explain the problem?—Ted Clark, Charleston, S.C.

About 20 years ago, some GM cars had a similar problem. Your Honda may be suffering the same ailment. My friends at Honda say that I could be right.

Accords (1976-78) and Civics (1975-78) with CVCC engines have an exhaust manifold with a liner that can loosen and partially block the exhaust system, causing loss of power. Drop the exhaust pipe and shine a flashlight into the manifold outlet. There should be nothing in the opening. If you see the liner, replace the manifold with a new one. For 1978 Accords and Civics. the part number is 80680; for 1977, 62898; and for 1976, 62690. The part number for the 1975 Civic CVCC engine exhaust manifold is 57569. If you do the job yourself, you'll need other parts that fit your particular exhaust manifold-a manifold gasket, heat riser gasket, two lower insulator gaskets, two O-ring seals and exhaust pipe nuts.



A second possibility is a plugged CVCC passage or valve. When this happens, the engine can behave just as a conventional engine would if it were excessively lean. In other words, it will stumble and hesitate on acceleration and will lack power and surge at cruis-

ing speeds. The fix involves removal and cleaning of the auxiliary valve assemblies. You might be able to do this yourself if you have a Honda Service Manual. However, a special tool is sometimes needed to free the auxiliary valve assemblies.

# Flag waving

The Oxygen (0₂) sensor flag in our 1979 Buick Regal appeared, on schedule, at 15,000 miles. I installed a new sensor. It lasted only 5,000 miles before the flag again appeared. Why did this sensor fail so soon?—Robert Henning, no address.

Whether the sensor has failed or hasn't failed is not a factor. The flag doesn't monitor sensor condition, it's merely a mechanical device that tells you when 15,000 miles have passed. The fact that the flag appeared after 5.000 miles suggests that it wasn't properly set, so reset it. Remove the instrument cluster lens and insert a pointed tool at an angle until it engages. the flag wheel detent. Turn the flag wheel down until you feel three clicks. The flag is set to the correct position when a mark appears in the center of the window on the left of the odometer. If the flag flies again before the car goes 15,000 miles, there's a problem with the flag mechanism.

# Balky thermostat

For two winters, I haven't gotten much heat from the heater of my 1981 Ford Escort. I replaced the thermostat after the first winter. It didn't help.—George Walters, Syracuse, N.Y. There are two types of thermostats that were used in these vehicles. Each is installed in an unusual fashion. If either type of thermostat was installed incorrectly, the symptoms you describe may result.

To check your thermostat, drain the cooling system to below the thermostat. Remove the thermostat housing and look at the 'stat. One type has a slotted hole in its side that must line up with a hole in the thermostat housing. The other type has tangs that must seat on the thermostat housing when the stat is turned to the right.

If your car is equipped with the slotted thermostat, make sure it's positioned correctly and reinstall the housing with a new gasket.

If your car is equipped with the thermostat that has locating tangs, turn it counterclockwise to remove it from the housing. If you find that the tangs were not engaged or that the thermostat was cocked, this was the likely source of the problem. Clean the thermostat and housing, then reinstall them. Use a new gasket (part no. E1FZ-8255-C).

### DO YOU HAVE A CAR PROBLEM?

Just ask Mort about it. Send your question to the Car Clinic Popular Mechanics. 224 West 57th St. New York. N.Y. 10019. While letters cannot be an swered individually, problems that are of general interest will be discussed in the column.

# SERVICE TIPS

- You owners of VW and Audi cars may have heard there's a safety recall in progress. One involves brake line failure in 1975-80 Rabbits and Sciroccos built in Germany. German-built Rabbits have round headlights. Those built here, with square headlights, aren't involved. The other recall involves electrical failure in the fuel pump circuit of a fuel-injected engine. Vehicles to be repaired are 1976-82 Scirocco, 1976-80 Dasher, 1977-80 Rabbit, 1980-82 VW convertible and Jetta, 1980 VW pickup, 1976-79 Audi Fox and 1980-81 Audi 4000.
- If your dealer determines that an oil leak from your 1983 GM two-liter L-4 engine is the result of a defective rear crankshaft oil seal, remind him that the two-piece seal he pulls from your car should be replaced with the one-piece seal that's being put into 1984 engines. There's a service bulletin in his files that pinpoints the correct way to install this seal. The bulletin number varies from one GM division to another, but it's dated October 1983.
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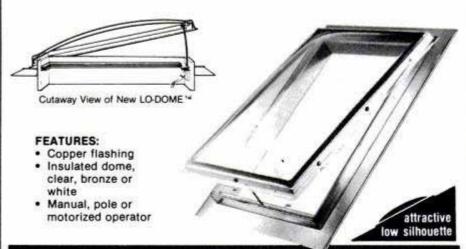
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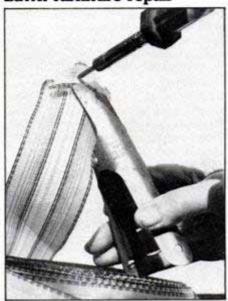
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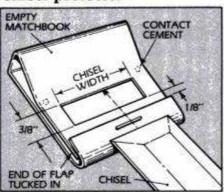
# Lawn furniture repair



When you're replacing the nylon webbing on an aluminum lawn chair, you can use this trick to prevent the screws from breaking the strands and causing them to unravel: Tuck over the corners of one end to form a triangle of three material thicknesses. Then, hold the end with a clamp and simply burn a hole through the three layers with a small soldering pencil.

-Henry J. Fregly

# Chisel protector



Protect the cutting edges of wood chisels when they're out of their holders, or stored loosely in a toolbox: Cut a rectangular hole through the flap of a matchbook. Glue the flap with two spots of contact cement and tuck it into the book. Then insert the chisel all the way into the holder.—Gene Budd

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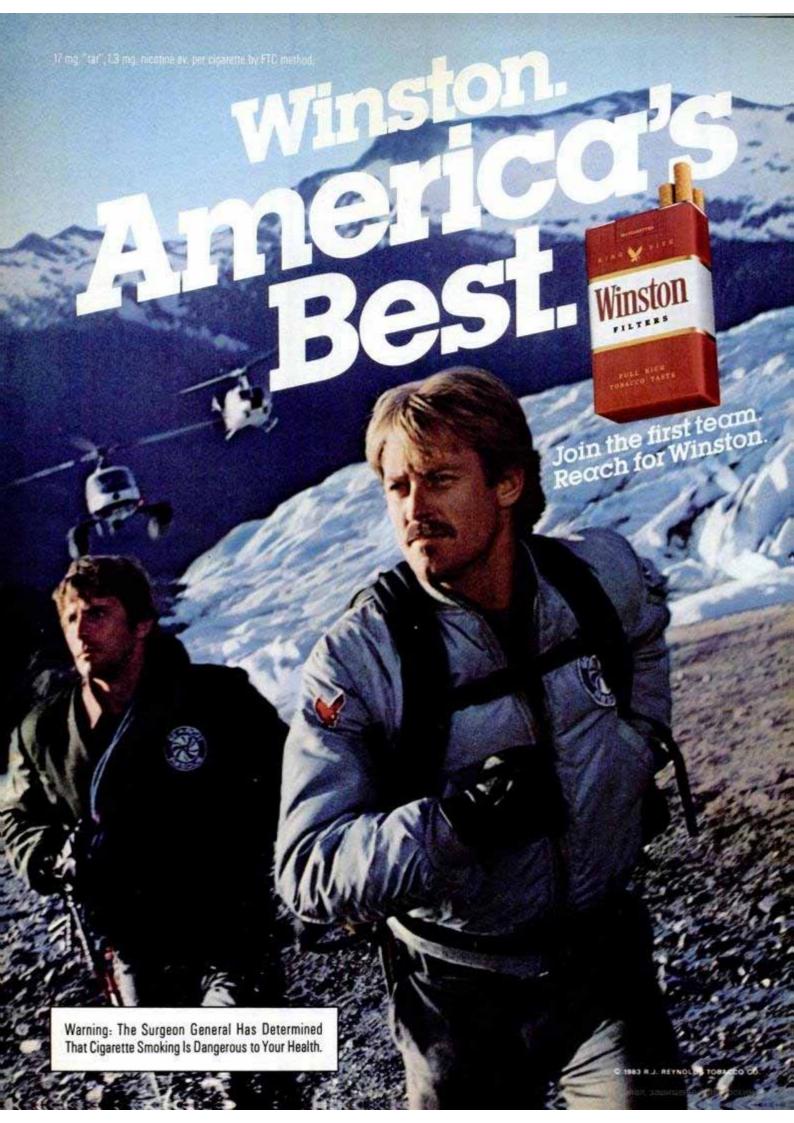
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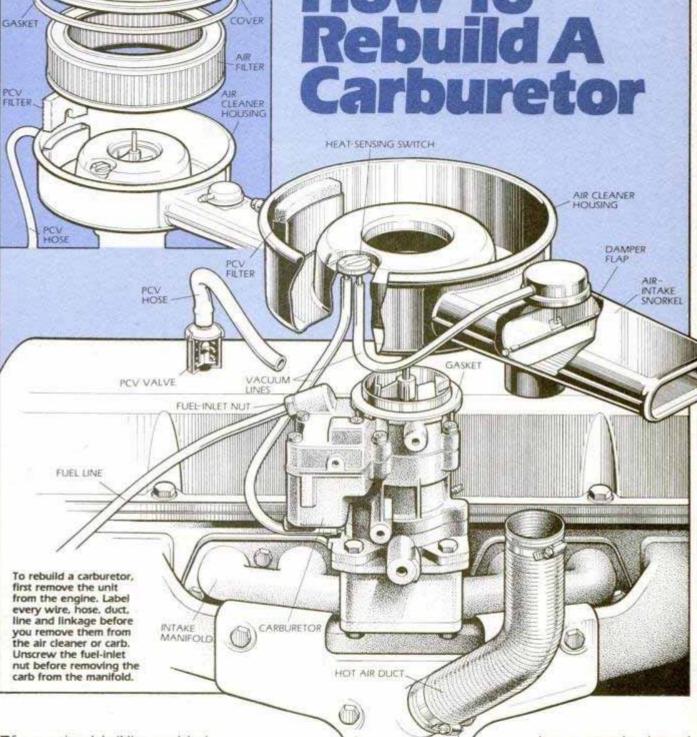
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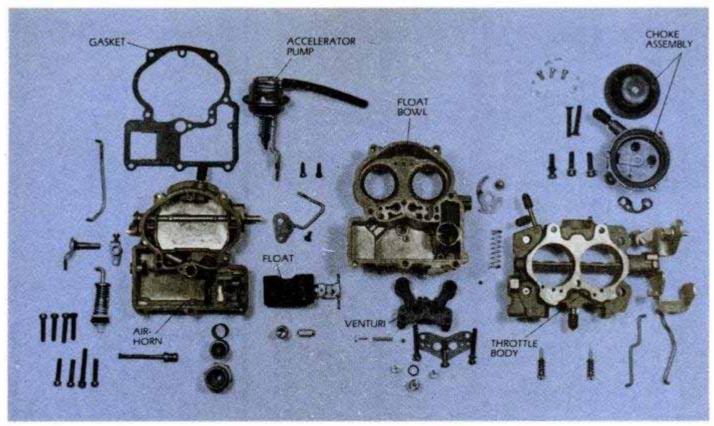


If you enjoyed building model airplanes or cars as a youngster, you'll probably have a fine time rebuilding a carburetor. Carburetor repair can be entertaining if you enjoy disassembling and reassembling interesting machines. With the price of some rebuilt carburetors hitting the \$200 or \$300 mark, the idea of doing it yourself is considerably more appealing.

There is one principal disadvantage to rebuilding your own carb: It may not work when you're finished! As mechanics well know, there's no guarantee of success when you rebuild a carb without testing it on a flow bench as major rebuilders do. The carb could fail to work properly due to a porous casting or extensive internal blockage—even if you perform a flawless rebuild. For this reason, some mechanics won't rebuild carburetors in the shop.

The Saturday mechanic has an advantage here. You know the pitfalls going in, and if you're willing to take a chance, you can save a lot of money by rebuilding your own carb.

Another factor to consider before you decide to do it yourself is the complexity of the carburetor in question. The

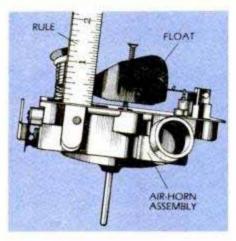


This photo of a disassembled Rochester 2GC shows three main body components (air horn, float bowl and throttle body) surrounded by removable subassemblies, gaskets, jets, check balls, screws and linkages. Replace old parts with new ones in kit.

novice carburetor mechanic should avoid some of the more complex designs, such as the Rochester Quadrajet or the Ford Variable Venturi carbs, which require special tools for accurate setup.

Some of the most commonly used carburetors, however, are also the most simple. Included among them are the popular Rochester 2GC and 2GE, which are found on millions of GM cars produced in the last quarter century; the various one-barrel Carter, Rochester and Holley designs; the newer GM 2SE and E2SE Rochester two-barrels; the Autolite four-barrels found on many mid-'70s Ford and Mercury V8s; the Carter Thermoquad and AFB four-barrels found on some Chrysler V8s and virtually any other carb that doesn't have a tremendous number of components or special systems.

Before you even consider taking your carburetor off the intake manifold, you should have carefully diagnosed your engine performance problem. Fuel system troubles are sometimes easily confused with other types of engine performance problems. The best mechanics never try to repair an engine by throwing new parts at it until they get lucky.

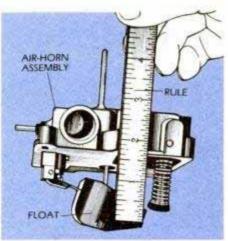


Float level is usually checked with the air horn inverted. Use steel rule or gauge in the kit to measure and adjust the float level.

Instead, they logically and systematically attempt to eliminate possibilities until they locate the true culprit. Our November 1982 Saturday Mechanic outlined a plan for fuel system diagnosis.

Remember, too, that all fuel system problems are not carburetor problems. Incorrect fuel mixture—both rich and lean—can be caused by a malfunction somewhere else in the fuel system, so a test of fuel pump pressure and output (as described in that November issue), should precede any attempt to repair your carburetor.

If your fuel tank is contaminated to the point where you must change fuel



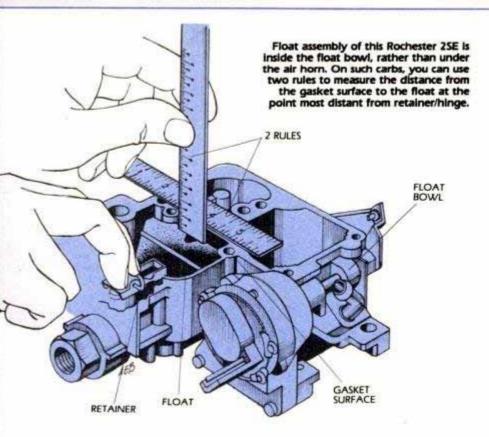
Float drop is checked with air horn upright. On most carbs, drop can exceed specs if needle doesn't wedge against float.

filters frequently, have your tank professionally removed and cleaned before beginning other repairs.

# Carburetor removal

The first step in the repair procedure is the removal of the carburetor from the car. Begin by removing the air cleaner. Most air cleaners have a vacuum line for control of the hot air system. This line connects to a manifold vacuum source. Disconnect the line from the air cleaner's thermal valve. Mark it with a color-coded or number-coded piece of tape, so you won't confuse it with other vacuum lines that will have to be disconnected. Disconnect the hot



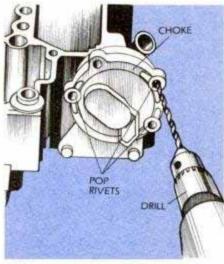


air duct that runs from the exhaust manifold to the air cleaner and remove the entire air cleaner assembly from the engine compartment.

With the air cleaner removed, study the carburetor and note any linkage, wire or hose attachments that will have to be disconnected before the carb can be lifted from the engine. Mark the vacuum lines-you'll find at least one more in addition to the one you've already removed-remove them and lay them aside. If there's more than one wiring connection, mark them as well before you disconnect. The throttle linkage and transmission shift valve linkage (on cars with automatic transmission) are usually secured by circlips or ball-and-socket connectors. Remove these, taking care not to lose any clips. If the carburetor has a manifoldmounted choke heater, you must disengage the choke linkage, as well.

The next step is disconnecting the fuel line. Place a rag under the fuel line connection to catch spilled fuel. Then, using a tubing wrench that provides a secure grip, loosen the fuel-line nut. Use an open-end wrench to hold the fuel-inlet retainer nut, which is part of the carburetor. If you don't, you might twist the fuel line. If you don't have a tubing wrench, you can try loosening the fuel-line nut with an open-end wrench, but you might round it off. If you do that, use locking pliers to remove it, and then replace it.

Once the fuel line has been discon-



Cover is attached to the choke housing with rivets, rather than screws, on late-model carbs. Drill out rivets to remove the cover.

nected, loosen the fuel-inlet retainer nut while the carb is still on the engine. This will save you having to wrestle with it on the bench. Then, loosen and remove the four bolts securing the carburetor to the intake manifold. You'll probably have to use a box wrench on most of them. Don't use an open-end wrench unless you have to because of limited access.

With the carburetor off the car, examine it until you find a model number. It might be stamped or printed on the float bowl, or it might be on a small metal tag secured by one of the float bowl screws. Determine the make and model of the carb, such as Rochester 2GC or Carter BBD.

Armed with this information, head for your local parts store. (If you have trouble finding the model and ID number, take the whole carburetor with you.) Ask the counterman for a rebuilding kit. Make sure the kit comes with instructions before you purchase it. The instructions should include an exploded view of the carb, which demonstrates how the parts fit together, plus instructions for making the various adjustments, and a list of specs for the different cars on which the carb is used. It may not include specific step-by-step assembly and disassembly procedures, but it should, at least, include a list of the various components that indicates the order of removal and reassembly.

While you're at the parts store, buy a new fuel filter and—unless you have access to a carb-dip cleaning tank—a can of engine degreaser spray.

Find a large, well-lighted work area before you even open your carb kit. Kitchen tables are great, but the rest of the family will undoubtedly object to the gasoline odors that will permeate the house if you do the job indoors. A basement or garage workbench is best.

Open the carb kit, examine the instruction sheet and familiarize your-self with the parts included in the kit. You'll find a variety of gaskets, some new clips, some little steel balls, a new needle and seat assembly, a new accelerator pump (in most cases) and a gauge for measuring float height adjustments.

## Carb disassembly

Begin the disassembly procedure in the order prescribed in the instruction sheet. You'll probably begin with the fuel-inlet retainer nut (which you've already loosened) and proceed to disconnect the various linkages (accelerator pump, choke, fast idle) that join the bottom half of the carb to the top half, or air-horn assembly.

Many carburetors are equipped with a choke housing that contains a thermostatic coil. On most late-model carbs, the cover of this housing is secured with rivets to prevent tampering with the choke adjustment.

To remove a choke cover that has been riveted to its housing, drill the head of each rivet until it falls off. GM specifies a No. 21 drill bit for removal of the cover on many of its Rochester carbs. Once the head has fallen off the rivet, drive out the shank of the rivet with a small drift.

After you've completed all the pre-



liminary dissasemblies, the instructions will probably direct you to remove the air-horn screws and air-horn assembly. Next will be the float assembly and accelerator pump. These parts are frequently attached to the underside of the air horn, although they are located in the bottom, or float bowl, half of the carb in some designs.

The float bowl will contain the metering jets, some check balls and, in many cases, a power valve assembly. All of them will be removed. In many cases, the float bowl can be disassembled from the throttle plate beneath it.

The idle adjustment screws are located in the throttle plate. On many latemodel carbs, they're tamper-proof. You may have to remove a plug to gain access to the idle mixture screws.

Once the carb has been completely disassembled, examine the float. If it's made of brass, shake it to see if there's fuel inside. If there is, the float has a leak and must be replaced. If the float is plastic, you should replace it as a precaution. Some plastic floats absorb gas with time and become too heavy. This can affect performance. If you have a float scale and a list of specs, check it. Otherwise, it's best just to replace it. Most parts stores carry a wide range of replacement floats.

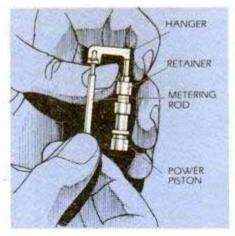
### Cleanup and reassembly

The cleanup procedure is the worst part of the rebuilding job. Mechanics immerse the metal parts in a chemical cleaner, known as carb dip, for an hour or so. Then they rinse the parts in water and dry them with compressed air. This cleaner can be used for other partwashing jobs, so it might not be a bad idea to purchase a small container.

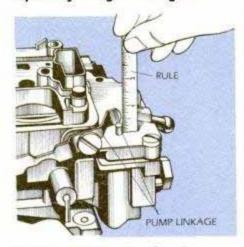
You can also use a drain pan and a spray can of carb cleaner. Simply lay the parts in the pan, spray them and let them soak for 10 or 20 minutes. Renew the spray if it starts to evaporate. Then rinse the parts in hot running water and blow them dry if possible with an air compressor, not a hair dryer. Blow drying is important because you can direct the air into the various passages, insuring that they're not blocked. If you don't have an air compressor, buy a can of the compressed air sold in camera stores for cleaning photo equipment.

If the parts aren't clean after one treatment, repeat the procedure. Cleaning is probably the most important part of a rebuild. Many carb failures are the result of dirt.

Once cleanup is complete, examine all parts for cracks or porosity. If the carb is equipped with a power valve



Scored or corroded power piston on 2SE can be polished lightly with crocus cloth. Replace any damaged metering rods.



Kit will contain instructions for adjustments that must be made after reassembly. Here, pump linkage of a 2SE is set to specs.

piston or metering rod piston (see your parts list), examine it for scoring or galling. You can polish it lightly with crocus cloth. Don't attempt to polish the metering rod itself or to straighten a bent metering rod. Damaged metering rods must be replaced. This is usually not a parts store item, but many new car dealers' parts departments do stock individual carb components.

Reassembly usually begins with the installation of the needle valves in the throttle plate assembly. Screw them in only until they are finger-tight, then back them out two to four turns as an initial idle adjustment (or as indicated in your carb kit instructions).

Before you're very far into the reassembly, you'll be installing the float and needle seat assembly in the air horn. At this point, you must make the float adjustments. You'll find specs and instructions for this job in the adjustment section of the instruction sheet.

Generally there are two adjustments: Float level is adjusted with the air horn inverted and the needle seat in a closed position. (This is probably the most critical carb adjustment of all.) The other float adjustment is usually called float drop, and it's made with the air horn in an upright position. In this case, you may not have to be quite as cautious, as an amount in excess of the spec is okay, as long as the float will retain the needle without binding at maximum drop.

When you reinstall the air horn on the float bowl assembly, make sure you don't knock the float out of adjustment. If the carb has a piston-type accelerator pump that hangs from the air horn, make sure it fits properly into the pumping chamber in the float bowl.

# Adjustments

Once you have completed the reassembly procedure, you'll have several adjustments to make, most of which can be done with the carb off the car. These will include a choke adjustment, fast idle adjustment, vacuum break adjustment and a choke unloader adjustment. (On carbs that are more than 10 years old, you may have fewer adjustments to complete.)

Perform each adjustment in exactly the manner described on the instruction sheet. This will make a tremendous difference in driveability.

On some late-model GM carbs, like the 2SE and E2SE, you will need a choke angle gauge to make certain adjustments. However, you can complete enough of the adjustments without this tool to get the car running. Then, if you'd rather not invest in this specialized but inexpensive tool, you can take the car to a mechanic for the adjustment.

Even if you can complete all the adjustments yourself, you may want to take the car to a competent engine mechanic for final adjustment of the idle mixture—particularly if your state has an annual inspection program. A few degrees of adjustment on an idle-mixture screw can make or break the emission inspection.

When you have reassembled the carburetor, reinstall it on the intake manifold and properly reconnect all the wires, hoses, ducts, lines and linkages that you labelled and disconnected in the beginning. Then reinstall the air cleaner and its vacuum lines.

Unless your car has an electric fuel pump, it will not restart until the engine has turned over enough for the mechanical pump to fill the float bowl. Prime the carburetor by dumping a few spoonsful of gasoline (one at a time) down the carburetor throat until the engine will start and run without stalling.



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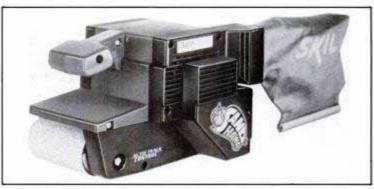
# Super stapler

The unique shape of this electric stapler permits stapling to within ⅓ in. of walls and corners. Other features include a power knob to control staple driving force and a trigger lock to prevent accidental discharge. It's sold at hardware stores and home centers for about \$35. Contact Parker Manufacturing Co., 149 Washington St., Worcester, Mass. 01613.



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# Surface preparation



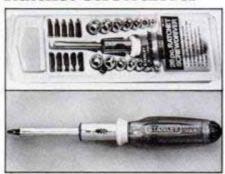
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# Portable power



GTO Electronics. 430 Ritt St., St. Peter, Minn. 56082. introduces the PACS-1500 (\$1,495) portable a.c. power inverter which provides 1,500 watts of continuous power from a 12-v. battery. The solid-state inverter is claimed to be lighter, quieter and more reliable than gas generators. It's for boats, recreational vehicles and homes. Write to the maker for more information.

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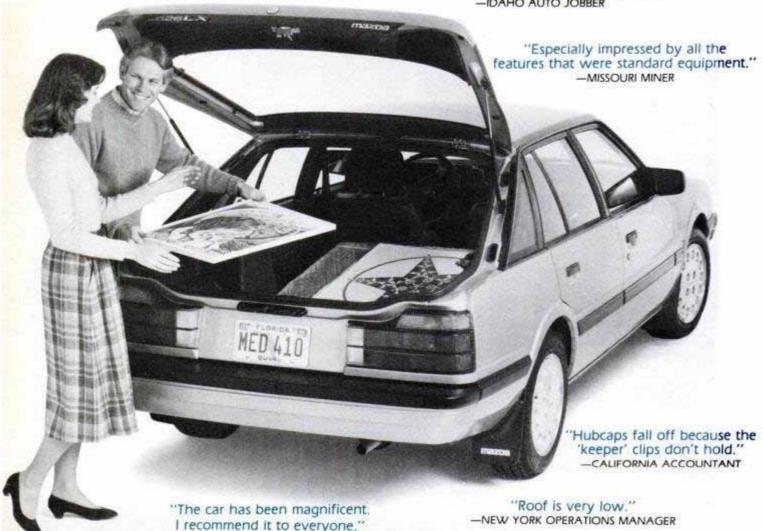
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# MAZDA 626

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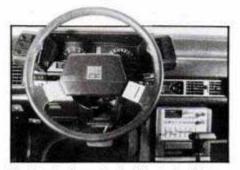
the way the new Mazda 626 looks—the sloping hood, rakish windshield, low roofline, clean proportioning and the car's overall sportiness.

"The 626 succeeds in appearance where most others fail," a Wisconsin retailer wrote at the bottom of his questionnaire. "It doesn't look like an econobox. The only compact sedan that comes close in terms of sleekness and distinctive, contemporary styling is the new Audi 5000."

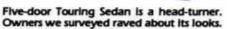
A Maryland printer was among the many who agreed: "It's as beautiful on the inside as it is on the outside. In my

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opinion, the 626 is the best-looking car on the road today."



The interior is packed with standard items, such as power steering and a tilt wheel.



Most buyers mentioned appearance as the 626's strongest selling point, but they were also well aware that there's more to this car than meets the eye. For one thing, the 626 comes as a handsomely loaded automobile, particularly in the Luxury series (there's a 626 Deluxe—the base model—and an upmarket Luxury 626, both available in all three body styles). The full list of stan-

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# New circuit to foil thieves

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If you've ever had expensive electronic equipment stolen, you know the aggravation. But a new device called the "Kaish Circuit Lockout" may end theft of such items by making components such as car radios, even telephones and TVs, useless to all but their original owner.

The Kaish circuit involves encoding a computer chip within the appliance's microprocessor innards. The owner of the device enters his own code into the circuit and that code vanishes when the power to the unit is even temporarily cut off. Without the enabling code, the

appliance cannot be made to work again other than with strictly controlled equipment at the factory.

Here's a rundown on how the proposed system could work to help save some of the millions of dollars lost each year.

A radio is manufactured and a factory code is inserted into the circuit. This factory code is inserted by automated equipment rather than by humans who might "spill the beans." Then an access code is placed into the Kaish circuit. This code is supplied to the consumer, who takes the unit home and installs it in his car.

The user enters his personal code after deleting the factory's access code. This personal code is entered by using the controls already on the unit—pressing, pulling and turning them in various ways.

At this point, if power is cut by a thief stealing the radio, the personal code is wiped out. And there are millions of possible code combinations. If the comsumer, on the other hand, forgets his code and breaks the power connection, he would have some recourse. The factory code could be enabled if the unit were sent back to its point of manufacture. Obviously, the one weak link in this chain is assuring that the manufacturer is able to keep the factory code secret.

According to International Electronic Technology Corp. (the maker of the Kaish circuit), it should add only about \$5 to the expense of manufacturing a radio.

In order for this to work, the majority of radios would have to have the circuit installed. After all, even if you know the thief will not be enjoying your radio, you still don't want to be left without a radio yourself, and with a damaged car. The idea must be for this circuit to become so widespread that thieves know they will not be able to enjoy or sell their ill-gotten goods. Only then will the Kaish circuit be a real lock-out.

### Phone FORTH

If you've ever wanted to experience the FORTH programming language, but didn't want to spend the cash before knowing if you'd like it, get on your computer and modern and call (415) 538-3500. You'll reach an electronic bulletin-board system called the FIGTree run by the Forth Interest Group. There, you'll meet—electronically—with Forthites of every persuasion. Or, it you don't have a modern, call (415) 962-8653 to talk to an actual human.

## Hands-off mouse

Mice are big in computers these days—not the furry kind, but devices that are rolled about on the desktop or atop a special pad. These rolling devices enable the computer user to point at various spots on the screen, or to enter commands without touching the computer's keyboard.

But mice, like all of us, have a problem in that overwork might make them sickly. Moving parts and the accuracy of the rolling surface's circumference all join to contribute to the latest dread of the computerist: mouse failure.

Now comes the solid-state mouse. Announced by Volks Communications of Long Lake, Minn., this new mouse is only a flat pad of transducers. Just by moving your fingertip on top of the pad you achieve the same results as you would using an old mouse.

Of course, a flat pad does not have quite the cuteness ratio of a mechanical rodent. Things could still roll either way.

# First Aid For Computer Disks



If a floppy disk won't boot (start up), it may not be moving within its jacket. Carefully grasp the disk by two corners and hold it upright on the edge of a desk



(above, left). Press lightly and draw the edges of disk along desktop (right). This will flatten edges back into shape long enough for you to recopy data.

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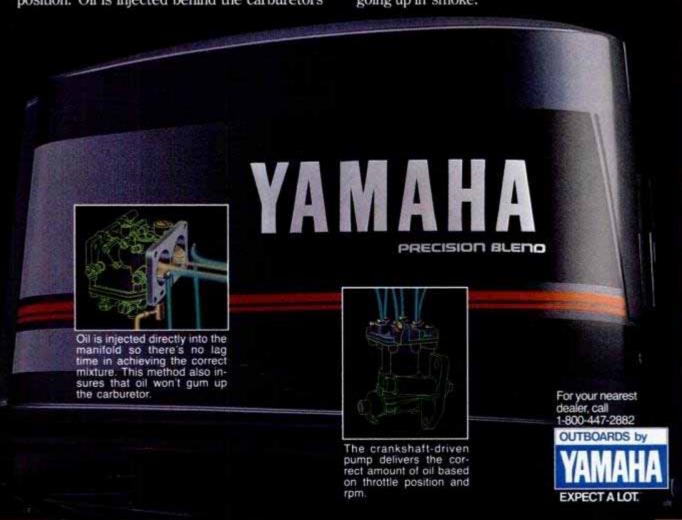
Precision Blend varies the fuel/oil ratio from 200:1 to 50:1 based on engine rpm and throttle position. Oil is injected behind the carburetors directly into the manifold. That means the system can instantly respond to a change in engine speed or load.

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# Install A Pass-Through Window In Your Pickup

BY WADE HOYT, Auto Editor



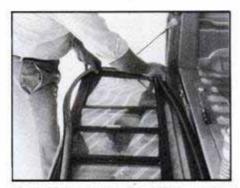
Pass-through window has sliding panes that allow access between pickup bed and cab.



1 The tools you will need to remove the standard, flat window on the pickup truck and Install a new one include an ice pick with a bent tip, a screwdriver, silicone spray and about 15 feet of nylon cord.



**2** Use the screwdriver to pry the rubber molding away from the inside of the window glass. Be careful not to damage the molding. A good push from inside the cab will then pop out the stock glass.



3 Carefully remove the rubber molding from the stock window and fit it onto the replacement pass-through window. The next step in the process is to spray the rubber molding with silicone lubricant.



Now you should insert the nylon cord into the groove that surrounds the rubber molding. Make certain that the ends of the cord cross at the top center of the window. Tie a loop at one end of the cord.

If your pickup truck came from the factory with a solid rear window, you may be developing claustrophobia. But you don't have to: There are replacement windows on the market that open and are easy to install. Most of them are called pass-through, or slider, windows. They have four glass panels. The center two slide to the sides.



5 Install the replacement window in the cab opening and carefully pry the inner lip of the molding over the sheet metal. Use the ice pick to fish out one end of the cord. Pull out the cord to seat molding.

They're popular on pickups with camper shells because you can pass items between the pickup bed and cab.

Installation is relatively simple. You must be careful not to damage the original rubber molding when you remove it because it must be reused with most replacement windows. The trick to installing the window is to use a length



A flexible vent window is installed in a pickup truck in the same manner. This window has flexible glazing in a rigid frame. The push latches hold the outer edges of the window open for ventilation.

of nylon cord to seat the molding (step 4). Use the bent ice pick to fish out one end of the cord once the window is in place (step 5).

In addition to a Pass-Thru model, one manufacturer, LeVan Specialty Co. of Industry, Calif., makes a Flex-Thru model with a tinted panel that opens at the edges for ventilation only.

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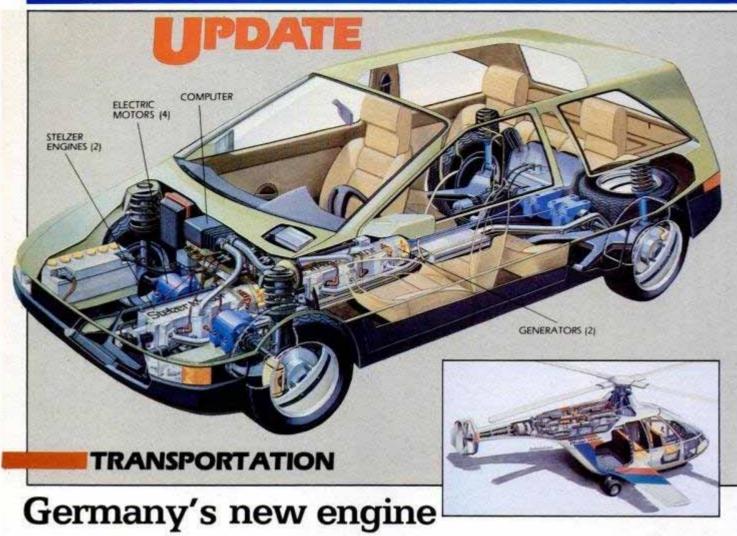
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# TECHNOLOGY



when Frank Stelzer introduced his prototype car at a West German auto show last year, he may have opened a new chapter in the everevolving book on automotive engines. Under the hood—in fact, under the whole body of the car—purred a strange motor system that can run on

any known fuel with little buildup of engine heat and with a purported fuel efficiency at least equal to the best economy cars on the market today. The Stelzer motor is a reciprocating piston system that runs horizontally inside its housing.

Gone are the connecting rods, crank-

shafts and scores of moving parts associated with a standard auto engine. The Stelzer motor consists of eight parts, and only one—the reciprocating piston—moves. With a displacement of 400 cc, it delivers 75 hp and could be made even more compact. At present, its being sold as a pump, but Stelzer

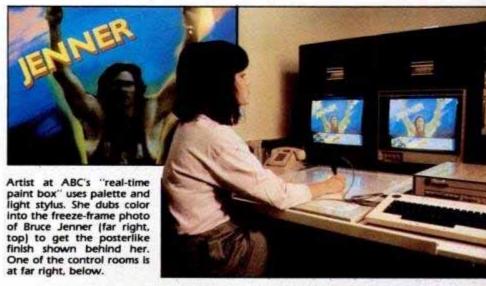
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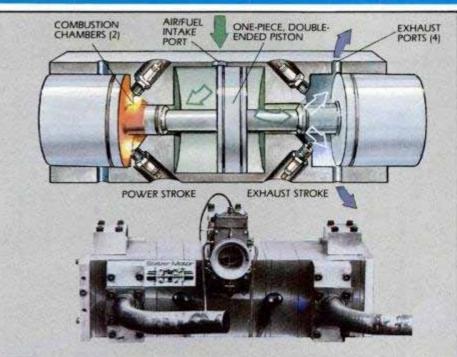
# **ABCs of Olympic TV**

proadcasting the Winter Olympics takes advanced electronics. In a pre-Olympic demonstration, ABC used an image of decathlon champ Bruce Jenner to demonstrate its "real-time paint box," a computer graphics system that lets an artist turn a freeze-frame into a posterlike work of art within 15 seconds. Using a light stylus on a glass plate, the artist mixes colors on an electronic palette and then paints in a background. ABC spent two years constructing two control rooms, a graphics room and a master control center.

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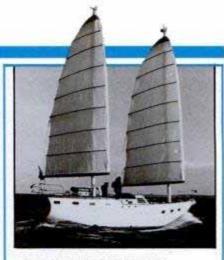
Stelzer car (facing page) would use electric motors and computer for regulated four-wheel drive. The Stelzer engine configuration could also be used in a helicopter. The reciprocating piston (drawing above) has only one moving part. As the piston rocks back and forth, it compresses air-fuel mixture for combustion. A prototype Stelzer motor is shown in the photo above.

sees uses for it as the driving part of an auto, helicopter or marine system.

The two-stroke piston sits inside a cast-iron block formed by three cylindrical chambers. The middle chamber contains the inlet for the air-fuel mixture from either a carburetor or an injection pump. As the piston oscillates,

it alternately compresses the mixture in the left and right combustion chamber. Stelzer claims his engine runs 25 percent cooler than the better auto engines on the market today.

Stelzer's prototype converts power from the push-pull piston to electrical energy. The engine drives two generators that power two motors in the front and two in the rear.



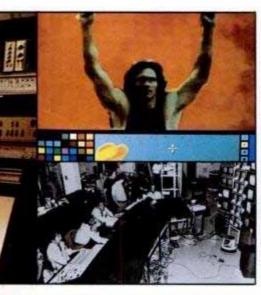
### **BETTER THAN JUNK**

England's newest production sailboat has a "concertina rig" that folds into a neat bundle like the sail on a Chinese junk. And the sail can be hoisted quickly. The English model can withstand a 70-knot wind. The sail design makes for smoother handling in open seas.



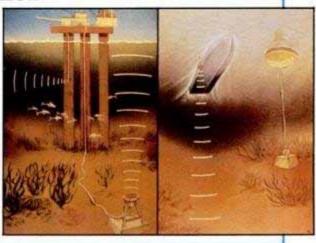
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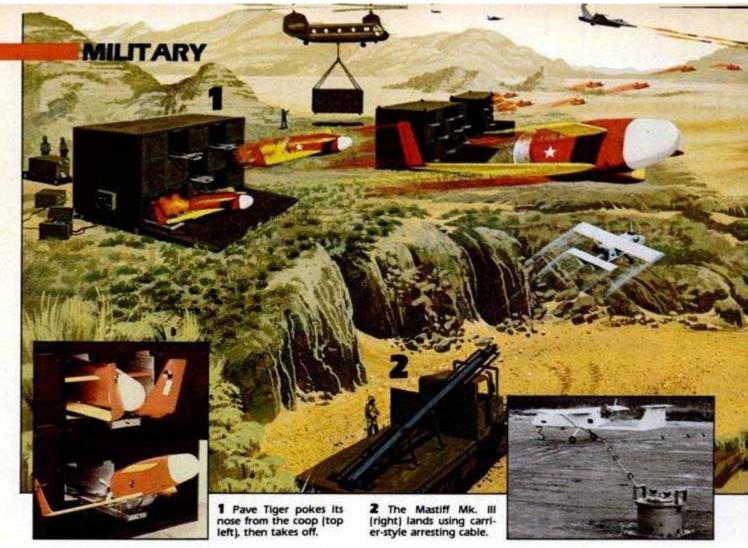
If you're traveling to West Berlin this year, one noise you'll hear less of is that coming from street-sweeping machines. American and German scientists at the University of Houston have developed a noise suppressor for street sweepers. It is an air-blowing "resonator" that produces sound waves which actually neutralize much of the sound coming from the sweeper motor.



### THE NOISY WORLD BELOW

The oil industry needs highly accurate measurements of river and ocean currents to plan ocean rigs and deter-mine maximum load for tankers going upriver. Two new devices from Ameteksubmersible "current profilers"-have been introduced to create accurate current profiles. Using operating radio frequencies of 300 kHz. and 115 kHz., the devices can float at any depth or can be installed at the bottom of a boat or oil platform. The Ametek submersible current profilers will give oil company marine engineers a new tool for planning.





# New unmanned 'fighter planes' save pilots' lives

hen the Israelis sought to destroy hidden missile sites in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley, they first sent in small, unmanned reconnaissance drones called RPVs (Remotely Piloted Vehicles). Cheap and expendable, the little winged drones provided electronic eyes to help following pilots spot their targets. They also acted as sacrificial decoys, deliberately drawing enemy fire to flush out its position—all at no risk to human life or multimillion-dollar fighter jets.

Encouraged by their uncanny success, the U.S. Air Force, in conjunction with Boeing, is now studying an even more advanced RPV system known as Pave Tiger. Unlike the Israeli version, used only for surveillance, Pave Tiger RPVs carry explosive warheads and are actually remotely guided,

flying bombs. Up to 15 at a time can be unleashed in flocks from a multiple launcher that looks like an overgrown pigeon coop. Each RPV stores, with wings folded, in a separate compartment. At the push of a button, out it pops, its wings unfold, and off it sails, powered by a tiny prop.

Known as a "harassment drone," the Pave Tiger can bedevil an enemy in several ways: It can attack a target directly if its location is known; it can attract enemy fire, then home in on the enemy's own missile-guidance signals; or it can merely "loiter" overhead for as long as 10 hours, forcing the enemy into inaction just by the threat of its presence. Its engine noise, intentionally loud, can also mask the approach of friendly helicopter gunships.

# New threat from a battle-tested jet in the Mideast



Still deadly after 10 years: A Super Étendard on a French carrier.

t's a 10-year-old aircraft that's barely supersonic, but it could mean big trouble for us and our NATO allies. It's the French-built Super Étendard, a carrier-based fighter-bomber that first made news at the Falklands in 1982 when Argentine Super Étendards equipped with deadly Exocet missiles played havoc with British warships.

The latest shocker is that France has leased five of the aging jets to Iraq, known to have her own supply of Exocets. Now Iran is threatening to blockade the Strait of Hormuz, shutting off Persian Gulf oil to the rest of the world, if Iraq attempts to use the planes against Iranian oil facilities. What makes the veteran Super Étendard so devastating is not its speed (less than Mach 1 at sea level), but the fact that it carries advanced all-weather navigation and target-seeking avionics. Thus, it could touch off new tensions in the already turbulent Middle East.

# 3 The Peanut flies like a helicopter and makes frightening noises.

Meanwhile, two other new RPVs are also making news. The Mastiff Mk. III, Israel's latest eye in the sky, is an improved version of the type used in Lebanon. Looking like a radio-controlled model airplane, it carries sophisticated surveillance gear, has a range of 60 miles and can remain aloft for seven hours. It's catapulted from a mobile launcher and retrieved by an arresting cable like a carrier jet.

From Canada comes the Peanut, named after is unusual double-ball-shaped body. Under test by the U.S. Army, it combines surveillance with a sneaky harassment twist. Large contrarotating blades, turning around its midsection, enable it to take off and land like a helicopter and also make a lot of noise to let the enemy know it's coming. The bad guys either shoot it down, revealing their position, or they scurry for cover. Either way, the good guys win.

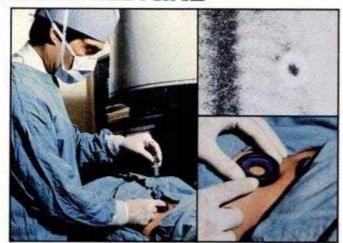


#### MINEPROOF MINE SWEEPER

Most ships fear to venture into mine-infested waters, but not this new British BH.7 hovercraft. Its soft skirt and air-supported hull are virtually immune to underwater blasts, making it ideal for both mine-sweeping and mine-laying operations. The vehicle is built by Westland's British Hovercraft Div. It can also carry troops safely through minefields.

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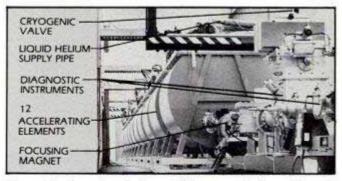


Doctor takes bone tissue (left) in nonsurgical biopsy. Procedure uses gamma picture (top, right) made through lead ring (bottom).

#### Bagel biopsy

plain lead ring is keeping patients with bone ailments from having to undergo some types of exploratory surgery at St. Agnes Medical Center in Philadelphia and at several other institutions. A small amount of "marker" chemical is injected into the patient's vein. A special "gamma" camera then scans the patient, giving a radiological picture of his bones. The ring is placed on the skin, blocking out gamma rays and pinpointing a spot where there is an infection or tumor. The doctor inserts a needle in the center of the ring and draws out a sample of bone tissue. The procedure takes the place of a biopsy.

#### ENERGY

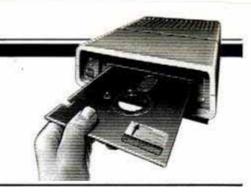


Cryogenic valve adjusts helium, which supercools the accelerator.

#### Economical atom smasher

he Superconducting Linear Accelerator at New York's State University at Stony Brook cuts the cost of accelerating atomic nuclei by 30 percent. Normally, the costs run to thousands of dollars per experiment. The secret is a superconducting mechanism in the ring. The Stony Brook accelerator is cooled to minus 450° F. with liquid helium. That reduces electrical resistance to near zero. The accelerator is modular in construction, with 12 elements that can be individually repaired. That eliminates the need to warm up the whole unit to diagnose a problem in one section.

# PM SOFTWARE MONITOR



#### A fantasy world comes to life

Have you ever journeyed through J.R.R. Tolkien's Middle Earth? Or have you partaken of the antics in a place such as James Branch Cabell's Land of Poictesme? For that matter, when's the last time you went over L. Frank Baum's rainbow?

Now, with the game of *Ultima III*, computers have become the new frontier of fantasy literature. Written and programmed by Rich Garriott under the *nom de plume* of Lord British, this is less a game than it is a whole new world to explore.

The reason that this game is so successful is in what author and scholar J.R.R. Tolkien once referred to as a "subcreation." If a fantasy world seems to be as complex and as rich in detail, while still being as internally consistent, as our own world, then it becomes easy to believe in and enter that world—to "live" there. Other games are simply unbelievable.

The world of *Ultima III* can only be compared to a living tapestry—complex and beautiful.

The game begins even before you put the disk in your computer. Included in the box is a cloth map of the Land of Sosaria as well as detailed explanations of various spells, charms and gaming rules.

Once the disk begins to spin, prepare to forget everything else as you create the first of the characters you will both control and identify with. Four characters may journey to find "Exodus." The first part of the quest is to discover what or who Exodus is. These charac-

ters—whether they are wizards, clerics, fighters, rangers, elves or many others—will become the main players in a fantasy "novel" that you'll live through at the keyboard.

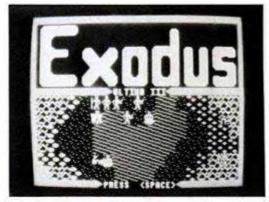
Once the characters are set, you will find yourself journeying across an animated map of the Land of Sosaria. The oceans move in liquid rhythm, the flags atop the castles wave in the wind, and mystery surrounds you. You must explore areas the map does not show in order to

find the land's many towns, castles and the dark, hidden passageways which open onto a subterranean land of dungeons and despoilers.

As you move, various creatures will accost you. During combat, the onscreen map clears and you see all of your advancing enemies as well as all four members of your party—all animated in real time. Each character you control must choose a weapon, throw a spell or reposition himself as per your orders.

Following combat, and the awarding of gold to the victor, you will want to stop at a town to outfit your party. Each town is a multiscreen affair with shops and taverns, as well as numerous townspeople. You will want to stop and talk with the townsfolk because some will have clues to impart.

Once you've purchased swords, axes, torches and such, it will be off to a dungeon. There, in just about perfect 3-D, you'll venture through mapless



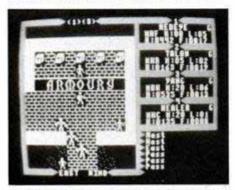
When you start *Ultima III*, you're treated to a "movie" of some of the game's features. The screen above is one of the introductory scenes.

realms searching for . . . ah, but that would be telling.

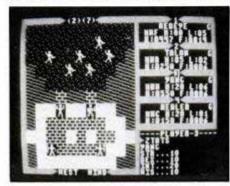
As you can see, the fine points of the game call for a strict attention to detail. Many of the things that you do in one part of the game will affect what you can do later. What you purchase in the towns will affect your combat results, as will your ability to control your characters via the keyboard. It is this interleaving of possibilities which makes the game particularly challenging.

Although *Ultima I* and *Ultima II* are fine games, with *Ultima III* the technique has been perfected. This is the best fantasy game in computing. Indeed, it is one of the best fantasy worlds in which to live. Lord British is a veritable J.R.R. Tolkien of the keyboard.

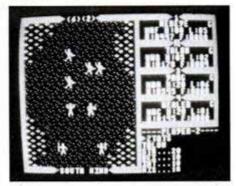
Ultima III. from Origins Systems, is now available for the Apple II and will soon appear for other computers. But you had best put aside a year or so to play it.—N.S.



Visiting an armory is a chance to buy new armor. You can also buy a new sword at a weapons shop or just drink at the pub.



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#### Saw Metal With A Plywood Blade



Ferrous material can be cut easily with a cir-cular or a table saw, using dull plywood-cutting blades, like the ones at the left.

Here's an inexpensive, quick way to cut lightgauge iron and steel.

#### BY DAVID W. CARNELL; Photos by Walter E. Burton

or over 20 years I have been using my circular saw to cut mild, stainless and even hardened steel almost as fast as I cut wood. The blades I use are not made of some costly metal alloyfar from it. They are standard plywoodcutting blades with slightly worn teeth. The reason they work so well is that I am not cutting by abrasion, I am friction sawing.

Friction sawing is not a new idea. The basic process has been used in industry for years. Some research revealed that the principle was apparently discovered during World War II when someone ran a dull band saw blade through sheet steel-at a high speed, without coolant-and found that it cut faster than a sharp blade operated at normal speed with coolant

Here's how it works. Instead of relving on the saw blade to actually cut the material, friction sawing requires the blade to simply rub against the material and, in the process, generate a great deal of heat at the point of the cut. Because of the high blade speed, the heat is created faster than the workpiece can absorb and diffuse it. As the

temperature at blade contact nears the melting point, the cohesion of the molecules in the workpiece drops rapidly. The softened metal can no longer resist even the slightest abrasion of the teeth and is just swept away.

Once the cut has begun, the blade continues to heat the back edge of the cut and moves progressively through the balance of the material. In this respect, the action is much like a cutting torch that heats an edge until it is

red and then hits it with a stream of oxygen and blows away the metal.

The blade, on the other hand, does not melt because any given point on its circumference is in contact with the workpiece for such a short time, compared to how long it is free of the material, that it cools before it hits the workpiece again. Of course, this all happens in a fraction of a second.

For home shop work, ferrous materials (iron and steel) are the only ones that

can be cut with friction sawing. However, some sophisticated industrial equipment can friction saw other metals and alloys. Ferrous materials cut so well because they are relatively poor heat conductors. Therefore, the friction heat builds up much more rapidly at the point of the cut. Also, very little heat is absorbed by the material on either side of the cut, so the basic metallurgical structure of the metal is not significantly changed.

Aluminum, brass, copper and other materials conduct heat much better and also melt at lower temperatures. The loosened material will cool before being cast away by the blade and some will end up adhering to the blade body. This not only fouls the blade, but can also leave an extremely ragged cut.

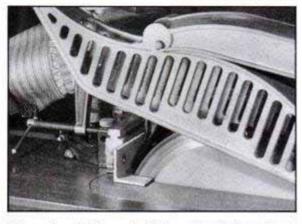
There was a time when friction-sawing blades were readily available to consumers. In the late 1950s, Sears, Vermont-American and other manufacturers sold 6- to 10-in.-dia. blades for circular saws and table saws. Sears called its blades "steel slicers," which were plain steel discs with radial slots cut around the circumference. But about 10 years ago the larger-diameter blades dropped from view and the smaller blades became scarce.

Faced with a growing shortage, I decided to modify a standard plywoodcutting blade-by grinding off the teeth-to match the old design. Further experimentation showed that a dull plywood blade with teeth intact worked better in nearly every case. The slight abrasive action of the teeth helped remove the heat-softened steel more quickly.

#### How to do it

The first step is proper preparation. Clean out any sawdust from the dust chute on a circular saw and from the table and stand of a radial-arm or table saw. Also, sweep any dust from the

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When using a table saw to friction cut angle iron, always be sure to clamp stock securely to the miter gauge.



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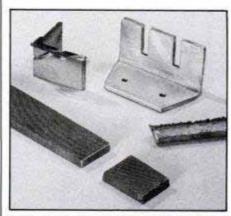
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#### PLYWOOD BLADE

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floor around these tools and remove any cans of volatile solvents from the area. This cutting method can create quite a shower of sparks, which could easily ignite flammable substances. Make sure to wear a long-sleeved shirt, gloves, a face shield, cap and ear protection—the noise level can be extreme. It's also a good idea to keep an eye on the shop for a while after sawing to be certain nothing is smoldering.

Inspect your dull plywood blade to



Angle iron, stainless steel angle, sheet steel and hardened steel file (clockwise from top left) were all friction sawed.

make sure there are no hairline cracks in the edge, then mount it in the saw and set it for maximum cutting depth. Remember, the plywood blade cuts faster when less of its circumference is in contact with the workpiece.

Sheet steel, up to 1/2 in. thick, will cut almost as fast as you feed it into the blade. A 12-in. cut can take less than 10 seconds. Stock that is 1/4 in. thick cuts just as well. But thicker material represents some slow going. You can cut up to 1/2-in.-dia. steel rod with friction sawing and up to 2-in.-dia. iron pipe, but the latter will be especially slow work because the blade will be in contact with two sides of the pipe at the same time. For cutting such thick pipe, a hacksaw or pipe cutter is probably a better choice.

Always clamp the workpiece securely in place before starting a cut. Clamp it either to the workbench if you're using a circular saw or to the miter gauge if you're using a table saw. This will prevent the work from "chattering" when cut, which would put extra stress on the blade.

Feed the material into the blade as forcefully as possible without significantly slowing the saw. The extra pressure increases the friction and speeds the cut. Also keep in mind that the blade will form sharp burrs on either side of the cut that should be handled with care. In most cases, these can be easily filed or ground away.

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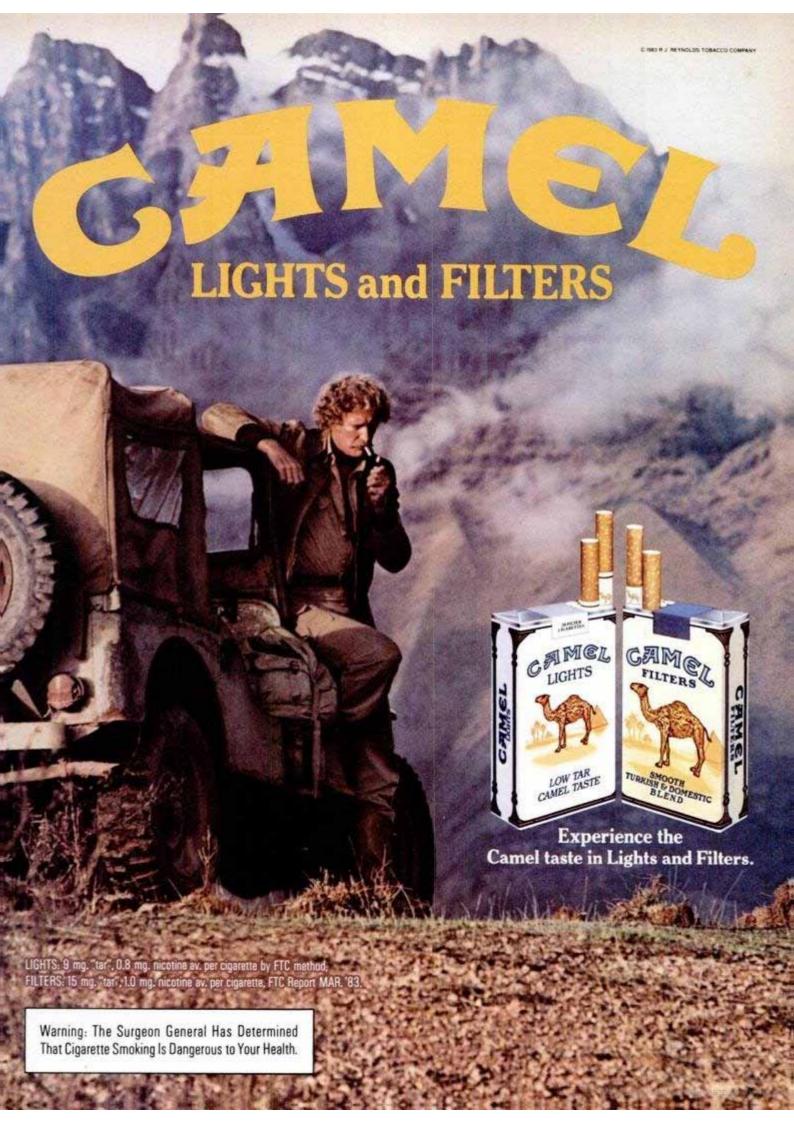
his reproduction of a 1750 English stationery caddy stores pens, paper and your personal correspondence. The cherry hardwood cabinet features overlapping doors that lock to secure the upper storage tiers and the bottom drawer.

Begin work by cutting the cabinet sides (A, see materials list on page 78) from 5/8-in.-thick cherry. Then cut the dadoes and rabbet in each side for accepting the dividers (F-K) and the cabinet back (C). Cut and attach the bottom support cleats (E) to the sides. Now, cut 3/16-in.-thick mahogany wall paneling for the dividers and back.

Cut and assemble the cabinet base members (P,Q). Secure the base frame with dowels and glue as shown. Rout a  $\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{4}$ -in. rabbet in the inside bottom edge of the base for installing the base panel (R). Then, use a  $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. rounding-over bit to shape the frame's outside edge and corners.

Assemble the cabinet by first screwing the base to the sides (don't use glue). Then glue and nail the back to the rabbets cut in the sides. Install the divider bottom (B) and the pencil tray step (N) as shown. Now, make the pencil trays (M,O) using a ¾-in. core box cutter in a shaper or router table. Cut and assemble the calendar tray compartment using mahogany wall paneling. Attach two cleats (WW) to the cabinet sides to support the tray. Next, shape the calendar tray cov-

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#### STATIONERY CADDY

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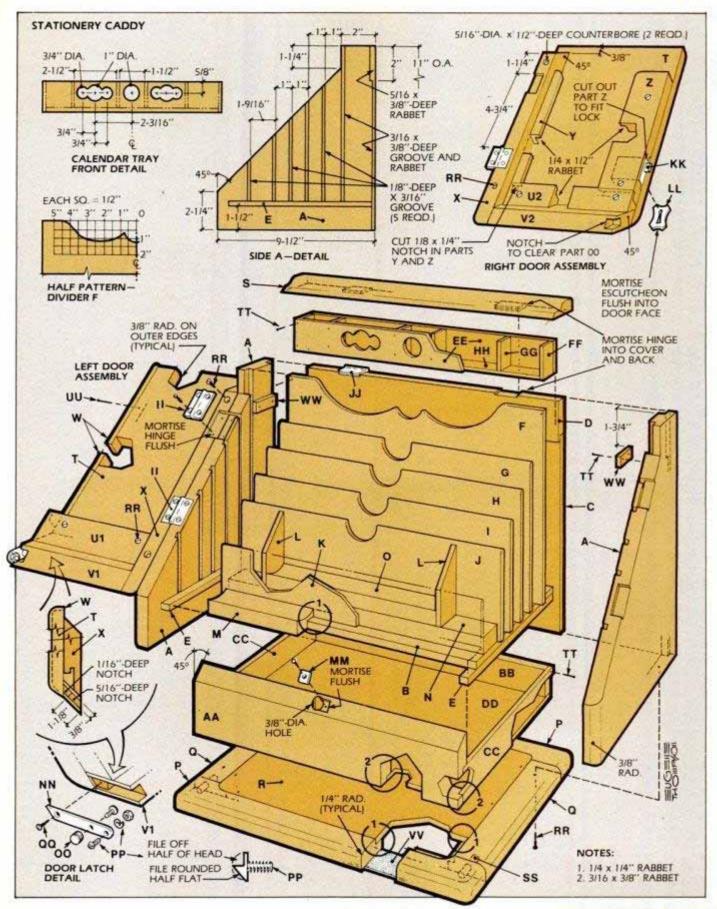
er (S) with a 3/4-in. core box cutter. Attach the cover with two brass butt hinges (JJ). Now, make the drawer (parts AA-DD) to fit into the area below the dividers. Dry-fit the drawer.

Cut the two cabinet doors (T) from %-in.-thick cherry and attach the hinge support (X) to each door. Note that the doors are an assemblage of parts (U1, U2, V1, V2, W, X, Y and Z). Attach all door parts except part Z. Install the lock

(KK) and the escutcheon (LL). Notch and install part Z to hide the lock.

Mortise the door hinges (II) into the cabinet sides and the hinge supports. Install the doors to the cabinet so that they swing and close properly. Assem-

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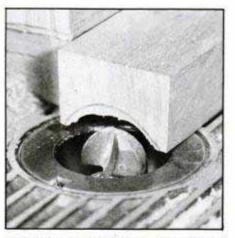
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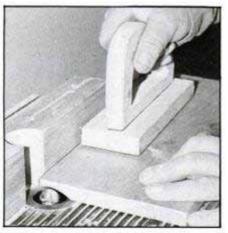
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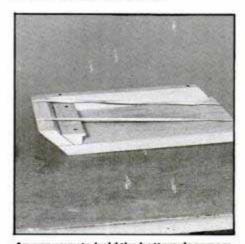
Cut 1/2-in.-deep dadoes into the cabinet sides to hold the dividers. Note that the wood grain runs horizontally.



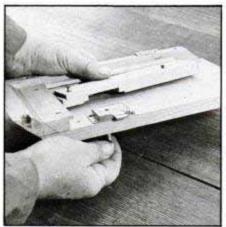
Use a ¾-in. core box bit in a router table or shaper to form the pencil trays. Adjust the depth-of-cut gradually.



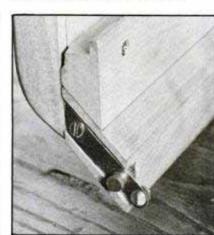
A safe way to form the narrow calendar tray cover on the shaper is to use a wide board. Then rip the cover from it.



An easy way to hold the bottom door member until the glue dries is to stretch two heavy-duty rubber bands around door.



Attach the lock to the inside of the righthand door. Then notch part Z so that it will fit right over the lock mechanism.



Mortise the bottom of the left-hand door to accept the door latch. Then, attach the latch using a ½-in. No. 6 fh screw.

ble and install the door latch (parts NN-QQ). Notch the bottoms of both doors and the drawer front to accept the latch. Make sure that part PP catches the latch plate (MM).

Remove the doors, drawer, dividers

and base for final contour sanding and finishing. Slowly sand the bottom front edges of the cabinet and the doors on a stationary sander.

Stain all parts with a cherry stain, then apply three coats of polyurethane varnish. Sand lightly between coats with 220-grit abrasive paper. Finally, reassemble the cabinet. Cut out day, date and month displays from a wall calendar and paste them on cardboard for the calendar tray.

#### MATERIALS LIST—STATIONERY CADDY

Key	No.	Size and description (use)
A	2	% × 9½ × 11" cherry (side)
В	1	1/4 × 713/16 × 103/4" plywood (divider bottom)
C	1	3/16 × 91/2 × 111/2" mahogany pan- eling (back)
D	1	5/16 × 2 × 111/2" cherry (upper back)
E	2	1/4 × 3/8 × 811/16" cherry (cleat)
F	1	3/16 × 9 × 11½" mahogany panel- ing (rear divider)
G	1	3/16 × 6½ × 11" mahogany panel- ing (divider)
н	1	3/16 × 5½ × 11" mahogany panel- ing (divider)
1	1	3/16 × 4½ × 11" mahogany panel- ing (divider)
J	1	3/16 × 31/2 × 11" mahogany panel- ing (divider)
K	1	3/16 × 2 × 11" mahogany paneling (divider)
L	2	3/16 × 13/6 × 23/4" mahogany ply- wood (tray end)
M	1	13/16 × 13/8 × 103/4" cherry (pencil tray)
N	1	13/16 × 13/6 × 103/4" cherry (step)
0	1	13/16 × 13/8 × 7" cherry (pencil tray)
P	2	5% × 1½ × 7¾ cherry (base front and back)

Q	2	% × 11/2 × 125/6" cherry (base end)
R	1	1/4 × 73/4 × 101/6" plywood (base panel)
S	1	% × 2 × 12" cherry (cover)
T	2	% × 513/1s × 11" cherry (door)
UI		5% × 13% × 51/2" cherry (left door support)
U2	1	% × 1% × 5% s" cherry (right door support)
V1	1	% × 2 × 5½" cherry (left door bot- tom)
V2	1	5% × 2 × 53/16" cherry (right door bottom)
W	1	3/8 × 3/4 × 11 1/8" cherry (left door trim)
x	2	% × 1 × 115%" cherry (door hinge support)
Y	1	5/8 × 1/2 × 71/2" cherry (card and envelope holder)
Z	1	5/8 × 15/8 × 73/2" cherry (lock cover)
AA	1	5% × 23/4 × 103/4" cherry (drawer front)
BB	1	5/16 × 11/4 × 103/4" pine (drawer back)
CC	2	3/16 × 11/2 × 87/4" mahogany panel- ing (drawer side)
DD	1	3/16 × 87/6 × 103/6" mahogany pan- eling (drawer bottom)
EE	2	3/16 × 13/4 × 1011/16" mahogany

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		paneling (calendar tray front and back)
FF	2	3/16 × 1 × 13/4" mahogany paneling (calendar tray end)
GG	4	3/16 × 1 × 1 ½ mahogany plywood (calendar tray dividers)
нн	1	½ × 1 × 105/16" mahogany ply- wood (calendar tray bottom)
11	4	3/4 × 13/4" brass butt hinge
JJ	2	3/4 × 1" brass butt hinge
KK	1	5/16 × 1 × 2" brass full mortise lock
LL	1	1 × 1¼" 26-ga, soft brass (escutch- eon)
MM	1	3/8 × 1/2" brass latch plate, No. 4 fh screw
NN	1	% x 1% spring steel (door latch)
00	1	1/8"-dia. × 1/4" brass bolt, knurled nut (release button)
PP	1	'/s"-dia. × '/4" brass bolt, hexnut (latch)
QQ	1	1/2" No. 6 fh screw
RR	14	1" No. 6 fh screw
SS	4	1/4"-dia. × 1" hardwood dowel
TT		1/2" brads
UU		1" brads
VV		Heavyweight felt (padding)
ww	2	1/4 × 1/2 × 1 1/2" plywood (cleat)
Misc.:		nter's glue, cherry stain, polyurethane

# UNTIL MICHELIN'S XA4, WHEN YOU BOUGHT ALL-SEASON TIRES YOU MADE TWO COMPROMISES.



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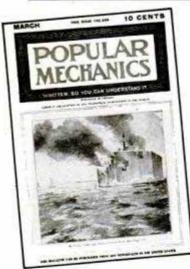
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#### 75 YEARS AGO: March 1909



Chicago's water tunnel burns.

#### Fire kills 70

On the morning of Jan. 20, a fire broke out in the intermediate crib of the great tunnel at Seventy-third street (Chicago), which extended four miles out into the lake. When the cry of fire echoed through the huge upper floor of the wooden structure, most of the men were at breakfast. All was confusion, and 70 men died. As near as could be determined . . . the fire started in the powder room, which had 1,000 lb. of explosive . . . fire was not attended by an explosion.



#### New mail hoves

The new U.S. mail boxes in California tell when the next collection will be made. The opening of the box by a mail carrier turns a cylinder on which letters and figures are arranged.

#### **Fingerprints**

In the investigation made by the Paris police and M. Bertillon following the Steinheil murder, the excitement of which shook France, fingerprints were found on a cognac bottle and on a glass cover of a small clock that played a part in the murder. Bertillon easily identified the imprints made by the finger of M. Steinheil, the murdered man. The method of identifying finger prints is quite complicated . . . but it is possible to determine who made them.

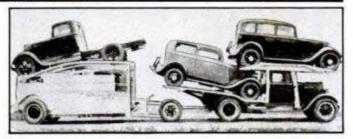
#### 50 YEARS AGO: March 1934

#### Streamlined cars W.E. "Willi" Lev. profe

W.E. "Willi" Ley, professor of mechanical engineering at the University of Michigan, where air resistance and related problems have been studied, concludes that "streamlined cars with variable-gear transmissions may travel three times as far on a gallon as the conventional sedan can at normal touring speeds."



A model sailboat made by Robert H. Packard is controlled by radio signals from equipment on shore.



#### New car-carrying truck

Four of the largest automobiles in the industry may be stored on an odd-looking tractor-trailer carrier that is only thirty-nine feet long. This is made possible by an ingenious method of toploading and overlapping. The laws of many states, especially those on transcontinental routes, specify that such carriers shall not exceed a length of forty feet. The new vehicle was specifically created in order to carry the same number of cars without violating these laws.

#### 25 YEARS AGO: March 1959

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Launch ramp aids water skier.

#### Ski boat

The water-ski boat has special built-ins to aid the skier. A launcher eases the skier into the water after the boat has attained skiing speed, eliminating beach or dock starts. Skis are parallel with the surface until the skier trips a hydraulic mechanism which lowers the skis into the water. The launcher mounts on any boat over 16 feet and is easily removed for storage. A tow bar around the motor has an electronic eve that "watches." A buzzer sounds an alarm if the skier falls from the rope.



#### Making it rain Do raindrops and of

Do raindrops and other precipitation in a thunderstorm generate the tremendous electrical charges? Or do vast electrical fields generated by other forces growing in a thunderhead create the raindrops? If electricity comes first, small generating plants may be able to "broadcast" an electrical charge into the free air and possibly stimulate rainfall.

#### Smoke sniffer

Prevention of fire and explosion disasters was given an assist by development of an ultraviolet-sensitive tube that responds simultaneously to flame, smoke and combustible vapors. The four-inch black tube that was developed by Minneapolis-Honeywell illuminates an indicator whenever any fire or smoke is present in the beaker.

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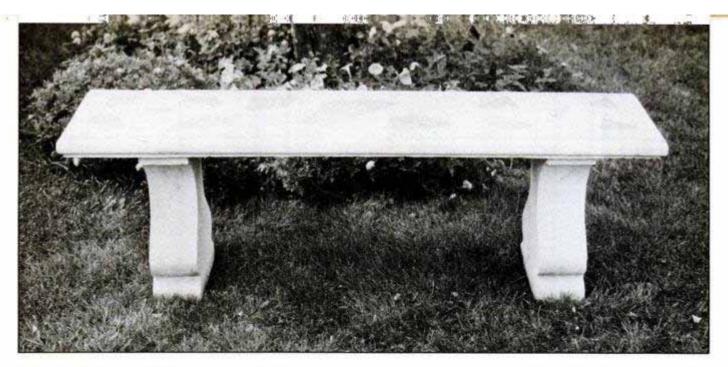


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#### **Make Your Own Concrete Bench**

Combine your carpentry skills with the casting craft to make this bench.

BY DR. GEORGE F. LUTERI

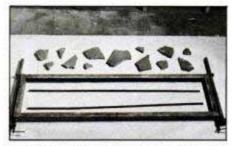
You've probably seen these handsome benches in beautiful gardens. You may have seen them also in garden supply centers, where they cost \$70 or more. For a fraction of that amount, you can make your own bench that will last a lifetime.

The base form is made of 1×6 pine. You need a total of 20 ft. The top form is ripped from 16 ft. of 2×4. To assemble the base-form side pieces, use 2-in., 6d common nails and resorcinol glue. The

endpieces of the base form are assembled with finishing nails and glue. Eight 6d dual-head (form) nails hold the base form together while casting.

For one bench, you need three 80-lb. bags of commercially prepared sand mix (a mix of silica sand and Portland cement) and 19 ft. of ¾-in.-dia. or ½-in.-dia. re-

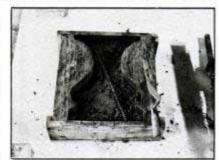
inforcing bar, called rebar. If you can't find rebar at the store where you buy the cement, check at a building supply center or your local hardware store. Rebar is easily cut with a hacksaw. Other tools that will come in handy are a coping saw, table saw or circular saw, band saw, drum sander attachment for an electric drill, router with ½-in. straight bit and ½-in. cove bit, and a concrete finishing stone or small sharpening stone.



Assemble top form with clamps. Reinforcing bars are shown where they'll be imbedded. Have inlay pieces in approximate pattern.



Fill the top form about half full. Carefully trowel mix into the cove of the form and place the rebars in position.



Fill base form about one-third and place one rebar as shown. Add another third, place other rebar crosswise to first.

Two pipe clamps aid in casting the top. You also need some motor oil and naphtha for treating the wood and some old rags, as well as cement mixing tools for small batches.

Cut the 1×6 stock for the base forms into 12 16-in. lengths and stack them, alternating the grain direction with each piece. This step minimizes warping in the finished form. Now transfer the grid pattern in the drawing on page 86 to a template of stiff paper or ½-in.

hardboard. Mark the pattern on each piece in the stack. Use a jigsaw or band saw to make the cuts.

Separate the stack into two and begin gluing the side pieces. Run a bead of glue around the adjoining faces of three pieces and nail them together with five or six evenly spaced 2-in., 6d common nails. As you join, keep the curved edges aligned rather than the straight edges. Apply glue to the top piece of this stack and the adjoining

> face of the next piece and nail again. Repeat this step for the last piece, and repeat the process for the other stack. After the glue is dry, sand out any unevenness in the curved surfaces with a drill-mounted drum sander.

Rip the endpieces for the base form from 1×6 stock with a total length of 40 in. This is enough for

the two ends and the four 1-in. square tabs. Glue and nail the tabs to the endpieces with 4d finishing nails.

Rip the pieces for the top form from straight and clear 2×4 stock. A table saw is best, but a circular saw does the job, too. Follow the steps in the drawing for cutting the cove in the top form pieces. Use a ½-in. straight bit in your router to make the initial groove about 3/8-in. deep. Then use a ½-in. cove bit

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#### CONCRETE BENCH

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without a pilot for the next four steps.

Cut the top form sides square and to 59½ in. long. Cut the ends square to 14 in. and then cut knobs on the ends with a coping saw. These knobs should fit snugly into the cove of the side pieces.

To make the forms water repellent, apply a half-and-half mixture of ordinary motor oil and naphtha. Coat the forms liberally and let the mixture soak in for a day or two.

Before mixing the sand and cement, set up the top form with pipe clamps. Tack the base form together with dualhead nails. Be sure the forms are square. Now, once again, apply the oil mixture to all surfaces that will come into contact with the cement. A little oil on the pipe clamps makes them easier to clean.



Dig out holes for the inlay pieces, then place pieces in holes and level them with a straightedge. Fill in around the pieces as you work across the top.

The top form requires about 160 lbs. of dry sand mix. Mix with water as before and trowel in a bed of cement about 1 in. thick. Add the two pieces of rebar and the rest of the mix. Level, vibrate, then level again and trowel smooth. Check for square and allow it to set.

After the base has set for one hour, vibrate the form and lightly trowel the surface. Then brush lightly with an old paintbrush to produce a slightly rough surface, but without brush marks. If you do get brush marks or drag out

Remove endpieces from base form, then lightly tap curved pieces with a hammer for a clean separation. Pull curved form straight back away from base.

let it set undisturbed for 24 hours.

Repeat this process for the top unless you are adding an inlay. To add the inlay, place the pieces on the top. With the point of your trowel, scribe a line around each piece. Then dig out a hole for each piece so that the stone can rest level with the surface. When all stones

small globs of cement, wait another

hour before continuing with this step.

When you're satisfied with the surface,

level with the surface. When all stones are in place, work across the top with a straightedge to get each stone level with the surface. Fill around each piece.

After one hour, vibrate, the top form.

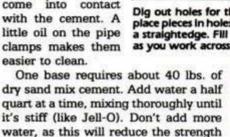
brate the top form. Check to see that the stones have remained level and lightly trowel the surface. Now brush and trowel until you are satisfied with the surface. Let the top set for 24 hours so the sand mix can harden. It will have a drab greenish tint and is said to be "green." Now it has less than 20 percent

of its final strength.

Tap off the endpieces of the base form. Loosen the curved side pieces by tapping lightly with a hammer. To remove the top form, remove clamps and loosen the side pieces by tapping on their ends so that they slide an inch or two first. Then remove the endpieces. You'll need two bases.

Cover the green concrete forms with wet rags and keep them wet. After 24 hours, carefully lift the top and slide some wood blocks underneath. Make a paste of leftover sand mix and fill the voids. Then, using a concrete finishing stone or sharpening stone, grind edges and surfaces with a back-and-forth motion. Clean the stone inlay.

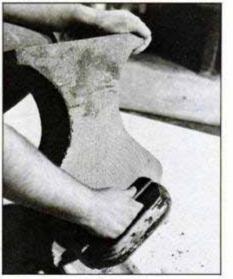
Re-cover with wet rags. I wet cure benches 14 days, then hose them down for another week. If the finished bench wobbles, adjust the bases, or add small shims under the top.



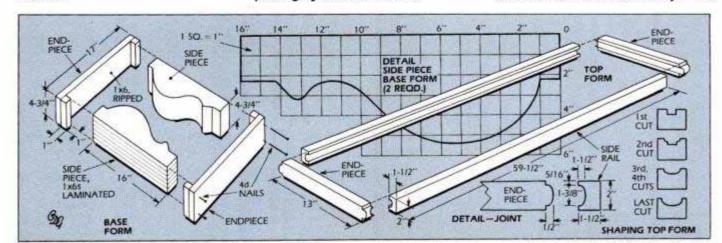
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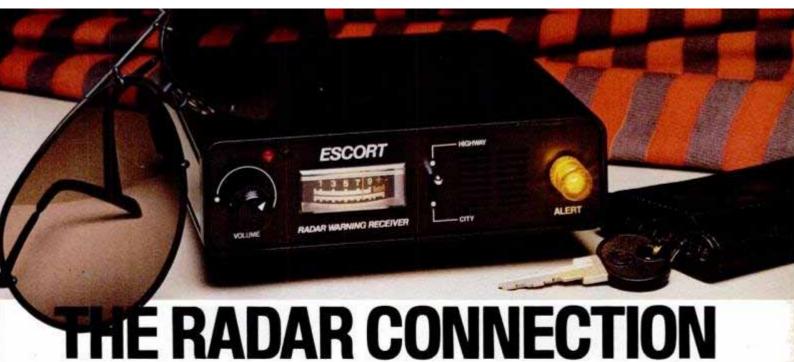
Fill the base form about a third, carefully troweling mix into all areas. Throughout the filling process, vibrate the forms by tapping lightly around the edges with a hammer. Add a length of rebar as shown. Be sure there is a clearance of at least 1 in. from any edge or surface. Add another third of mix and another rebar crossing the direction of the first rebar. Then fill the form and level off with a straightedge.

At this point, your tapping should cause a few bubbles and some water to come to the surface. Add more cement, level again and trowel to a smooth surface. Check again for square and allow it to set.



Rub the surfaces with a concrete finishing stone or sharpening stone to work up a paste that fills small voids. Brush remaining paste lightly for a smooth finish.





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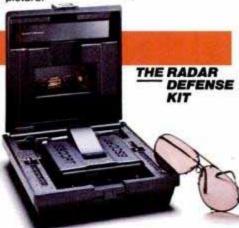
You see, we know how difficult it is to buy a camera or stereo component, or any precision gear. Every store has different prices so you feel obligated to shop around. Then you have to wait for a salesman. He may not know much about the products or may try to get you to choose another brand. And the week after you buy, they go on sale.

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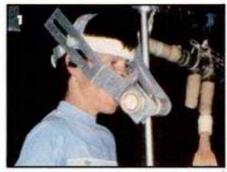


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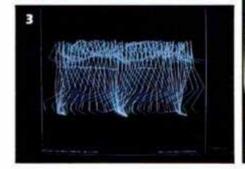
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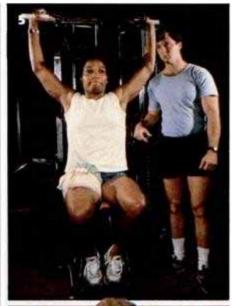


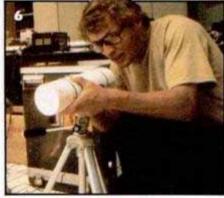


Monitoring equipment (1) records athlete's carbon dioxide output on a computer (2). With other data, computer generates an image (3) so coaches can help adjust the athlete's movement for a winning edge.



Distance runner Joan Benoît (4) was among the athletes who used the Olympic Training Center in Colorado to improve her stride. Just exposing athletes to high-tech devices may be enough to boost performance.





Equipment also includes advanced weighttraining devices (5) and high-speed cameras and other visual detecting equipment. Light-beam guns (6) are used to determine timing improvements to split seconds.

Superaccurate monitoring techniques are helping our best athletes find the winning edge for the Summer Olympics.

BY ROBIN NELSON; Photos by Bruce McAllister and Deborah Beamer

As many 2.5 billion people—roughly half the population of the world—will watch the major televised events of the summer Olympic Games which begin in July in Los Angeles. As always, a lot of minor events—medals contested in sports in which Americans have had little spectator interest, and almost no participation—will determine the ultimate Olympic competition of this now superpolitical spectacle: the final medal count. For a lot of people around the

world, including the 7 million expected as spectators at the Los Angeles sites, that medal count will provide at least a preliminary answer to some key questions:

- Will the "get-serious" posture of the reorganized U.S. Olympic Committee, backed by millions of dollars in corporate support, put America back on top in the Games?
- Will illegal drugs and chemicals continue to be a

dominant fact of life in world-class competition?

■ Has the United States closed the "sports science gap" between it and the major Soviet bloc competitors?

Many close observers of the U.S. effort believe the answer to the first two questions depends on the degree to which Committee officials and our athletes respond positively to the third. With millions of dollars already invested in new facilities and projects,

including our first national Olympic Training Center (in Colorado Springs, Colo.), the U.S.O.C. has promised its contributors that "the best U.S. team ever" will be competing at Los Angeles.

Yet a visit with Training Center experts, coaches and athletes produced, on the average, more cautious-while still hopeful-estimates of the potential of the American team. Often, the feeling reflected is that it may be 1988 or even 1992 before a U.S. Olympic contingent fully reflects the new emphasis on scientific training and coaching techniques.

"There is no knowledge gap between us and the Russians or East Germans," says Dr. Kenneth "Casey" Clarke, director of Sports Medicine for

the U.S.O.C. "What we have is a distribution gap. We know as much, maybe more, about what makes great athletic performances, about biomechanics and the physiology of sport. But as far as getting that knowledge into the hands of coaches and athletes, we may be as much as 15 years behind. Look at East Germany, a country of only 17 million people, which outscored us in Montreal—they may have something like 10,000 coaches with Ph.D. degrees."

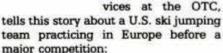
Clarke says there may be two dozen facilities in the Soviet Union which are better equipped than the U.S.O.C.'s Colorado Springs Training Center. The former Air Force base may be "state of the art" in terms of some of its analytical methods and laboratories, but it offers nothing special in its overall physical plant, including training equipment which, like the computers and videotape machines, was donated

by manufacturers. (Possibly the best bicycling velodrome in the hemisphere, however, is a few blocks away.)

But the site and its staff—both volunteers and paid professionals—play a major role in the U.S.O.C.'s goal of identifying and advancing the nation's elite athletes. At the same time, as many developmental athletes as possible are given time at the Center to absorb training methods. In addition, new knowledge is pursued both at the

Center and through the many projects that it farms out to universities and researchers.

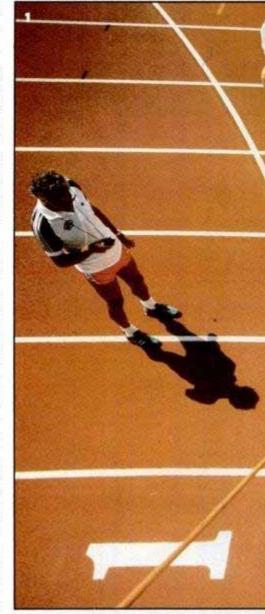
Yet, almost to a man, the scientists at Colorado Springs admit that what they actually know about the science of sport in relation to our leading competitors isn't nearly as important as what our athletes believe. What has emerged in recent years—as efforts have been focused on sports medicine principles and scientific analysis of athletic performance in this country-is that our athletes tend to enter any arena in a badly "psychedout" condition when there are Soviet bloc competitors who will be prominent challengers. Chuck Dillman, assistant director of Biomechanics and Computer Ser-

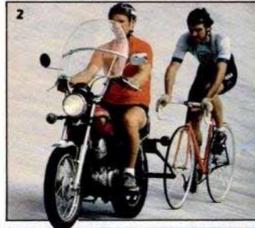


"We unpacked some new high-speed filming equipment before their practice jumps. 'Wow,' one of the jumpers said, 'just like the East Germans' stuff.' That day the whole team jumped farther, by an average of about 4 meters per man, than they had before. It wasn't the film—which we didn't even look at until later—but just the idea that now we've got nifty technology, too."

Though no one is willing to come out and actually say it, just exposing athletes to the exotic analytical treadmills, digitizing equipment, force platforms and so forth at U.S.O.C.-sponsored research facilities may be as effective in boosting performances at Los Angeles as any knowledge gained from the process. This "faith factor" is particularly

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Long jumpers were among the athletes to test the "faith factor." By monitoring athletes, some officials think performance will improve.



# America's winter Olympians reached into a high-tech bag of tricks to prepare for the Sarajevo Games.

BY MARK MEINERO: Illustrations by Hank Iken

he Olympic motto, Citius, Altius, Fortius, translates to "Swifter, Higher, Stronger." For the Winter Olympics at Sarajevo, Yugoslavia, it's appropriate that swifter is mentioned first-a majority of the events rely on speed for victory. In the Summer Games, the men running the 100meter dash are called 'the world's fastest humans." But at best, their bodies move along the stadium track at about 23 mph, to which a downhill skier-or most any other winter participant-can justifiably say, "Ho hum."

The men's downhill Gold Medal winner at Sarajevo will have to exceed 60 mph down the slope. In pre-Olympic downhill races along the Yugoslavian course, the average speed was 63.48 mph. Fast, yes-but if the Games were held at Kitzbühel, Austria, the average would be just over 70 mph. There are stretches where the downhill slope drops at angles of as much as 60°. At those points, the best skiers will exceed 80 mph.

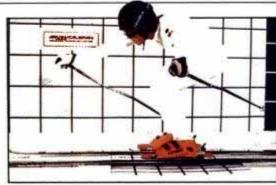
And then there's bobsledding,

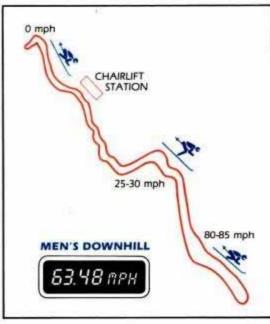
which quickly hits speeds approaching—sometimes ing-80 mph. In two- and fourman sleds made of graphite, Kevlar and other aviation materials, the sleds skim the ice at such high speeds and steep angles that crew members are subjected to forces more than five times the Earth's

Even in ski jumping, where style, not speed, is the important factor, competitors approach 60 mph on the jump and run that follows.

To make the American competitors faster for this year's Winter Games, backers have resorted to every conceivable technology-from the wind tunnels used to give skiers explicit instruction on body movement to the design studios where superbobsleds are assembled to rival the best Europe has to offer.

For a downhill skier, aerodynamics is regarded as the key to a successful run. Experts say the trick is to stay as long as possible in a low tuck-a deep crouch with the upper body parallel to the ground. Harald Schoenhaar, the alpine technical director for the U.S. ski coaches, says a skier will try to get into the low tuck about two or three pole placements after leaving the starting gate.





Skier in low-tuck position (top) adjusts his angle of attack during wind tunnel tests at Calspan Corp. Diaram (above) shows downhill course at Sarajevo. Readout Indicates average speed for Olympic trials.

But the skier can't always do that. There may be a quick turn on the course, or a patch of undulating terrain. Then the skier must slow down to about 25 or 30 mph by coming out of the low tuck and moving into the more erect high tuck-the knees remaining bent, but the upper body now just slightly hunched over. Schoenhaar says the change in body position allows the skier to maintain his balance against the centrifugal force of the

Occasionally, the course becomes easy. The angle is not so steep and the turns are gradual. That's when speeds average 50 to 60 mph.

To maximize the aerodynamics, downhillers have been working with Dr. Michael Holden, the chief aeronautical engineer for Calspan Corp. in Buffalo, N.Y. Using wind tunnel tests, Holden has trained the skiers to position themselves properly. Holden says just a few moments in the wrong position can mean the difference between vic-

tory and defeat.

The bobsled event starts with a push from the two or four men who launch the approximately 500pound sled, then jump in. Before the ride ends, gravitational pull in the final curves can hit 5.5 gs, as it did at the last Olympics in Lake Placid, N.Y. That gravity can either help push the driver to a faster finish or slow him with a buffeting

side force-it all depends on how well the driver handles the turn and how well-designed his sled is.

The winning average speed at Lake Placid for the East German four-man sled was 57.77 mph. At the bottom of that run, according to former U.S. Olympic Coach Gary Sheffield, the sleds were doing between 75 and 80 mph.

Tip Sempliner, who designed one of the two-man bobsleds entered in the pre-Olympic trials, says a sled that gets a 1-second head start on a competitor will-with all other things being equal—finish 21/2 seconds ahead. The vehicle he designed under sponsorship of American Cyanamid proved to be so fast in Olympic trials that team officials told PM they weren't sure a crew could handle it.

With a Kevlar body and attenuated frame, the vehicle is light enough and has enough give to attain 90 mph. Attenuation allows the aerodynamic body to spread apart on

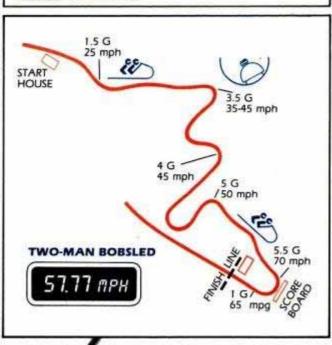


sharp turns. The rounded bottom of the Sempliner bobsled reduces drag to near zero, which in turn causes the sled to leave the ground at very high speeds.

In time trials at Lake Placid, the average sled moved at 25 to 30 mph early in the run, hit about 40 at a big curve called Shady, then reached 60 and beyond as the finish line approached. At one point, where the run dropped 60 feet over a 130-foot length, the G-forces reached 4.5. Bobsleds that lost time on Shady found themselves in a fight against G-forces. Until this year, only the Italian-made sleds were designed to work with the G-forces rather than fight them. Now, several American-made vehicles are pliable and bottom-round, and take advantage of the gravity forces.

Other design changes made by Sempliner in his Douglaston, N.Y., workshop include runners made out of a secret alloy. Using machinery provided by Sears, he was able to construct runners rough enough to bite into the ice without being sharp. Olympic runners must be rounded.

If U.S. competitors fare better in this year's competition than in years gone by, the athletes will receive much of the credit—but they'll know that technology was the power behind the throne in 1984.

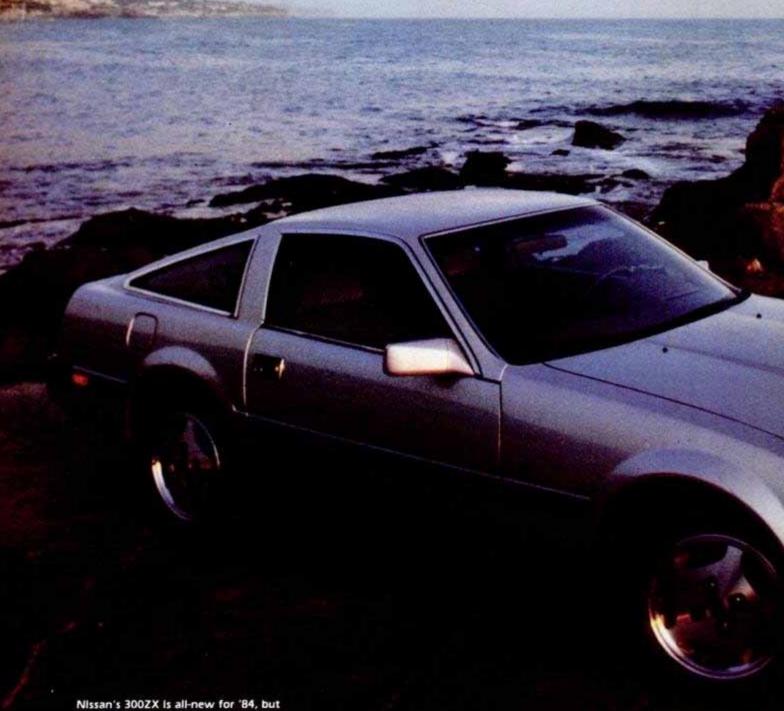


Sempliner's bottled (top) has a rounded belly and attenuated body so it can take advantage of the G-forces. The chart above details the speeds and gravitational forces on the bobsied run at '84 Winter Games. Readout shows average course speed.



Toyota's 1984 lineup is headed by new front-wheel-drive, transverse-engine Corollas. All-new 318I has an unmistakable BMW look.

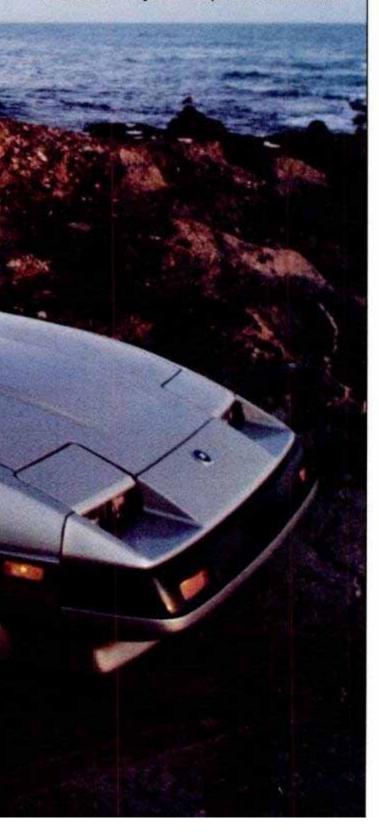




Nissan's 300ZX is all-new for '84, but like former Z-cars, it features a pleas-ing mix of tried-and-true styling themes. A fuel-injected V6 with optional turbo provides the push.



Mercedes 190 "baby Benz" competes with smaller BMWs.



# PM's DOLLARWISE GUIDE TO SALARWISE IMPORTS

Turbochargers, aerodynamic styling and high-tech electronics mark the new crop.

BY DANIEL CHARLES ROSS, Detroit Editor

ow much off sticker? was the question you used to ask when you got serious about a new car. But if you're shopping for a 1984 import, be forewarned: The bottom line might be *more* than the figure on the "suggested list price" label. Many heavily optioned Japanese imports go out the showroom door at well over the sticker price. The dealer is an independent businessman and the law of supply and demand—and horse trading—definitely applies.

The model lineup this year is quite varied, with turbocharging gaining popularity even in previously low-dollar family sedans. Shop carefully before you spend, compare critically, but most important of all, drive the cars. There is no substitute for getting behind the wheel.

#### **JAPAN**

#### Honda

Civic—The undisputed leader of the four-car Civic line is the CRX. Honda believes it will be the best mileage-getter ever with a frugal 1.3-liter Four that has an EPA rating of 67 mpg! This year's 1.5-liter Four features three valves per cylinder, and both engines are all-aluminum. The sexy aero CRX seats two for all practical purposes, and never looked better doing it.

Prelude—The aggressive-looking Prelude enters 1984 like a dragon. The standard equipment list adds four-wheel disc brakes, power steering and an adjustable steering column. A three-valve-per-cylinder, 1.8-liter Four merrily performs up to its usual high standard unchanged.

Accord—This is a nice piece, made better by the implant of the Prelude's engine for a 100-cc increase in displacement. A single carb, unlike the Prelude's

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two, restricts its output to 86 hp. LX is the new luxury version for '84.

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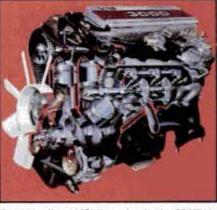
I-Mark—The LS and Deluxe coupe I-Marks are dropped, leaving the Deluxe four-door to soldier on with upgraded standard equipment. Engines are gasoline or diesel. The I-Mark Diesel Coupe is retained as a separate model.

Impulse—This beautiful sport coupe from the pen of Giugiaro's Ital Design is essentially unchanged for '84. Isuzu could barely wedge any more standard equipment into this car; it's already an embarrassment of riches. Performance, however, still lags behind its looks. A turbo model is rumored.

#### Mazda

GLC—Fwd hatches and sedans are available for '84, with the GLC Sport replaced by the GLC Luxury. To bolster the market's low-yen end, a bare-bones hatchback has been added to the line.

626-How to improve on a winner?



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The three-liter, 60° V6 engine in the 300ZX is a lightweight, compact design that will fit transversely in the upcoming front-drive Maxima sedan. In Japan, this engine is also available in two-liter form.

This 1982-83 Japanese Car of the Year carries over essentially unchanged.

RX-7—S, GS and GSL versions are joined by a GSL-SE model that replaces the four-barrel carb with fuel injection and adds some displacement, pushing power from 101 hp to 135. Neat new "speed-sensing" variable-assist power steering option gives maximum boost for parking, minimum at highway speeds. Dash controls, better interior airflow and an air dam that directs cooling air to brakes are new.

#### Mitsubishi

Colt—GTS Turbo version runs off like a rocket, a result of 102 fuel-injected hp. This minimissile is sold here at both Plymouth and Dodge dealers. It continues to carry the unique Twin-Stick gearbox, offering four speeds hot or four speeds hotter. Every Mitsubishi car line now has a turbo-charged model.

Dodge Challenger—Cancelled. Plymouth Sapporo—Ditto.

Starion/Conquest—The Mitsubishi and Dodge/Plymouth sporty models differ from one another only in minor detail. Best new version available: the ES (for EuroSport), with a turbo-boosted, 2.6-liter, 145-hp Four and standard antilock rear brakes. Cruise control joins standard equipment, and the exte-

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rior receives a cleanup, deleting the fake hood scoop. Two other models are the LS and LE.

Cordia-Base, L and LS versions get better torque and 88 hp from a new standard, two-liter Four. The turbocar gets the 1.8-liter Four boosted to 116 hp (up 41 percent!), and ventilated front discs, usual suspension beef, power accessories and appearance items. The five-speed gearbox becomes standard in all cars, replacing Twin-Stick in L and LS models.

Tredia-See Cordia. Same mechanicals, different bodies. Models include a turbocar, featuring the blackout - is - beautiful theme, bigger tires, new alloy wheels, extended air dam. Road warriors will appreciate Tredia's "soft-feel gun grip" shifter knob.

#### Nissan (Datsun)

Sentra-One of our favorites,

and three trim levels. Its engine is bumped from 1.5 liters to 1.6, with a new electronically controlled carbure-

Stanza—A peppy 97-hp, two-liter Four motivates the Stanza, with electronic fuel injection new this year. A fivespeed manual is the standard transmission. New grille, fenders and hood design contribute to a fresh-faced look. The notchback model gets new taillights and a new trunk

lid, and the interior gains two inches of front-seat legroom.

200SX—The old model just retired. The new 200SX is a sporty, wedgeshaped coupe and hatchback that debuted at the Frankfurt Auto Show last year. First look at the U.S. version is on a following page. There will be a choice of a 102-hp, two-liter, normally aspirated engine with a solid rear axle or a 120-hp, 1.8-liter turbo motor with independent rear suspension.

Pulsar NX-Unchanged, Pulsar NX still carries 1.6-liter Four with 69 hp. It comes with either a five-speed manual or three-speed auto with lockup torque converter. The fun turbo version has been cancelled. The two- and four-door Pulsars also will bite the dust for 1984.

Maxima-Nissan press guys term this car one with "dateless" styling. That means the warhorse is getting on, though its popularity remains up. It will remain essentially unchanged until, in late-year, a new front-drive sedan with V6 power, using a version of the 300ZX engine, comes along.

300ZX-Call it a refinement of a theme already pretty well executed. The new Z-car boasts a V6 pumping out 160 hp normally, 200 hp under turbocharging. New bells and whistles for the electronic dashboard, plus new fuel injection and an electronically con-



Rolls-Royce has cut the price of its Silver Spirit by \$12,500 (enough to buy a fully loaded Chevyl).

trolled, four-speed automatic. Most notable on the completely new but familiar exterior are the semilidded headlamps.

#### Subaru

GL/DL/HL-A High Luxury series joins companion GL and DL versions of the Subaru hardtop, sedan and station wagon models. HL cars have standard a/c, power windows-mirrors-steering, and electro goodies such as a trip computer and digital dash. "Turbo-Traction" in the cars and wagon combines a turbocharged, fuel-injected, 1.8-liter Four with Subaru's On-Demand 4wd.

Brat—Unchanged.

#### Toyota

Starlet—Unchanged.

Tercel-Last year's Tercel 4wd station wagon had cult status from the beginning. All seven-count 'emseven Tercel models get the same lowtorque, 1.5-liter, ohc, in-line Four, offering a modest 62 hp. New model: front-driven, two-wheel-drive version of the 4wd wagon.

Corolla-Toyota covers the waterfront here, with Corollas in fwd and rwd configurations. Super SR5 Sport comes in slick new two-door coupe or liftback models with rear drive; fourand five-door grocery-getter sedans are

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the Sentra comes in four body styles Honda CRX combines cute styling and amazing performance in a two-seat package.

# PM's Forest Ranger

It's not a camper, but the features designed into our Ford Ranger pickup will certainly make you a lot more comfortable in the great outdoors.

Where do you get an inexpensive, compact vehicle that can take you and a buddy as far into the outback as you want to go, shelter you for a week or two and bring you back out none the worse for wear? And it has to be street legal, of course.

A motorhome can't take you off-road. A utility vehicle doesn't have the room of a pickup, and a pickup fitted with a typical slide-in camper can barely get out of the driveway, let alone off the beaten path. A trail bike and pup tent probably isn't your idea of shelter, and besides, where do you put all your gear?

By now, you realize that you can't buy such a vehicle. That's why we decided to design one ourselves.

When Ford came out with its new V6, four-wheel-drive version of the Ranger minipickup, things started to come together. The short-wheelbase Ranger is only 175 in. long—no bigger than a Honda Accord sedan. More important, it's only 65 in. wide—12 in. narrower than a full-size Bronco. When you're trying to thread your way down a narrow trail, that could be the difference between go and no-go.

The Ranger box is a full 6 ft. long on the inside and 4½ ft. wide. That's more than enough space in which to camp out and store hunting and fishing gear under a lightweight and inexpensive cap. So, after a lot of planning and figuring, we ordered up a Ranger 4×4, with the luxurious XLT interior, four-speed manual transmission and a bunch of what they call comfort and convenience options.

We got power steering, power brakes, air conditioning, rear step bumper, sliding rear window, vent windows, tilt wheel, AM/FM/cassette deck, the exterior protection group, the convenience group and the light group. We checked just about every box on the order blank except kitchen sink. We figured we'd add that ourselves.

So as not to end up with a whimpering cream puff of a truck, we added every muscle-building option









The twin custom-built platform units (top) open up to reveal storage for every camping accessory. The storage units are covered with laminate (above, left) and slide out easily. With foam mattresses (above, right), the units can serve as occasional bunks.



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Ford has. We got the 13-gal. auxiliary fuel tank, heavy-duty alternator and battery, camper package with 1,600-pound payload and westernstyle trucker mirrors. We skipped the optional off-road tires and wheels because we wanted to add those ourselves.

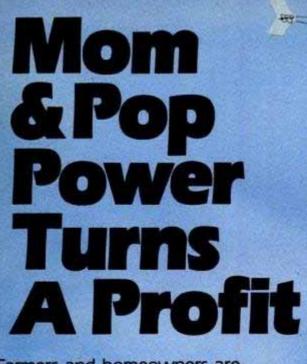
The result of all this was a peppy, comfortable, fun-to-drive minitruck. As it came from Ford, it was just right for an afternoon's fire road bashing or everyday commuting. It was also perfect for rounding up a load of firewood, lumber or auto

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PM's Forest Ranger (top) can carry all of the gear that's necessary to get us to the outback and back in style and comfort.

Warn winch setup on front bumper (above) can pull us out if we get too far into the wilderness. The one-handed CB radio and super-duty flashlight (left) are conveniently located in the cab of the Forest Ranger.



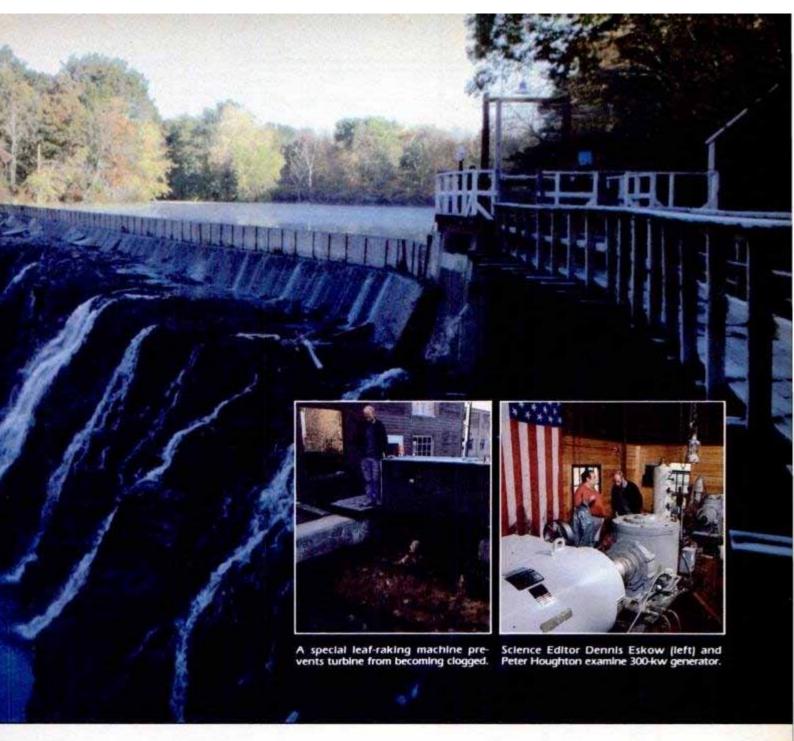
Farmers and homeowners are starting to reap big profits from their home-grown power.

BY DIANNE DRIEVER Photographs by Frank Lusk

> A 34-foot waterfall provides "low-head" supplies for turbine at Chittendon Falls, N.Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Fisher stand before their 10-kilowatt windmill at their farm near Sloux Falls, S.D. Electricity supplements usual crops—corn and soybeans.

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ell home-grown electricity? Just 12 years ago, Barbara and George Mallett couldn't have imagined it. Instead, they dreamed of a country life style, so they bought a 100-year-old ranch in northern California's Trinity Alps, where they hoped to make ends meet by growing hay and apples and raising cattle. Electricity for irrigation was provided by an old hydro plant on Trinity Creek, where their six children enjoyed playing in the sun.

Little did they realize that their vintage 75-kw Pelton turbine would lead to the creation of the "Mom & Pop Power Co.," a public utility providing enough electricity to serve 600 homes and bring the Malletts a yearly income of about \$100,000.

And it's happened on a cattle farm in Connecticut and on a wind farm in the Midwest. When the National Energy Act was written in 1978, even its strongest backers couldn't foresee the success it would have in rural America. The act forces utilities to buy energy from any private source at the rate per kilowatt hour it would cost them to produce the additional power

themselves, called the "avoided cost." In the six years since the act was created, rates paid to small producers have risen from ½ cent per kwh to as much as 8 cents per kwh. Using falling water, wind, cow manure and sunlight, over 5,500 small-scale power plants (with a capacity under 10 megawatts) are in place and producing electricity.

The U.S. Department of Energy, which licenses the small utilities, doesn't know how many are turning a profit. But PM, in interviews conducted with mom and pop power-plant owners around the country, has found that a growing number are making money.

In the eastern United States, the Francis turbine—a chambered Nautilus spinning on a vertical axis under a flow of low-pressure water—has made back-yard power more desirable than ever. When Paul Eckhoff, his daughter Mary and her friend Peter Houghton were scouring rural upstate New York in search of abandoned powerhouses, they found a rusted Francis turbine in the ruins of an old cardboard box factory. They also found—in what seemed a hopeless state of

decay-a 6-foot concrete weir creating a lovely 34-foot waterfall, rotted wooden headgates, a debris-ridden sluiceway, a rusted penstock and a powerhouse slipping off its foundation. To Eckhoff and his family corporationincluding his wife and five daughters-it was the ideal location for a hydroelectric facility and a retirement home. He calls it Chittendon Falls Hydro Power Inc., which sells excess power to the New York Power Authority.

More recently, corn and soybean farmer Eugene Fisher has added a new crop to his farm near Sioux Falls, S.D. Fisher's 90-foot-high wind vane supplies all the electricity required by his farm and home, and he sells the monthly excess back to the Rural Electrification Administration. His windmill cost \$27,000 to set up, so it won't turn a profit until later in the decade. But Fisher says the self-reliance is a great payoff and will keep him happy until the profit starts to flow.

#### Manure-based system

At the Sunny Valley Farm near Danbury, Conn., the profits started soon after the generator began running off its manure-based biomass system.

Under funding from a private foundation, the farm has a system that turns manure from 200 dairy cows into methane gas that powers a generator. The remaining slurry is used as fertilizer (no nitrogen is lost in the gasification process) or as bedding.

Filtration machinery picks pieces of straw out of the slurry and cleans and dries it. Until recently, the farm had to depend on costly used newsprint to provide bedding for the cows. The manure-based system has eliminated Sunny Valley's \$1,000 per month electric bill, providing about \$400 per month in excess electricity that is sold back to Northeast Utilities.

To make a profit, you need a fair understanding of how

A 90-foot-high wind vane supplies all the electricity at Eugene Fisher's farm and home. The excess is sold back to the power company.



Kevlar blanket covers slurry as manure digester at Sunny Valley makes methane, fertilizer and straw.

energy is produced, a good measure of workshop know-how, plenty of good tools and about a halfdozen extra hands.

In California, the Malletts ordered a brand-new Pelton turbine. generators and switching gears. The turbine, developed during the California gold rush, makes use of the "high-head" conditions of the Sierra. High-pressure, low-volume waterfalls move the Pelton turbine like a traditional water wheel.

#### East Coast rivers

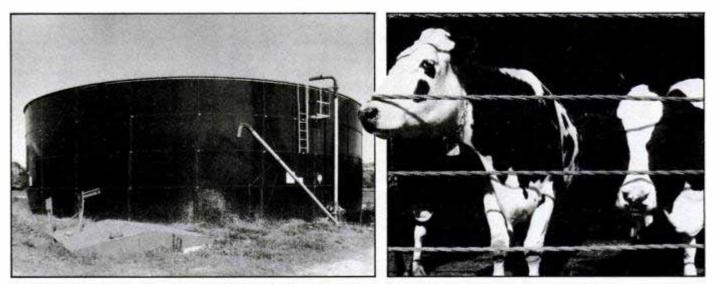
East Coast rivers tend to be more docile, so the Eckhoff concern and others have opted for the Francis turbine. Submerged beneath the creek surface, the turbine takes advantage of low-head supplies and turns its multiple chambers around a vertical axis.

Restoring the old site has given the Eckhoffs and Houghton an education in the running of vertical generators, gearboxes and the importance of keeping penstocks clear of dried leaves, which can clog up a turbine. The New Yorkers devised their own motorized rake to clear leaves from the trough that feeds water directly to the wheel. It works off a small automotive engine. In addition to restoring the turbine and inventing

the rake, they've built two generators from spare parts: one a 300-kw and the other a 150-kw. They also made their own hydroelectric control equipment, which they now market to other small utilities.

In the Great Plains, Fisher and other farmers who harness the wind must buy a synchronous inverter so that they can get on line with the Rural Electrification Administration.

The inverter converts direct current from the generator to alternating current, which can then flow either into the normal household wiring or into the public utility lines on windy days when excess power is produced. If a power failure occurs in the lines, the inverter immediately shuts



After methane is removed, slurry is pumped into this vat. Straw is Sunny Valley's 200 cows produce 18 tons of manure a year strained out of liquid and remaining fertilizer is used on fields. That pays for the farm's electricity and leaves a monthly profit.

down the wind system, protecting linemen from power surges.

The system being used at Sunny Valley Farms is home-grown. The Sunny Valley cows produce 18 tons of manure a year, an amount that used to be called a waste disposal problem. But last year, Sunny Valley installed a digester to collect, process and distribute cow manure for electricity, fertilizer and straw.

The cow barn is hosed down and mechanically swept each day. The resulting slurry is collected in a concrete trough through which hot-water pipes run, bringing the biomass temperature to about 100° F. The trough is covered with a Kevlar blanket. As the slurry ferments, it gives off methane and carbon dioxide gas. The methane fuels a four-cylinder engine, which powers the farm's 27-kw generator. Heat from the engine warms the water pipes that ferment the biomass, so the entire system is self-energizing. The carbon dioxide gas flows out with the fertilizer in gravity tubes and is run off outside the building.

### Slurry used in fields

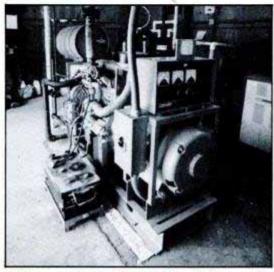
The slurry, including the fertilizer, left after the methane is extracted is shunted to a giant vat,

where it stands until transferred to pump trucks for use in the farm's comfields. As the fertilizer is piped out of the vat, the liquid is filtered to remove bits of straw. That filter, when cleaned out, will yield enough straw each year for cow bedding to cut the use of newsprint in half.

The system is fully operational and making a profit already. Digester operator John Schaeffer says that if all the retrievable manure, slaughterhouse waste and whey from dairy farms across the nation were fed through digesters, the resulting energy would meet 2 percent of America's needs. Digesters may some day remove and convert waste from septic tanks and water treatment plants.

Even the mom and pop operations not turning a profit

At the Sunny Valley Farm, 200 dairy cows provide the fuel. Profits started soon after the generator began running off the manure-based system.



Methane produced at Sunny Valley fuels an engine which powers this 27-kw generator for electricity.

have something to offer a homeowner. U.S. Department of Energy official Bill Meade says the systems often provide backup electricity for homeowners living in areas frequently affected by blackouts. And he notes, "Given the federal, state and even municipal tax advantages available for many mom and pop operations, there's also the tax break angle."

If you think you might want to get into the energy-producing business, contact your state utilities commission energy office or agricultural extension service. If you have a hydroelectric site, they'll refer you to consulting engineers who specialize in site feasibility studies. Such engineers will recommend the proper equipment and, for a fee, even supervise the installation of the plant. For more information, write to: National Hydropower Assn., 1516 King St., Alexandria, Va. 22314.

For a complete list of wind energy systems manufacturers, write to American Wind Energy Assn., 1609 Connecticut Ave. NW., Washington, D.C. 20009. A Guide To Commercially Available Wind Machines can be ordered free from the National Technical Information Service, 5285 Port Royal Rd., Springfield, Va. 22161.

Another excellent publication is Wind Energy Conversion Systems. To order, send \$2 to the South Dakota Office of Energy Policy, Capitol Lake Plaza, Pierre, S.D. 57501.

Other home-grown energy systems require more specialized equipment and study. Information on biomass and other systems is available from the Cogeneration Coalition Inc., 1828 L St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20036.

Mom and pop power does seem to be a growing concern, especially in rural America. But there are many pitfalls, not the least of which is the question of payback. Not every system will pay for itself. If you plan to get involved, ask your state energy agency to introduce you to someone already in the business on property similar to yours.

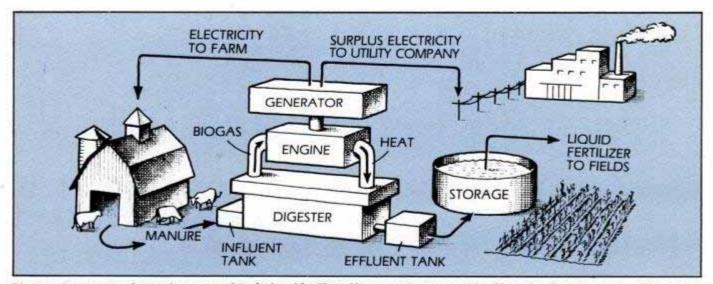


Diagram shows system for turning manure into fuel and fertilizer. Manure and water are piped into the digester, where methane gas is warmed out of slurry. Gas powers the generator, and heat goes back into the slurry. Remaining liquid is gravity-piped to fertilizer tank.

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# FORGET TYPEWRITERS:

# Now Design And Print Almost Anything!

BY NEIL SHAPIRO Electronics Editor

Advances let computeit-yourselfers format attractive documents. f you think this is just another article about using your computer as a word processor, think again. The personal computer revolution has moved beyond word processing to electronic typesetting, type design, layout and even graphics. With a relatively inexpensive home system, you now can have many of the same capabilities as publishing houses that use professional systems selling for upwards of a million dollars.

The trick is in knowing how to bring hardware and software together to

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Electronic layout on the video screen (above) positions text and pictures for the final printout of this startlingly professional-looking family newsletter. Our story details how you can accomplish the same.

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achieve a goal. It's a lot like building any sort of project. All the tools are in the toolbox, but only the knowledgeble do-it-yourselfer can pick the right tool to do the job properly.

Now, an accomplished compute-ityourselfer can do everything from designing a family newsletter to formatting a professional report, or just impressing friends with absolutely gorgeous correspondence.

Here's the toolkit—and here's how to go about making use of all the "tools of the trade."

### **Beyond graphics**

Many computer systems, such as the Apple IIe and the IBM PC, are capable of graphic output as well as words and numbers. But programs that take advantage of a machine's graphic ability—and apply that ability to electronic design of the printed page—have only recently appeared.

Such a program for the Apple is Fontrix by Data Transforms. The Fontrix program allows you both to draw and set "type" on the Apple's high-resolution graphics screen. A similar program called Pyxel, from Pyxel Applications, is available for the IBM PC.

Programs like Fontrix take advantage of printers, such as the line of popular printers from Epson, which can print graphics as well as text. These are often called "dot-matrix" printers because each letter they print is made up on a matrix of dots. A "dot-matrix" printer can also print pictures using a series of tiny dots.

Fontrix's secret lies in its ability to fool the printer into thinking that everything you are printing is a picture—

### **Getting The Big Picture**

ne of the most annoying limitations of using a personal computer for professional-style printing is the difficulty of envisioning what the printed page will look like based on its video representation. Using the proper combination of software and hardware can help in this visualizing process.

First, you will want a word processor that formats onscreen in much the same way that the printed page will look. This is called, not surprisingly, a "what you see is what you get" word processor. Many word processor programs claim this capability, but often to see what it is you will be getting requires you to stop editing and wait while the screen reformats in a "preview" mode. No good. Every time this happens you have lost your train of thought.

In the CP/M world, the Wordstar program from MicroPro formats as you type. Center a line, and it centers on the screen. We think Wordstar is the allaround best CP/M word processor. Available for the IBM PC and Apple II (it comes with a free circuit card to convert the Apple to CP/M), it is a very good buy. If you don't want to add CP/M to the Apple, then Format II from Kensington Microware is just about the best word processor which runs in the Apple's native "AppleDOS" operating system. And, for the IBM PC'er a new program called The Word from Microsoft looks to be a whole new step forward in this field.

But, once you have the word processor picked out, you may still have screen problems. After all, even a fullsize screen width of 80 columns will have some problem showing you how a page of 100 columns of type will really look.

The "Ultraterm" from Videx, for the Apple II, is a revolutionary development in hardware. Plugged into the main circuit board of an Apple, the Ultraterm will convert the Apple's video to up to 132 columns across. We have had much success in using the Ultraterm to do such things as lay out and design three-column newspaper pages right on the screen of the Apple II. (Note that a column on the computer is one letter or character; in newspapers it's the width of one line of type.)

The Ultraterm, when in an 80-column mode, supplies the Apple display with what Videx calls a "high-quality" character set. Instead of normal computer-looking type on the screen, the Ultraterm produces very attractive "Roman-style" type which is easy on the eyes.

We have tested the Ultraterm extensively in conjunction with the Wordstar word processing program.

In doing so, we have found that configuring Wordstar to operate at 132 columns onscreen by 24 lines deep is simply a matter of following Wordstar 3.3's excellent installation instructions (it would be much more complex on earlier versions of the program). We have had no problem in operating in this extended viewing mode, but it must be pointed out that when you configure Wordstar 3.3 to this wide width, a special message alerts you the program has not been "debugged" for line lengths greater than 80 columns. We cannot guarantee that you won't have problems, but in over 100 hours of operation and hundreds of thousands of words of text the program has yet to fail in this mode for us. As always, back up your documents to a second disk!

If you have the Apple II and are doing any sort of serious word processing, the Ultraterm is the way to go for display.

But no matter which computer you are using, the hints given here should help you see what you get before the final printout. And, once you know that, it will be easier to design and use type fonts and other graphics such as those that are mentioned in the rest of the article.—N.S.

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Ultraterm display of a specially set-up Wordstar program shows how a three-column format may be designed and previewed onscreen. Ultraterm is by Videx for the Apple II.

bypassing the printer's built-in type styles and allowing you to design and choose your own.

Let's say you want to place a large headline above a typeset story. This would call for two type styles. Programs such as *Fontrix* let you type from the keyboard in any type style you want, directly onto the computer's screen.

First, you look at the available type fonts in the *Fontrix* manual (a font is one size and style of a typeface). You can probably find two that you like from the wide selection. If not, *Fontrix* lets you design your own fonts.

Once you have the fonts you like, using them is very simple. First, load the font from the computer disk. Then, when you type at the keyboard, the letters that you enter appear on the screen in the font design you've chosen.

A block, called a cursor, shows you onscreen where the next letter you type will appear. Using various keyboard commands, you can move the cursor to any position on the screen-and beyond the screen. That's because Fontrix allows you to link together many screens as one printed page. In this manner, your page design can be very complex, but the screen won't be too crowded. Your computer's screen becomes a window onto a much larger page, and you can move the window to look at one part of the page and then another. (In the picture at the beginning of this story, note how the headline about Peter winning a blue ribbon takes up more than one screen, even though it is only a part of the final printed page.)

### Adding graphics

The Fontrix program will also let you draw pictures onscreen using a joystick or a graphics tablet. Or you can place pictures done by other programs onto your video page to be printed.

While the graphics routines included are adequate for many situations, if you'll be doing a lot of picture drawing, we recommend a special graphics package to use separately. The very best graphics-only software we have seen for the Apple is Penguin Software's The Complete Graphics System. This program allows you to design many pictures quickly while the computer worries about keeping the lines straight and drawing perfect circles. (By the time you read this, the program should also be available for the IBM PC.)

It's even possible, using Fontrix, to place photography onto the video screen and then onto your page. But to do this requires special hardware. The "Photocaster" is a circuit board from Adwar Inc. which plugs into an Apple II and allows you to attach a video camera to the computer. What the camera sees

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### **FANCY FONTS**

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### Printing Your Own Typefaces

The two programs that we describe in the story—Fontrix and Fancy Fonts—are capable of producing a wide assortment of type styles.

The Fancy Font program will work in conjunction with any CP/M word processing program, while the Fontrix program requires that text be typed in manually.

Typefaces in Fancy Fonts are sized in much the same way usual type is—height is measured in points (there are 72 points to the inch). Fontrix typefaces, on the other hand, are all relative in

size. As the illustration below shows, various Fontrix sizes may be produced from one typeface design.—N.S.

Size Size

The type sizes in the Fontrix program can be changed by the user as needed.

# **Bolt-On Bodywork**

Pontiac's new Fiero makes customizing a nuts-and-bolts operation.

BY MICHAEL LAMM, West Coast Editor, AND HARRY BRADLEY



Will Pontiac's mid-engined Fiero become America's newest cult car? We think there's a good chance of it, and here's why:

Consider the cult status of the Volkswagen Beetle. The Beetle became cultish partly because it was so easy to rebody. Unbolt the original body and you still had a drivable floorpan. Thus, the Beetle could reappear from the brink of disaster and take on nearly any shape the owner could dream about from a replica Pantera to a 1937 Ford nose-job to a dune buggy or Baja Bug.

The Beetle's customizing versatility plus its sheer numbers, its mechanical stamina and all those inexpensive aftermarket parts—everything conspired to make the VeeDub a natural cult car. Back-yard fiberglassers couldn't keep their hands off it. In fact, the cult still flourishes.

### Along comes Fiero

So now here comes the Fiero, which has most of the same basics as the Beetle—all but the numbers at this point. Just wait until enough Fieros get sold so they become inexpensive and accessible to teen-agers as used cars. If Pontiac can keep the price in line, you're going to see another cult car within a few short years.

And when that happens—perhaps even before it hits full cult status—you'll see customizers turning out all sorts of body skins for this two-seater.

That's partly because Pontiac has made the factory skins so easy to replace. To replace an outer door, for example, all you have to do is remove the Phillips screws around the outer edges, then reach in and release the door handle. And you can remove and replace the front fenders, both decks, the rear quarter, and even roof in the same simple way.

The only tools needed are a set of Torx-head wrenches, metric sockets, Phillips and normal screwdrivers, and a pop riveter. You do have to buy some replacement molding clips. A Pontiac engineer told me recently that a total skin transplant shouldn't take more than five hours, tops, and with experi-

ence, you can probably do the job in three.

This means the Fiero becomes the first mass-produced American automobile that doesn't need a lot of specialized knowledge or equipment to customize. You don't have to know how to weld—you don't even have to be a wizard with Bondo, lead or fiberglass. All you need are a few tools and enough money to buy a new set of skins.

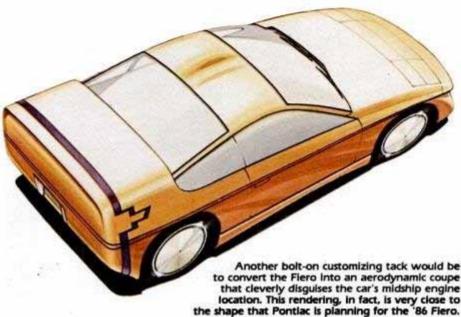
### Selling 'in the white'

Pontiac has been asked by several aftermarket companies to sell them Fieros "in the white." That means minus skins—just the rolling space frame. Diversified Glass Products in Pontiac,

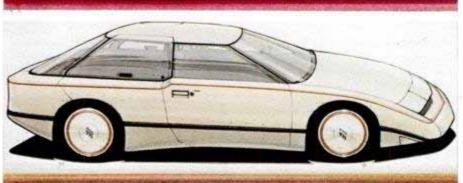


Underneath the Fiero's plastic body shell is a drivable skeleton called a "space frame." The body panels are attached to this frame with 39 bolts and other screw-type fasteners. Replacing all the body panels would take a beginner about five hours. Firms that now sell add-on spoilers could make completely new fenders, decks, nose sections and tall sections for the Fiero. And Pontiac is wholeheartedly encouraging such customizing.









Other GM divisions are vying for the Fiero space frame so that they can create their own spinoffs. Cadiliac has considered a convertible version (top) with a turbo V6. A wagon version (above) is also under study. Although limited in cargo-carrying ability, its capacity isn't bad for a small car—a sort of maxi hatchback. Easily engineered outside skins will let General Motors introduce new cars quickly on the Fiero space frame.

Mich., which builds fiberglass racing bodies for SCCA and IMSA cars, will probably be among the first to offer modified panels for the Fiero.

What will these new skins be like? Diversified's will likely turn the Fiero into an all-out racing machine. On the West Coast, rumor has it that at least one company is working on a traditional doorless roadster—like the dune buggies of 20 years ago. And another West Coaster has a convertible version in the prototype stage, complete with a removable hardtop.

### Station wagons and hatchbacks

Perhaps there'll be something along the lines of a mini station wagon. Also hatchbacks. The hatchback seems a natural, since Pontiac considered that body type even as they developed the production notchback coupe. Some customizers might want to extend the rear fenders out beyond the back bumper for a less stubby look. Or at least cant the rear profile more in the direction of the number 7 rather than the inverted 7 that now exists. Tailored hatchbacks can make the Fiero look a lot more like a Ferrari than a Fiat X1/9.

But you might also see some configurations and panel modifications that no one's aware of yet. For example, there could be a modernistic version of the jeep, complete with four-wheel steering. A customized Fiero could easily use the front steering mechanism inherent in the Fiero's rear suspension, which is carried over intact from GM's fwd X-cars. Relatively minor modifications would be needed to make the rear wheels steer.

### A new industry

As Pontiac adds Fiero powerplant options like a High Output four-cylinder Iron Duke (135 hp) in '85 and a Super Duty 2.7-liter version in '86 or '87 (190 hp) plus over-the-counter parts for even more, all hooked up to a five-speed transaxle, you'll see an entire industry that will spring up around this power-

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### BY PENELOPE SPANGLER Asst. Home And Shop Editor

ur custom-built cabinet holds everything you need for your video games. And it rolls easily into place, ready for action, or against a wall when it's not in use. The top drawer of the cabinet was designed to hold an Atari 2600 console and controls. However, you can adapt it to suit another unit.

The bottom drawer stores game cartridges.

The cabinet and drawer fronts are of mahogany veneer plywood, edged with 1/16-in. strips of solid mahogany. We used 1/2-in. birch plywood for the remaining drawer parts, except the bottoms and the top-drawer divider. These and the cabinet back are 1/4-in. lauan mahogany. The parts are joined with carpenter's glue and clamped until the glue is dry.

Begin work on the cabinet by laying out and cutting the top (A, see materials list), bottom (C) and sides (D). Cut the stretcher (B) to size. Cut

rabbets in both ends on a table saw or with a router. Also rout notches in which the sides of the top drawer slide (see stretcher detail).

Cut dadoes in the sides for the top and bottom. Rabbet the sides and top to accept the back.

Measure 87/16 in. from the top and bottom of each side to position the stretcher. It is recessed 3/4 in. from the front. Rout a mortise (see note 5) for the stretcher in each cabinet side.

Test-fit the parts. Clear the rabbets and mortises with a chisel if needed. Cut the cabinet back (E), then cut the

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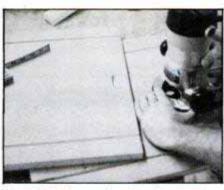
### MATERIALS LIST— VIDEO-GAME CABINET

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C	1	3/4 × 157/6 × 231/4" mahogany ply- wood (bottom)
D	2	3/4 × 157/4 × 183/4* mahogany ply- wood (sides)
E	1	<sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> × 15 × 23 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> " lauan mahogany (back)
F	2	3/4 × 13/4 × 157/6" mahogany plywood (leg cleats)
G	2	3/4 × 613/16 × 221/4" mahogany ply- wood (drawer fronts)
Н	1	1/2 × 3/4 × 221/4" mahogany (finger grip)
1	2	1/2 × 511/16 × 145/6" birch plywood (side, top drawer)
J	2	1/2 × 6 × 145%" birch plywood (side, bottom drawer)
K	2	1/4 × 145/4 × 21" lauan mahogany (drawer bottoms)
L	2	1/2 × 51/4 × 21" birch plywood (draw- er back)
M	12'	½s × ¾" to suit mahogany (trim)
N	2 pr.	14" No. 300 Grant drawer slides*
0	4	11/2" Shepherd ST2BB ball casters**
P	2	3" zip clips***
Q	1	1/4 × 5 × 13 <sup>1</sup> /4" lauan mahogany (drawer partition)
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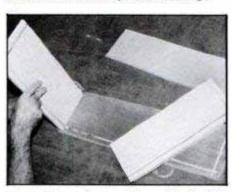
Misc.: Carpenter's glue; boiled linseed oil

\*Grant Hardware Co., Div. of Buildex Inc., West Nyack, N.Y. 10994. \*\*Shepherd Products U.S. Inc., 203 Kerth, St. Joseph, Mich. 49085. \*\*\*Constantine, 2050 Eastchester Rd., Bronx, N.Y.

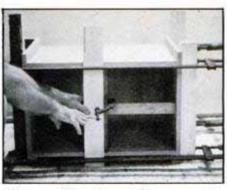
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Rout 3/x 3/4-in. mortises for the stretcher centered on the cabinet sides. Stretcher is recessed 1/4 in. from front. Adjust the router and test on some scrap before routing.



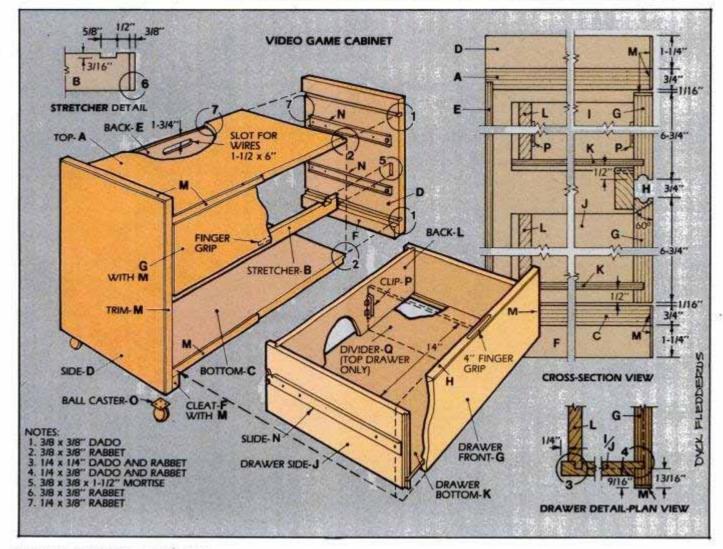
Cut the drawer fronts, sides and backs. Cut dadoes and grooves in the fronts; rabbets, dadoes and grooves in the sides; and rab-bets in the back before fitting (see drawing).



Glue on solid mahogany trim to cover the plywood edges of the cabinet. Apply clamping blocks and clamp until dry. The glue should be dry in about three hours.



Temporarily install drawer slides with only two screws. Install the remaining screws after the cabinet hardware is in place and you are certain of the slide position.



# Garden Aids For A Bountiful Harvest

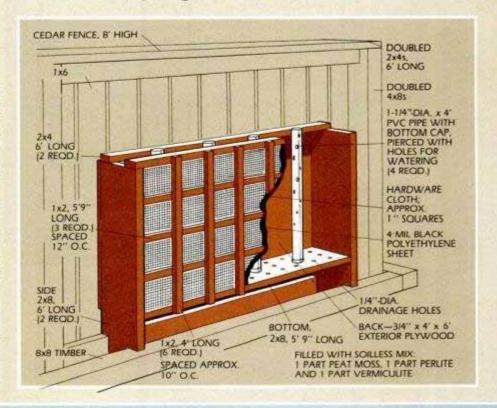
These garden structures can help you grow blue-ribbon winners.

# 1 Vertical fence planter

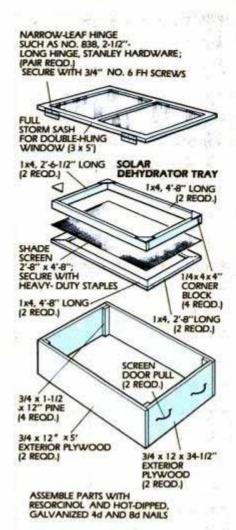
You can build this vertical redwood planter on any well-supported fence that's at least 4 ft. high. It makes the most of a small space and eliminates bending over to garden. Its back is <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-in. exterior plywood. The back, sides, top 2×4s and bottom are assembled with 10d galvanized nails.

Black polyethylene plastic, 4-mil thick, is tacked across the front to the sides, top and bottom. Hardware cloth covering the plastic is held in place by a grid of 1×2s. The grid members are joined with resorcinol glue and 4d nails; the vertical members are fastened to the planter with 10d nails. Position the watering pipes as the planting mix is added. The top of the tubes should be above the soil. To plant, cut a small X into the plastic.

Our planter (below) contains spinach and leaf lettuce.









### 2 Cold frame/ solar dryer

This cold frame lets you start growing flowers and vegetables as much as eight weeks earlier than if you were planting in your garden. And after harvest, slip in the dehydrator tray to dry fruits for snacks, or herbs and vegetables for later use in soups or as seasonings. You can also use the cold frame to grow winter salad greens.

The top is a standard storm sash. It is hinged to a bottomless frame with members butt-joined together. To fit onto the storm sash, the hinges should have narrow leaves. For durability, make the frame of redwood or pressure-treated wood and join with 8d hot-dipped, galvanized nails. Screen door pulls make it easy to carry.

The slip-in dehydrator tray is a 1×4 frame with mitered joints assembled with resorcinol and 8d nails. A section of shade screen is stapled on top of it. The sides are 1×4s glued and nailed together and reinforced with corner blocks, secured in place with resorcinol and 4d nails.

# Zx6 CEDAR CAP MITERCUT; SECURE WITH 2" MASONRY

# MITERCUT: SECURE WITH 2" MASONRY NAILS SOIL GRAVEL WEEP HOLES. 12" SPACES 4" CONCRETE SLAB: POUR WITHIN TEMPORARY 2x4 FORM; SLOPE AWAY FROM DRAIN GRAVEL 1/2"-DIA. x 5" PVC PIPE DRAIN; CENTER ON CONCRETE SLAB

# Raised-brick planting bed

Besides being decorative, this raisedbrick planting bed is at a convenient height. It's laid over a 4-in. concrete slab that rests on 2 in. of gravel.

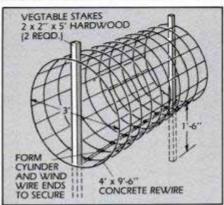
Position 2×4s on edge to define the slab's perimeter. Place a PVC pipe drain in the center, embedded 1 in. into the gravel. Hose the 2×4s then pour premixed concrete. Tamp the concrete with a spade. Run a 2×4 across to level it, then slope the slab toward the drain with a trowel. To cure the cement, spray it with water and let stand three to seven days, under polyethylene.

Mix only as much mortar as you can use in 1½ hours. Mark off the lines which the first course of bricks should follow, then spread mortar along the course. Spread mortar on one end of the brick to be laid and place it in the bed. Cut excess mortar; smooth joints.

Before laying the second course, make weep holes with ¼-in.-dia. dowel temporarily spaced 12 in. apart. Check each course with a spirit level.

Project No. 1: Chicago Botanic Garden, adapted from Ortho books; Nos. 2, 4-8: Garden Way Gardens; No. 3: Chicago Botanic Garden



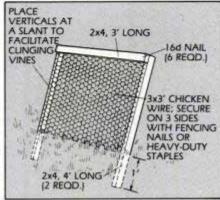


# Horizontal tomato cage

This horizontal wire tomato cage keeps the tomatoes off the ground and reduces damage from slugs, cracking and decay. The cage is a 9½-ft. length of concrete reinforcing wire bent into a cylinder. Wind the cut wire ends around the mating edge.

Set the cage over a pair of hardwood vegetable stakes. Space the stakes about 4 ft. apart and plant them 18 in. into the ground. As the plants grow, loosely tie or support them on the next higher section of wire. Make sure they don't bind. A pair of these cages should satisfy the needs of most home gardens.



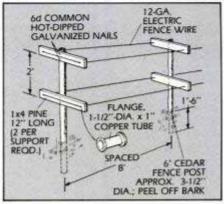


## 5 Cucumber trellis

Cucumber vines on a trellis are usually less susceptible to damage, produce straighter cucumbers and take up less space than those grown on the ground. This is especially true of the larger cucumber varieties.

This trellis is made of 2×4s, a crossbar and two legs joined by 16d hotdipped, galvanized common nails. Use redwood or pressure-treated wood. Fencing nails or heavy-duty staples fasten a 3×3-ft. section of chicken wire to the frame. Plant the structure a foot into the ground, so it slants backward slightly. Guide the vines upward by hand, or tie them loosely to the wire.





# 6 Raspberry supports

Although raspberries are expensive to buy, the plants can be grown with great success in Northern climates, if you are willing to spend the time. The supports are of cedar fence posts—a stock item in garden centers. Crosspieces that hold training wires are 1×4s cut in 1-ft. sections and nailed to the post with 6d common hot-dipped, galvanized nails. Bore ½-in.-dia. holes for the training wires. Install copper flanges before setting posts into the ground. Space the posts 8 ft. apart and string the wire.

Raspberries blossom on canes that developed the previous year. Cut out old canes and lift and train the new ones.

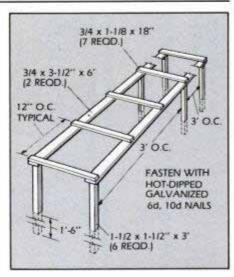
# **7** Tomato ladder

This tomato ladder helps keep the fruit of bushy, low-growing plants off the ground. For durability use gardengrade redwood.

The ladder rails are 1×4s, 6 ft. long. Rip a 1×4 into three equal widths. Then cut it into 18-in. sections for the crosspieces. Fasten the crosspieces to the rails with 6d nails. Fasten the ladder to the legs with 10d nails. Plant the legs about 18 in. into the ground. Or adjust the height to accommodate the type of tomatoes you are growing.

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This chest neatly stores all your drill press accessories. Slide the trays aside for access to the lower area.

TEXT AND PHOTOS BY ROSARIO CAPOTOSTO

Build these six aids and turn your drill press into a superorganized, efficient workcenter.

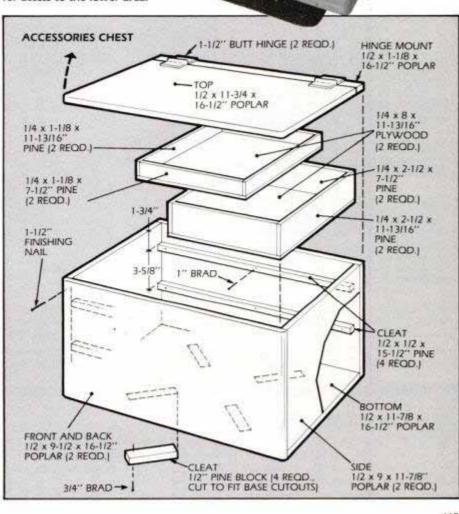
# Accessories chest

This spacious chest uses the area under the drill press worktable for storing larger accessories such as hole saws, vises, buffing wheels, spare chucks, clamps, circle cutters and drum sanders.

The chest is constructed of ½-in. poplar, but ½-in. birch plywood or A/C plywood would work just as well.

Note that the two tool trays inside the chest slide from side to side. This allows easy access to the larger bottom compartment without removing the trays. Be certain to install the bottom tray before nailing the upper cleats into position.

Next, attach four small cleats to the



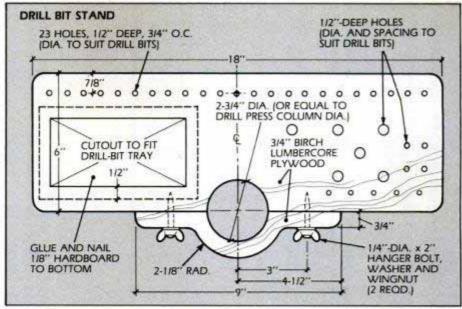
chest bottom. Cut the cleats to fit into the cutouts in the drill press base. The cleats lock the chest in place and prevent it from vibrating off or being knocked from the base. If you wish, you can install a hasp and lock to the top.

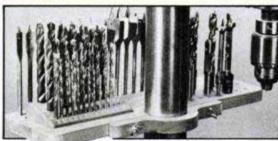
Finish the chest, inside and out, with two coats of polyurethane varnish.

## 2 Drill bit

Here's an easy-to-make drill bit stand that's conveniently located for quick bit selection. The stand clamps to the drill press column using two hanger bolts with wingnuts. The stand shown here is of lumbercore plywood, but <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-in. solid birch or pine could also be used.

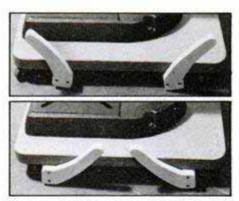
Cut a hole into the board that is equal to the diameter of the column. Then, cut through the hole's center on a table or radial-arm saw. The stock removed by the saw blade reduces the hole diameter enough to permit tightening. The stand holds a store-bought drill bit tray, but you can also bore holes.





Handy drill bit stand clamps to the drill press column to keep all your bits in order.

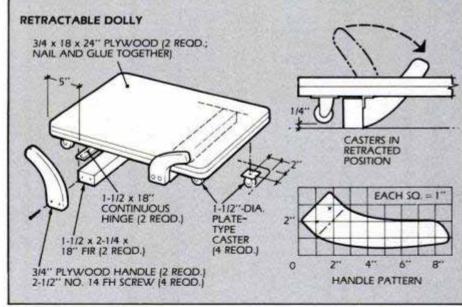
# 3 Retractable dolly



By spreading the levers apart, the dolly is lowered onto the casters (top). You just have to push the levers inward (above) to raise the wheels off the floor.

The drill press is essentially a stationary tool. But there are times when it's necessary to move it about, especially in smaller home workshops.

This dolly allows you to move the



machine safely without straining your back. Simply spread the levers apart to lower the dolly onto casters. Pull the levers inward to lift the dolly onto wood blocks. Glue and nail together two pieces of ¾-in.-thick plywood to form the dolly's 1½-in.-thick platform. Cut the platform large enough to locate the casters outside the perimeter of the machine's base.

### 4 Tool tray

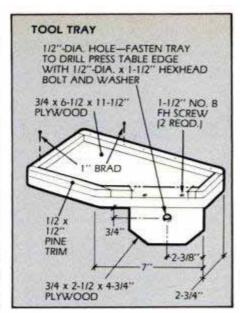
An extra tray on a drill press (see top photo, facing page) can hold spare bits, tools and other items used frequently. Our plywood tray is designed to attach to the threaded hole located in the worktable's back edge. The hole's original function is to accept an accessory tilting worktable.

The tray can be adapted to any drill

press by simply boring and tapping a ½-in.-dia. hole in the worktable. Then, screw the tray in place with a ½-in.-dia. × 1½-in. hexhead bolt. Note that ½ × ½-in. pine trim is added to prevent items from rolling off the tray.



This conveniently positioned tray is great for holding your extra drill bits and tools.

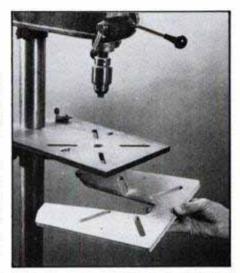


# 5 Clamping panel

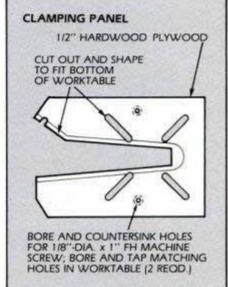
The ribbed underside of the drill press worktable sometimes makes it difficult to position C-clamps precisely where you need them. A simple solution is to make a filler panel out of ½-in. hardwood plywood.

Cut the panel to fit around the worktable's ribbed underside. It may be easier to first make a cardboard template of the panel. Then, after making certain that the template fits flat along the table's underside, trace the template onto the plywood and cut along the outline.

Now, bore and tap two holes in the worktable and attach the panel with flathead machine screws.



Clamping-panel cutouts fit around the irregularly shaped worktable bottom. Screw the panel in place from the underside.

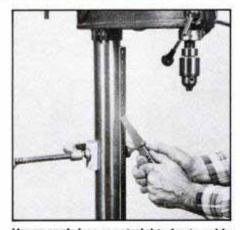


# 6 Centering guide

After raising or lowering the drill press worktable, you must visually realign the drill chuck with the worktable's clearance hole. If the two are misaligned, the drill bit will strike the table, resulting in a pockmarked table or a ruined bit. This is especially harmful to wood-boring bits.

A simple solution is to mark a clearly visible centerline down the drill press column and a matching mark on the worktable. Then simply keep the two marks aligned to ensure that the chuck is centered over the worktable's clearance hole.

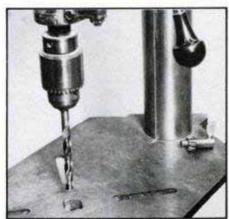
Mark both centerlines into the steel using a carbide-tipped scribing tool (the type used for cutting plastic laminate and sheet plastic). A diamond-pointed scriber would work as well. Clamp a length of angle iron to the front of the column directly behind the chuck to act as a straightedge guide for



Use an angle Iron as a straightedge to guide the scribing tool. Start at the top of the column and pull the tool downward.

the scribing tool. Then score the column several times starting at the top and pulling the tool downward.

Next, with the chuck centered over the clearance hole, scribe a ½-in.-long line on the back center of the worktable in line with the scribe on the column. File the scribed lines using a smooth



Line up the two scribed marks so that you can make sure the drill's chuck aligns with the worktable's clearance hole.

cut mill file to remove any burrs. Then, to make the lines more visible, apply white paint to the lines with a small brush. Wipe off the excess paint with a cloth dampened with the appropriate solvent. Some paint will remain in the crevice of the scribed lines, making them easy to see.

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utting your personal identification on the tools you own serves as a reminder and encourages neighbors to return a tool they've borrowed. Likewise, putting your mark on valuablesalthough possibly not a deterrent to theft-can hasten the return of items that are recovered by law enforcement agencies.

The mark you use for identifying first-classification objects-those of relatively low value-should be quick and inexpensive to apply. You should mark all hand tools, portable power tools and similar household items with simple identification. It may be bands of tape around the han-

Labeling tools or valuables reminds borrowers and aids return of stolen items.

dles, your first name burnished in wood, or your initials scratched in metal with a scribe.

Consistent taping of all your tool handles, if you select this method, helps reinforce your mark to borrowers. Use a combination of tape colors, or multiple bands, so your mark doesn't look as if it's part of the manufacturer's design.

The second classification of items-those of greater value-needs a permanent mark of identification that can be traced to you if the item is lost or stolen. According to crime prevention authorities, the best identification to use is your

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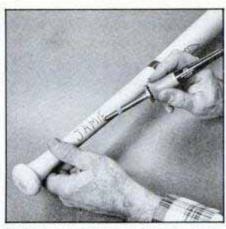




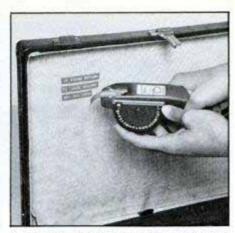
- Several bands of incandescent tape wrapped around the handies of yard tools are a simple, nondefacing means of marking them. The glowing bands serve as a reminder to borrowers, and are visible across the street for easy identification.
- 2 Engraving your driver's license number on a camera can help the police Identify you as the owner of a stolen and recovered item. Going over the engraving with a colored lacquer stick (foreground) highlights the number.
- When you engrave permanent identification in valuable decorative items, you needn't deface them. The bottoms of such objects are often flat and easy to mark, as well as being out of view. The engraver shown is a Weller tool.
- Bands of plastic tape in your own personal color combination identify your portable tools to borrowers. Your own "designer stripes" are especially helpful if friends or colleagues also mark their portable tools with tape.



A 125-w. branding iron with your license number or other identification can mark plastic, hard and soft woods. Maker's Mark [\$36.45 postpaid] is by Craftmark.



Burnishing pencil such as this one sold in hardware and craft stores marks identification in wood. With a burnisher, you write as much or as little as you wish.



A neat identification on fabric and other materials is supplied by a Dymo lettering wheel. Print needed information, letter by letter, on self-adhesive plastic strips.

### HOW TO MARK IN METAL

porous than many other materials.

Therefore, marking on metal poses its own problems. However, there are special markers that can make permanent or long-lasting and legible marks in metal.

For making durable, weatherproof identification marks, ball cap paints are helpful. They are available in colors from welding and industrial supply houses. Remember when using these markers not to press down hard. With use you will start to feel the ball as it becomes depressed enough for the paint to flow.

A scribe makes clear marks for identifying valuables and for layout work on metal. The small-size ones found in the handle of some combination squares work fine.

For marking identification on personal tools, designating machined parts or making lineup marks on metal, an etching pen that looks like a ball-point pen is excellent. Keep these pens in a safe place away from children, as they contain an acid which does the marking.

Number stamps can make permanent marks. Although they have a large initial cost, they last for many years with minimum care. It requires practice to get a good mark with a stamp. Hold the stamp perfectly vertical with the number in complete contact with the surface to be marked. Strike the stamp squarely and fairly hard with a small ball-peen hammer. A disadvantage of stamps is that you are limited to the letters or numbers in your set.

Electric engravers are good choices for marking identification on tools, jewelry and appliances. If you hesitate to engrave without a guide, see technique photos at bottom of page.—Ronald E. Thomas



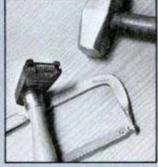
The Markal ball paint marker leaves long-lasting, weatherand water-resistant mark that dries in 20 minutes.



A scribe leaves a lasting mark In metal. You can produce a neat identification by using a stencil as a guide.



This metal etching pen by Fowler works on steel, brass, aluminum and copper. It has replaceable cartridges.

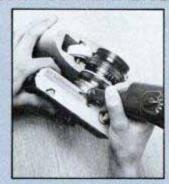


The metal stamp holds 10 letters or numbers. It makes an imprint on metal when positioned and hammered.

### A SIMPLE TECHNIQUE FOR NEAT ENGRAVINGS



Position Scotch transparent tape on area of proposed engraving. Draw guidelines; pencil in the engraving.



Go over the identification markings with an engraving tool, such as the Dremel electric engraver shown.



When you're satisfied with the engraving, you can easily remove the tape to reveal the permanent identification.



Rub the engraving with a colored lacquer stick to fill the indentations with color. Take time to wipe off the excess.

# WORKSHOP MINICOURSE



# Working with levels

Even the most basic toolkit should contain a level. This simple, easy-to-use tool is a necessity for accurately setting or checking work in a true horizontal plane (called level) and a true vertical plane (called plumb). It is also indispensable for adjusting things such as record players, pendulum clocks and washing machines that must be level or plumb to operate properly.

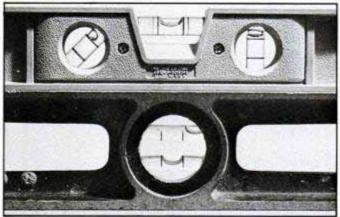
Levels come in a variety of types, as shown in the photos here. The most widely used are the carpenter's, torpedo and line levels.

Carpenter's levels range in length from 18 to 48 in. and are even longer for specialized mason's levels, but the 24-in. size is probably best for overall work. Most come with three bubble vials: a lengthwise center vial for horizontal surfaces, one end vial aligned perpendicular to the edges for checking plumb, and a 45° vial at the other end for checking that angle accurately.

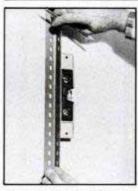
The torpedo level is much shorter, usually 9 in. long, and is handy for working in tight spots where a long carpenter's level won't fit. Newer models have three vials like the carpenter's levels and some have a magnetic edge (shown at right) that will hold the tool on steel or iron workpieces, thus freeing your hands to hold the project and mark its proper position.

The line level is shorter still, about 3 in. long, and has two hooks on top so the instrument can hang on a string stretched tightly across a wide span. It's a good reference tool when doing grading or foundation layout and for checking long-span masonry and carpentry work.

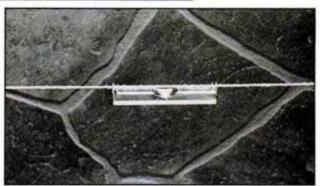
Using a level requires no special skill. Just hold it firmly on the surface and make sure that both the base of the level and the work surface are absolutely free of debris. You should also get in the habit of checking a level for accuracy periodically. One way to do this is to place the level on a surface and observe the position of the bubble. Then flip the level end-over-end and see if the bubble is in the same place. If it's not, adjust the vial—if it's possible with your model—or get a new level.



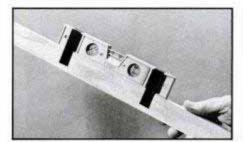
Older-type level (left below) with bentglass vials must be placed on top or bottom edge to read level properly. Newer design (top) has a single straight vial with barrel-shaped inside so that level can be used on edges and sides. Newer vials are also 20 percent larger in volume in order to provide better visibility.



Torpedo level with magnetic edge frees hands when you're working.



Aluminum line level hooks onto taut line for leveling over long spans. It welghs under 1 oz. so it will not sag the line. Flat bottom allows for its use as a surface level.



Short level can substitute for a longer level by taping it securely to longer board. Board must be straight and have uniform width.



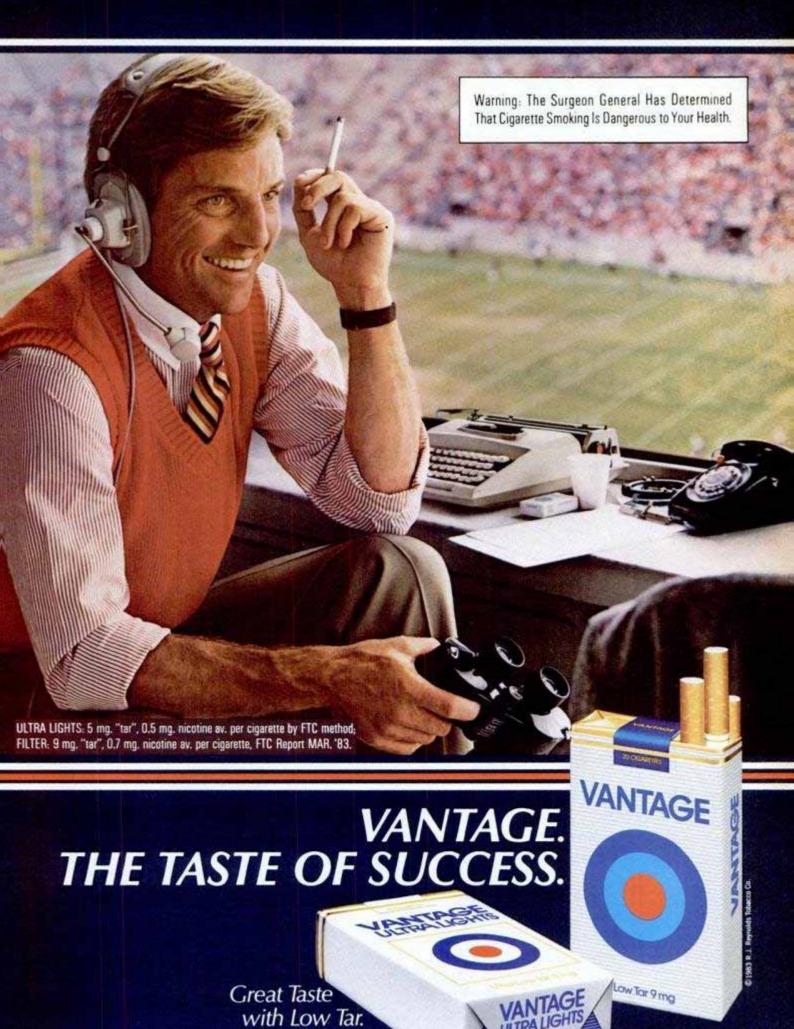
Use level to true up all tables and beds on stationary shop equipment. Level across table (as shown) and along table's length.



Buil's-eye level, on post above, shows plumb in both directions at once, as long as post top is perfectly square to post sides.



inclinometer (level and angle finder) gives needle readings from 0 to 90° in any quadrant. Tool back has angle and grade chart.



That's Success!



# The Rediscovered Basement Lowest-Cost Space Maker

Dollar for dollar, the best way to add lots of living space to your home is by remodeling the basement.

BY STEVEN WILLSON AND STEVE FAY

with the cost of building materials and new housing going up regularly, the search is on for economical ways to increase living space.

A full basement provides extra room at a fraction of what home additions cost. With your imagination, and the



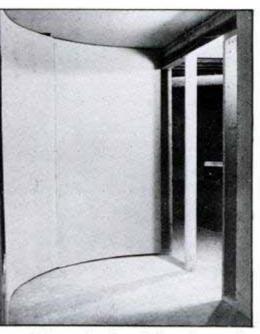
A long entrance hallway separates the basement work areas and provides space for the builder's photo gallery. The curved wall hides an oversized chimney.

PHOTOGRAPHS BY STEVE FAY

ideas presented here, you can transform your basement into a spacious family room, a first-rate home office, or even a photo-studio-conference room like the one above.

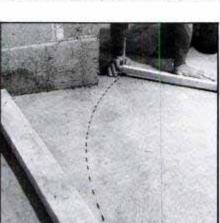
We show you how to build a curved wall that can add excitement to any room and how to install fabric-covered wall panels that soften a room's appearance while they deaden sound transmission. We show you how to frame around low-hanging pipes and then how to cover them, and the rest of the ceiling, with drywall. We also supply plans for making some clever sliding light fixtures. The built-in bookcase and cabinet wall—a major project—will get a full how-to treatment next month.

### **Curved** wall



This curved wall, ready for taping, requires no special skills to build. Wood framing underneath forms arc which is covered by two separate layers of 1/4-in. drywall.

A lthough the finished side of this curved wall is concave, the same basic construction applies to a convex curve; just turn the plates around. To begin, install the floor blocking and plate as shown. From this plate, plumb up to the floor joist to position the top of the wall. Install enough blocking between the joists to provide nailing backup for the upper plate assembly. Then



Begin building curved wall by laying out proper arc on floor, using board with pivot nail in one end and pencil at other end. Board length should match hall width.



cover the joist with drywall, and nail in

the upper blocking. Attach the plate so

it's plumb in both directions with the

lower one. Lay out stud positions, then

measure each stud individually to accommodate any difference in length

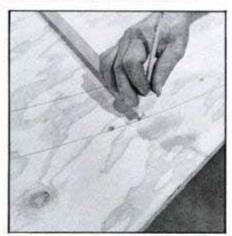
caused by an uneven floor. Install the

studs plumb and attach the drywall.

Most professionals dampen the back of

the panels to aid in bending.

Cut 2×4 stock into 12-in. lengths and nail to floor, using masonry nails. Keep boards back from the arc line at least % in. at the closest points. Wear eye protection.



Using same marking jig, transfer wall arc onto \( \frac{4}{4} \) in. plywood. Extend jig 3\( \frac{1}{2} \) in. and then mark plywood again. Cut out stock between the lines with a sabre saw.



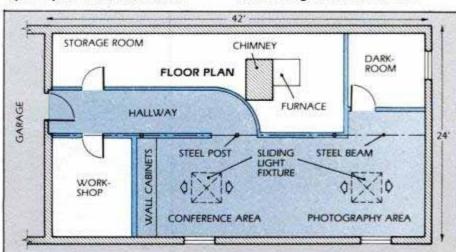
Test-fit bottom plywood plate to make sure arcs align. Then cut plate to length and use it to trace matching plywood plate for wall top. Nail plate to 2×4 floor blocks.



Nail 2×4 blocks to ceiling and install upper plywood plate. Then measure each stud length individually, cut each to length, and toenail along arc on 12-in. centers.



Mark stud position on face of drywall panel and nail one edge to the wall. Slowly push in until middle of the sheet hits remaining studs. Maintain pressure as you nail.



In most basements the only load-bearing member within the foundation walls is a center beam. As long as this remains properly supported, the space can be divided any way you choose. *Note:* Access to rest of house is by a stairwell in the garage.

### **Hiding pipes**



Framing around pipes, steel beams, heat ducts and other obstructions is time-consuming but necessary to support drywall, which gives the room a finished look.

probably the most basic problem to be faced when remodeling a basement is related to its original design. Most of these rooms were never meant to be finished living spaces—at least not in the builder's mind—and because of this, construction practices that would never pass muster in the rest of the house go unchecked.

Certainly the most annoying of these

Certainly the most annoying of these is the reduced headroom that results from shorter foundation walls. This problem is compounded by low-hanging plumbing pipes, heat ducts and, in some older homes, electrical wiring conduit—all of which should be hidden to give the room a finished look. Even though many of these components could be moved up between the joists, that could cost thousands of dollars. The more sensible approach is to construct wood frames around these obstructions and then cover the framing with drywall.

One method for constructing these frames—called "soffits" in the building trades—is shown below. Plan the work carefully, keeping in mind how the room will look when it's done. You

have two primary goals: First, try to keep the number of soffits to a minimum, even if this means increasing some in size to accommodate another obstruction close by. Second, construct a soffit level, plumb and square to the basement partitions and foundation walls—even if the obstruction is not installed that way. This will give the job a clean look that lessens the impact of an uneven ceiling.

Once you've determined where you want your soffits, begin constructing them as shown. The floor joists are your most important points of attachment because they will be carrying nearly all the weight. The partitions and foundation walls basically serve to stabilize the framework and to keep it square.

Another good tip: Always try to "anchor" the soffit to a wall instead of building it so it is isolated in the middle of the room. Do this even if it requires making the soffit longer or wider than it has to be. Also, be sure to construct the framework so that all inside and outside corners have solid blocking on both sides to receive the nails used to hang the ceiling drywall.



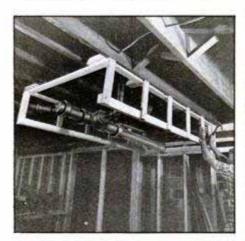
Begin framing by finding lowest point of obstruction (waste line above) and positioning a level furring strip at that point. Draw a line across studs at top of strip.



Tack-nall board to wall stud just under marked line and another board to floor joist, as shown. Clamp together, adjust for level and plumb, then mark for cutting.



Install blocking between joists to provide sound nailing for frame boards. Then nail boards in place, making sure they're installed square to wall, even if pipe is not.



Install framework side by suspending it from edge of joist-mounted boards. Make sure side is plumb, level and square to wall before nailing all boards in place.

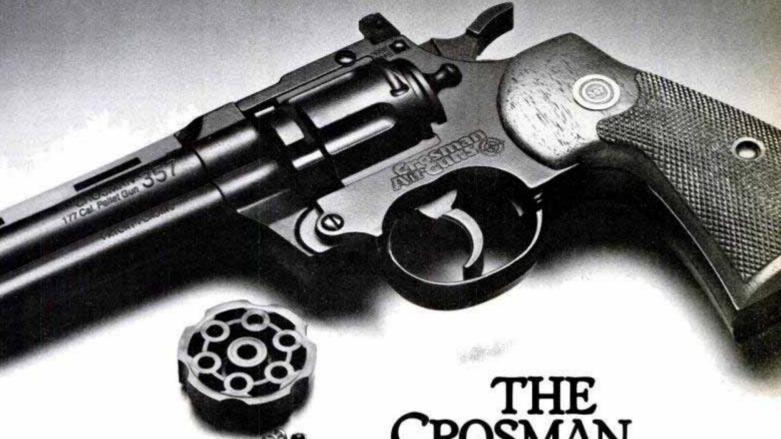


Last step in building framework is to nail filler blocks between vertical suspension boards. This provides necessary support for installing drywall corner bead later.



Don't cover up pipes or other obstructions that require servicing, such as the waste line cleanout plug above. Instead, scribe and cut framework so plug is accessible.

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### Ceiling



Installing drywall on a ceiling with many different surfaces requires careful preparation. Be sure you have solid nailing behind the perimeter of all sheets.

Gypsum board, usually called drywall in the trades, is an excellent building material for finishing basement ceilings. It's inexpensive, easy to work with, and yields the same finished look as the other ceilings in most houses. Hanging it, however, is strenuous work. The photo above shows a



A T-brace made of 1×4 and 2×4 stock is a great help when drywalling a ceiling. Cut stud ½ in. longer than room height; lift panel into place; wedge brace underneath.

handy T-brace that helps. To use it, just lift a panel into place and wedge the brace underneath. Nail the sheet to the bottom edge of the floor joists.

Although drywall is available in various lengths, the shortest panels, 4 ft. wide by 8 ft. long, are the best for non-professional use because they are the lightest. Drywall also comes in different thicknesses. We used the 5/8-in.-thick type, but 1/2-in.-thick panels will work if you maintain 16 in. or less between framing supports.

When hanging the panels always keep the tapered edges on the panel sides next to each other. These slight depressions are designed to accommodate the tape and joint compound used

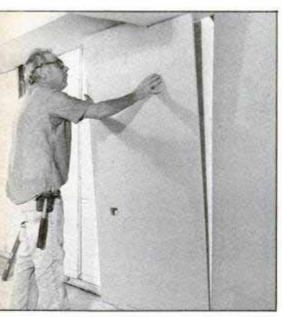


Leave adequate drywall clearance around areas that require servicing, like the cleanout plug above. When ceiling is finished, make wood plate to cover hole.

to finish the surface later. (In the photo at far left, the boards running across the ceiling are cleats to support light fixture tracks. Normally, these are not present and the drywall spans the entire surface unbroken.) For added holding power, apply a bead of panel adhesive to the framing members before you lift a panel into place.

Any components that require servicing, such as cleanout plugs and wiring junction boxes, must remain accessible. Don't cover these with drywall. Once the ceiling is done, fashion wood plates to cover the holes, then screw them into the framing. When the taping is complete, paint the ceiling flat white to blend the many surfaces.

### Wall panels



Once ceiling was taped, sanded, primed and painted, we installed burlap-covered fiberboard panels directly to wall studs and furring strips to reduce sound transmission.

These burlap-covered, fiberboard wall panels have one great advantage over drywall panels: Once they are installed, there's no more work to do because their outside surface is already finished. This factor is also the source of their biggest drawback: They can easily become soiled during the cutting and installation process. For this rea-

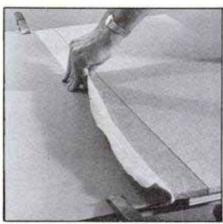


To cut panels, mark overall length required, then move metal straightedge 3 in. above mark. Clamp straightedge in place and cut burlap with a sharp utility knife.

son, take extreme care when working with them.

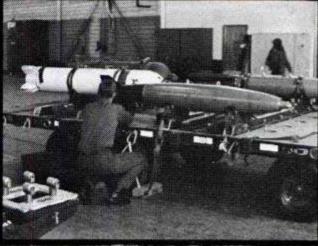
The photos here show the proper method of cutting the panels to length. Accurate measurements are a must because it's impossible to make a satisfactory horizontal joint if the panels have been cut too short.

Begin installation in a room corner



Peel burlap 1 in. past the mark for finished length, then clamp straightedge in place and make final cut. Replace blades in utility knife frequently to obtain smoothest cut.





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and work along the wall from that point. Be sure to make the first plumb in the corner, even if the corner itself is out of plumb. Do this by temporarily placing the panel against the wall so it's plumb in the side-to-side dimension. Brace the panel, then lightly scribe the edge that abuts the corner. Cut the scribe mark with the same method used for cutting the panels to length.

For extra holding power, it's a good idea to apply panel adhesive to the studs and furring strips before the panels are installed. Run a single bead over the studs that fall entirely behind the panels and a thin double bead on the studs where the panels join. Keep the adhesive from squeezing out of the joint between the panels. Attach the panels with 4d finishing nails.

Turn panel over and apply glue to back. Then pull burlap tight and attach with %-in.-long staples. Attach to wall, using panel adhesive on studs and 4d finishing nails.

### SOURCE LIST

Blinds: Flexalum Decor, Tender Taupe, Hunter Douglas Inc., 87 Rte. 17, Maywood, N.J. 07607.

Chairs: Black and beige, Conran's, 160 East 54th St., New York, N.Y. 10022.

Electronic equipment: Radio Shack, Tandy Corp., 300 One Tandy Center, Fort Worth, Tex. 76102.

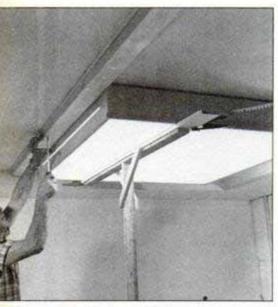
Flooring: Nocturne reinforced vinyl tile, Kentile Floors Inc., 58 Second Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11215.

Lighting in hallway: Halo Power-Trac, Halo Lighting Div., McGraw-Edison Co., 400 Busse Rd., Elk Grove Village, Ill. 60007.

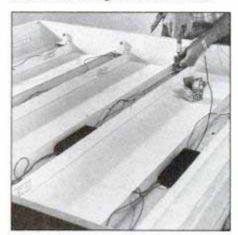
Plastic laminate on cabinets and lightbox coffee table: Formica No. 917 (Tidal Sand) and No. 907 (Smoked Hickory), Formica Corp., One Cyanamid Plaza, Wayne, N.J. 07470.

Wall panels: Burlap-covered Homosote, Homosote Co., Box 7240, West Trenton, N.J. 11215.

### Sliding light



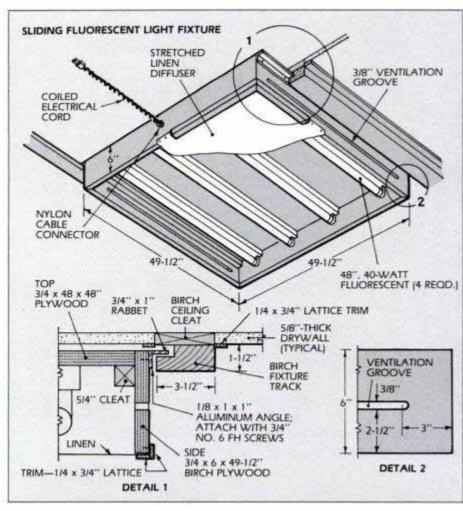
Sliding fluorescent light fixture has white linen fabric diffuser to create plenty of soft light. To attach, brace against ceiling and drive screws through tracks into cleats.



Position fluorescent fixtures so space inside box is evenly divided, then attach with screws driven into top of box. Connect with BX cable, install covers and lamps.

egin construction by cutting the sides and top to size. Then cut the %-in.-wide ventilation groove in both side panels. To do this, bore a %-in.-dia. hole at each end of the groove, then use a router with a fence to complete the cut. Do it in several passes, increasing the cut depth as you go. Cut the corner miters on the sides, then join the sides and top with glue and screws. Bore the entrance hole for the coiled electrical cord, then sand the whole unit, prime and paint it.

Install the fluorescent fixtures as shown, making the electrical connection between them with BX cable. Then install the nylon cable connector and the coiled cord. Cut the linen to size and tack it to the sides. Stretch the material tight. Cut the lattice trim around the linen to size. Prime and paint it, then attach with \(^{1}\text{\ellipsi}\)e-in. wire brads. Cut and install the aluminum angle, then cut the rabbet in the birch tracks. Prime and paint both cleats and tracks. Position the unit and attach the tracks.



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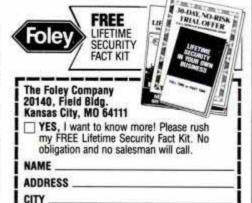
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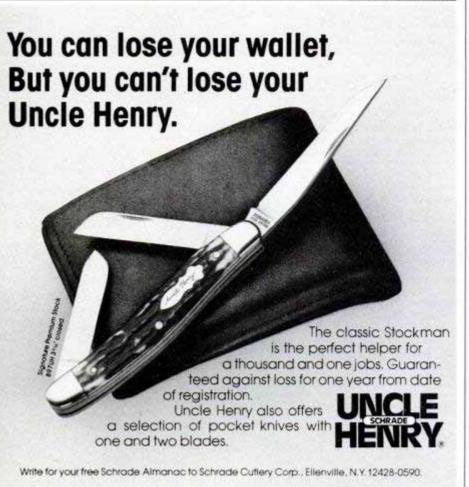
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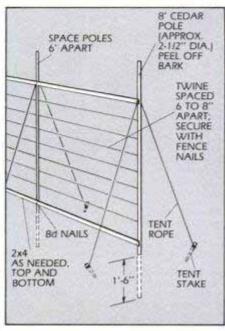
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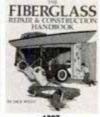








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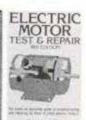


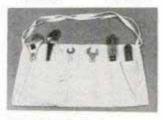












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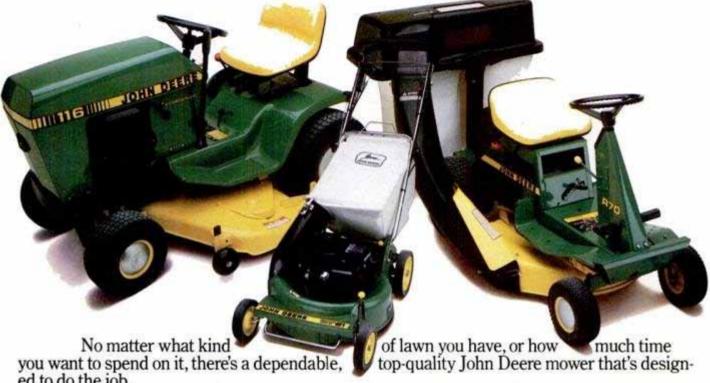
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large in view of a major component of the East European psych-out: the drug problem.

U.S. athletes were seriously shaken by the steroid scandal at last July's Pan American Games and the U.S.O.C.'s announcement that a full series of drug tests would be performed on competitors in the Olympic Trials. It seemed that the advantage of the East European athletes—whose governments are believed to encourage the use of performance-enhancing as well as strength-building drugs—would be intensified.

"We are not in a position to condone the use of steroids," says Clarke. "But I don't hesitate to say I sympathize with any world-class American athlete who wants to take them just to stay even. I'm not talking about average performers or even good ones—there have been tests with placebos versus steroids that show no appreciable difference in performance. But we don't know how world-class performers are affected because we haven't experimented with them, and the other side has."

### Beating the system

Last summer, Clarke told PM the Soviets had quietly managed to purchase every component of the urinetesting system that will be set up at UCLA to check for the more than two dozen banned substances, from antihistamines to steroids. Would the Soviets use a replica to figure ways to beat the system? "Probably," said Clarke. (There is no way the United States can openly do the same thing, although elements of a "chronobiology" study now being done on the training methods and performance variations of worldclass American athletes by the Harvard Medical School include a request, for the first time, that athletes anonymously submit data concerning their use of steroids.)

Dr. Irving Dardik, the chairman of the U.S.O.C.'s Sports Medicine Council, an advisory group, acknowledges that most athletes perceive drugs to be effective. He says that's an attitude that can be countered only by offering a more effective alternative in scientific training and techniques.

At Colorado Springs, this "stronger medicine" has taken the form of an impressive array of analytical apparatus, coupled with imaginative ways of putting it to use. Among the major components are:

■ A treadmill in the physiology laboratory that not only provides readouts of an athlete's heart and respiratory rates, but projects a "VO<sub>2</sub>" (maximum oxygen uptake), the critical measure for any endurance event. It also tells researchers whether a subject's efforts are being fueled by stored carbohydrates or body fat consumption.

Last year, an aspiring marathon runner was tested on this treadmill and advised that he should change his event to middle distances. This is an element of "Big Brotherism" no U.S. Olympic Committee would have condoned in the past—at least not openly.

■ A tank for underwater weighing to determine a subject's percentage of body fat. The percentage is compared to optimums recorded for champion athletes in specific events. It's also a prime indicator of conditioning. In one case, a Soviet women's gymnastics coach working with American women gymnasts under an exchange program last year told one of her charges to lose five pounds after visually sizing her up. The girl was later tested and found to have a lower percentage of body fat than some gymnasts the Russian coach had found exemplary in body build. A Colorado Springs physiology lab volunteer said, "The girl she picked had a large bust."

Another athlete-volunteer at the Center managed to reduce her percentage of body fat by four points—a remarkable amount for someone al-

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ready in training-through intensive workouts. But she found that added performance was negligible due to fatigue. "We've found that there is a very fine line between undertraining and overtraining," Clarke said. "A lot of coaches in this country don't believe in alternating light and heavy workouts, and they could be doing their athletes more harm than good."

Two types of force platforms in the Center's Biomechanics Lab section. One is made by Advanced Mechanical Technology Inc., the other by Kistler Instrumente, a Swiss firm that uses piezo-electric technology. Force platforms

can determine the directional qualities of forces applied in various athletic movements, and therefore indicate if an athlete can change something in his technique to gain efficiency.

■ Visual motion analysis equipment systems. These include a Locam II high-speed motion picture camera that has a variable shutter and can operate at up to 500 frames per second; Lafayette Instrument photocell sensors which beep when a light beam is broken; a Selspot system using LEDs to provide spot coordinates in a computerinterfaced method that calculates position, velocity and acceleration during

athletic movements; a Talos digitizing tablet that uses a sonic pen or cursor to provide digital analysis of anything on film through the lab's Apple or Data General computers; and several video camera systems. The last includes a high-speed video unit capable of 200 fields per second (as opposed to 25 for standard TV), which gives instant superslow-motion replay. Also, a Sony camera can track the brightest point in any field and give X,Y coordinate data-used with Selspot LEDs-to its own peripheral plotter.

Meanwhile, the U.S.O.C. is funding a number of projects at similarly equipped facilities all over the country, such as: cycling biomechanics at Penn State, diving techniques at the University of Washington, fencing at the University of Delaware and analysis of "horizontal jumps" at Iowa.

It's the Committee's intention that we're not going to be swamped in the sports which Americans don't consider "glamour" events. In the Munich Games in 1972, according to a compilation in a recent New York Times article, the minor sports of canoeing, cycling, fencing, field hockey, judo, modern pentathlon, team handball, volleyball, weightlifting and Greco-Roman wrestling offered a total of 174 medals. Of these, the United States took a single bronze medal-in canoeing.

### Equipment-oriented sports

The fact that so many of these sports in which the United States does only marginally well are equipment-oriented is another challenge seized on by the Biomechanics Lab at Colorado Springs. Our cyclists' equipment, from spokes to helmets, will look radically differenteven though their \$7,000 Raleigh bikes won't. Our fencers will sport new shoes-a different type on each foot.

But some critics of the new Committee insist that more effort should have been put into the sports Americans care about-to ensure that Carl Lewis and Mary Decker, for instance, aren't embarrassed in Los Angeles, not that John Beckman (cyclist) or Christine Penick (judo) and others emerge briefly as medal contenders only to fade into the oblivion of an unpopular sport.

The Committee obviously doesn't agree and thinks that by applying the best science and technology we have, we'll produce our best effort. "We're not trying to be Big Brother," says former decathlon champion Bob Mathias, director of the Colorado Springs Training Center. "We're trying to be competitive, but in the American way, without direct government control." Mathias, who still looks fit enough to back up the line for the Rams, never touched a weight when he trained for

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# A tune-up helps make sure they're split-second right. As Mr. Goodwrench explains. At

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### PRINT ALMOST ANYTHING

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can be processed and saved on a disk, and Fontrix will be able to take the resulting image from that disk. Of course, the resolution of the computer's graphics is far less than that of even the grainiest film. But if a picture is worth a thousand words, then even these pictures must be worth a few hundred. And, in many cases, just a recognizable image is all that's needed.

Although a program like Fontrix will do many things, it may not be the answer for those who wish to produce a printed page where there is a lot of text and very few graphics. This is especially the case if the text must be justified (aligned along the column edge), centered or arranged differently. Simply typing at the keyboard and trying to align everything manually would drive even the most exacting perfectionist nuts in a very short time.

A top-of-the-line word processing program will, of course, take care of just about every kind of formatting. With one of the more powerful programs, you can both write and format text. You can set text to various measures (the length of the line of type), justify edges of columns, do specialized indents—just about anything up to the width of your screen (see *Getting The Big Picture* on page 106 to learn how to go beyond that limitation).

But printing out text that you have processed in various type fonts has always been a problem. In the past, the only way to achieve this was with a "daisy-wheel" printer. This printer has a type element where the type characters are arranged on a flat, circular wheel, with the characters themselves making the wheel look a little like a daisy. To change fonts, you stop the printer and change the wheel.

However, this has two drawbacks. First, a daisy-wheel printer is far more expensive than the dot-matrix style. Even the wheels themselves, if you get a wide assortment, can cost more than an entire dot-matrix printer. Second, daisy-wheels cannot produce very large type sizes. So, while various typefaces are available, the sizes of these fonts are limited.

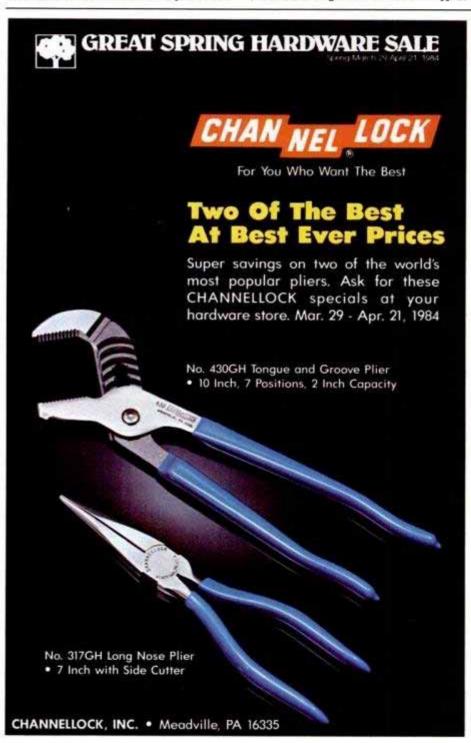
### Program makes it easy

But another ingenious program, Fancy Fonts from SoftCraft, allows anyone with a computer using the standard CP/M operating system to set his wordprocessed type in any number of type styles and sizes. And it makes this possible using an inexpensive dot-matrix printer. (In this case, the Epson brand of printer is required due to specialized control codes.)

Rather than typing onto the screen, this program requires that you already have your document prepared on disk using a CP/M-based word processing program. While you were preparing the document, you would have had to insert the specialized codes that Fancy Fonts needs in order to do such things as change from one type font to another, set spacing between lines, center and justify lines, change the measure of a line—just about anything you might want to do in formatting a page.

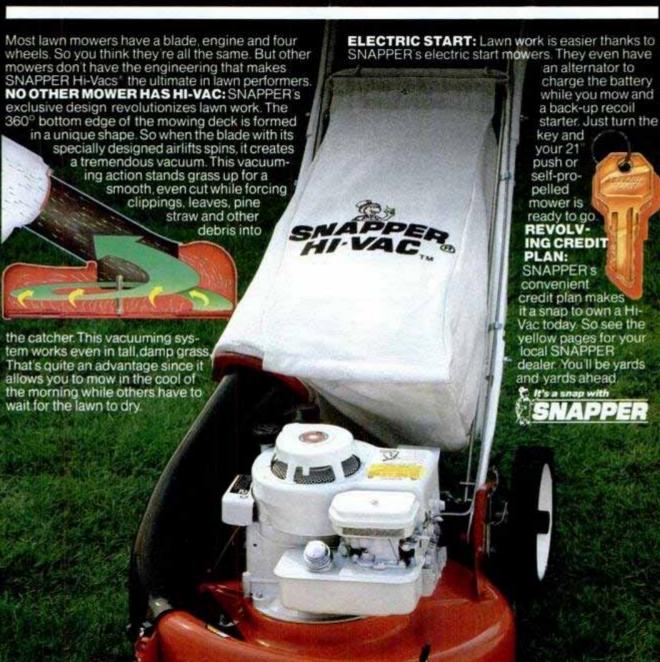
Using a special but easy-to-learn command language, you tell the program certain things, such as which of the included (or design-your-own) fonts are to be used and when the document is in the disk drive. Then all else is automatic. The Fancy Fonts program will turn your word processed document into type that looks just about professionally set. Again, this Fancy Fonts program fools the printer into thinking it's really printing graphics.

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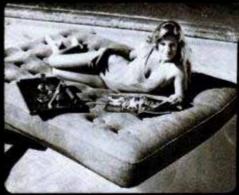
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# ALL ABOUT PLYWOOD And Other Building Panels

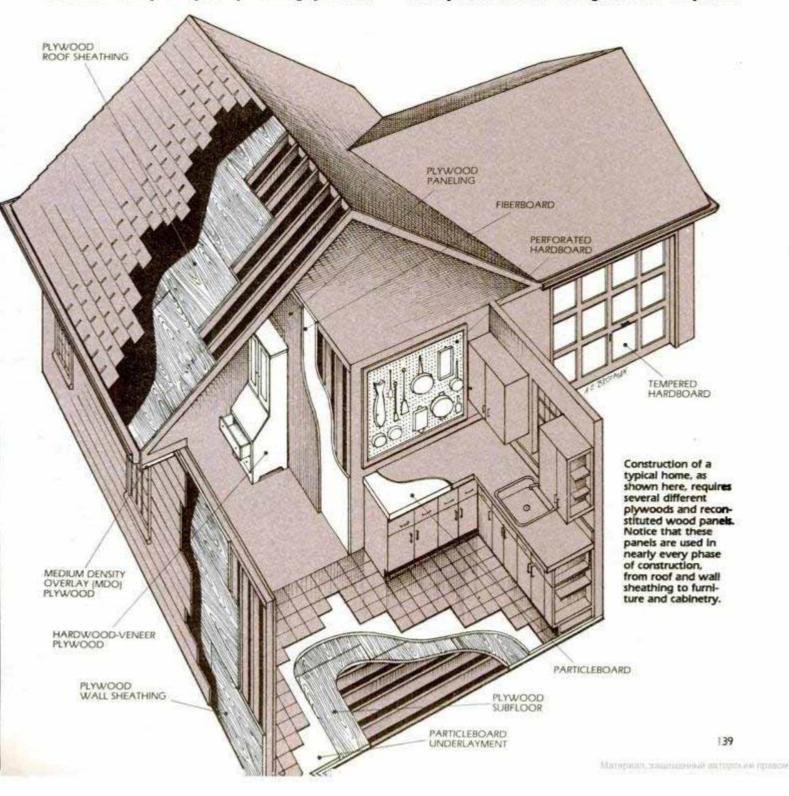
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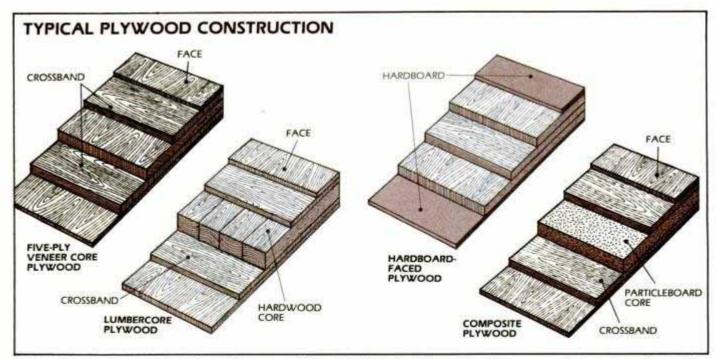
BY JOSEPH TRUINI, Asst. Home And Shop Editor, AND JOHN H. INGERSOLL

The original plywood design of cross-laminated wood veneers (plies) has changed little since 1905, when plywood was created in St. John, Ore. But the plywood industry itself has grown into a large, diversified family of specialty building products,

including reconstituted wood panels made from wood chips, wafers and strands.

Here, we discuss a wide variety of building panels and explain their uses. Because of the many panels, it's important to select the right one for the job. In





Cross lamination of veneers gives plywood its strength. Note that the grain of the crossband runs perpendicular to the adjacent piles.

addition to using the information here, contact the manufacturers in the source list at the end of the story for product specifications.

#### **Plywoods**

Softwood-veneer plywood is the panel most widely used for construction and industrial applications. It's made with an odd number of cross-laminated softwood veneers such as pine, fir, spruce and hemlock. The cross-lamination of veneers—wood grains running perpendicular to each other—gives plywood its strength.

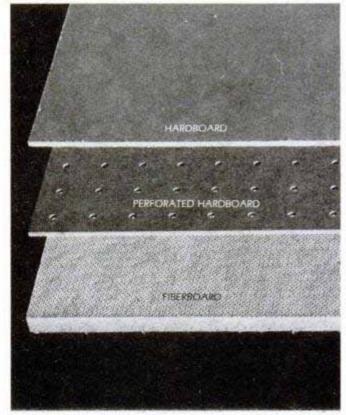
Plywood is graded by the quality of the veneer used for the face and back surfaces, and by the type of adhesive used to bond the veneers into panels. The highest quality veneer grades are N and A. These veneers provide smooth, defect-free surfaces. The minimum grade veneers are C and D (see veneer grade marking chart).

During manufacture, wood veneers are bonded together with an adhesive under a hot press. Depending on the adhesive used, the plywood is graded either interior or exterior. Interior-grade plywood is made with moisture-resistant glue for use indoors. Exterior plywood is manufactured with a 100 percent waterproof glue.

Certain structural plywoods (and reconstituted panels) are categorized by the American Plywood Assn. (APA) as performance-rated panels. Such panels carry a stamp indicating the maximum center-to-center spacing of supports, such as wall studs or floor joists, over which the panel should be placed. For example, a panel rated 24/16 can be used as roof or wall sheathing over rafters or studs which are spaced 24-in. apart. The same panel can also be used for floor decking over 16-in. o.c. joists.

Standard size for softwood-veneer plywood is  $4\times8$  ft., as are most building panels. Common thicknesses are  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{3}{8}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{5}{8}$  and  $\frac{3}{4}$  in.

Hardwood-veneer plywood is a high-quality interi-



Here are three nonveneered, reconstituted wood panels. The two hardboards have smooth, hard faces. Fiberboard has a soft, screened face, but is strong enough for wall sheathing.

or panel used typically in furniture and cabinet construction. The face and back plies are made of hardwood veneer. The inner plies, or core, are softwood. The most popular hardwood-veneer plywoods are birch, oak, lauan mahogany, walnut and ash. Standard thicknesses are the same as softwood-veneer plywood.

Lumbercore plywood is the highest-quality panel. Its face and back are hardwood veneers laminated to a core of solid hardwood strips. It's used in furniture

PLYWOOD GRADE GUIDE					
Grade Face Inner Back Typical Uses Marking					
A-A Interior	A	D	A	Interior cabinet and furni- ture construction. Applica- tions where both sides are visible.	
A-B Interior	A	D	В	Same uses as A-A except that the back side is somewhat less attractive.	
A-D Interior	A	D	D	Interior furniture construc- tion and paneling where one side is not visible.	
Underlay- ment	C plugged	D	D	Often called PTS (plugged and touch-sanded). Used as an underlayment for car- pet, tile and other finished flooring.	
A-A Exterior	A	С	A	Top quality exterior panel for storage sheds, patio fur- niture and boat interiors.	
A-C Exterior	A	С	С	Good quality exterior panel for cabinets and shelters when one side is not visi- ble.	
B-C Exterior	В	С	С	Moderately priced rough work panel. Used for stor- age racks and pet shel- ters.	
C-D Plugged/ exterior	C plugged	D	D	Commonly known as CDX. Rough exterior panel used for root and wall sheath- ing.	

#### TYPICAL GRADE MARKING

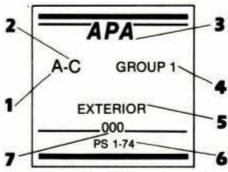
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High quality panel used for

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rior shelters and cabinets.



1 Veneer grade of panel face. 2 Veneer grade of panel back. 3 American Plywood Assn. trademark. 4 Group number signifying strength and stiffness of wood species used. Plywood is manufactured from over 70 wood species, which are divided into five groups. Group 1 woods are the strongest; group 5 woods are the weakest. 5 Panel laminated with exterior glue for permanent exposure to weather or moisture. 6 Product standard governing the manufacture. 7 APA mill number.

and cabinet construction, mostly for desks and tabletops. Lumbercore plywood is available in standard and  $4\times10$ -ft. panels. Common thicknesses are  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{3}{4}$  and 1 in.

Medium-density overlay (MDO) is an exterior plywood veneered with an opaque resin-treated fiber overlay. The tough, supersmooth overlay surface is highly suited for painting. MDO is generally used for exterior signs and soffits. In addition, because of the smooth overlay surface and the high-quality veneer core, MDO is a popular choice for building both interior and exterior cabinets. An MDO exterior plywood siding is also available.

High-density overlay (HDO) is an exterior plywood manufactured with an abrasion-resistant, resinimpregnated fiber overlay which provides an extremely hard, smooth surface. HDO is similar to MDO in uses, but it's tougher.

HDO is most commonly used for concrete forms. The overlay allows HDO panels to strip from hard-ened concrete surfaces without delaminating. It's also an excellent panel for exterior signs, countertops and workbenches. Both HDO and MDO plywood are available in common thicknesses: 3/8, 1/2, 5/8 and 3/4 in.

Plyron is a trade name for plywood panels manufactured with a hardboard face and back. The tough hardboard surface permits Plyron to be used as a workbench top and for utility cabinets, doors and underlayment. It's available in interior and exterior grade in common thicknesses: ½, 5% and 3/4 in.

Plywood siding is used when the natural beauty of wood is desired. Sidings are available in a broad range of veneer face grades and in several surface patterns and texture combinations.

Many plywood sidings are rated as structural panels and can be applied directly over studs. But check the local building code before using plywood siding as wall sheathing. Plywood siding comes in <sup>1</sup>/<sub>32</sub>, <sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>, <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, <sup>19</sup>/<sub>32</sub> and <sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub>-in. thicknesses.

#### Reconstituted wood panels

Particleboard is the most widely used reconstituted wood product. This nonveneered panel is made from wood chips bonded with resins under heat and pressure.

The two most common types of particleboard are industrial grade and underlayment. Industrial particleboard is a high-quality, fine-finish panel used in furniture and cabinets and as countertops under plastic laminate.

Use underlayment particleboard over a subfloor and under carpet or tile. It comes in ½, 5/8 and 3/4-in. thicknesses.

Waferboard is a nonveneered structural panel made from wood wafers, as opposed to particles or strands. Common uses include wall and roof sheathing, subflooring and underlayment. The distinctive wafer pattern has made waferboard a popular choice for cabinets, storage bins, paneling and craft projects. Waferboard sheets are available in 7/16, 1/2, 5/8 and 3/4-in. thicknesses.

Oriented strand board (OSB) is similar to waferboard, with two exceptions: OSB is made from thin wood strands instead of wide wafers, and the strands are mechanically arranged, or oriented, in perpendic-

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ular layers. The strands are then bonded with a phenolic resin.

Use OSB in the same applications as waferboard. But, because of the oriented strands, OSB is considered to be one of the strongest reconstituted panel products. OSB is available in standard 4×8-ft. sheets; larger panels up to 8×24-ft. can be specially ordered. Common thicknesses are 1/4, 3/8, 7/16, 1/2, 19/32, 5/8, 23/32 and 3/4 in.

Hardboard is a stiff, high-impact panel manufactured from refined wood fibers. The fibers are interlocked into a mat and compressed by heavy rollers into thin, hard sheets.

Hardboard (a well-known brand is Masonite) is available in three basic types: service, standard and tempered. Service hardboard is an interior panel which is used where low-weight is important and high strength is not necessary, such as for cabinet backs. Select standard hardboard when high-strength and good finishing qualities are required. Use it in furniture and as interior paneling and door skins.

Tempered hardboard is standard hardboard in which chemicals and heat-treating processes have been added to improve stiffness, hardness and finishing properties. Use tempered hardboard for exterior applications such as soffits, shutters and garage door panels.

Perforated hardboard, such as Pegboard, is available with closely spaced holes punched through the panel for accepting small hooks and brackets.

Hardboard is commonly available in 1/16, 1/8 and 1/4in. thicknesses.

Fiberboard is a nonveneered structural panel made of individual wood fibers molded into durable sheets. This versatile product, also known as grayboard, is used as carpet underlayment, sound deadening panel, exterior siding, wall sheathing and as a protective floor cover-up.

Standard fiberboard panels measure 4×8 ft. But the Homasote Co. also offers fiberboard in 4×10, 4×12 and 8×12-ft. sheets. Panel thicknesses are 1/2 and % in.

Composite plywood is a softwood-veneer-faced panel with a reconstituted wood core made of either particleboard or oriented strand board. Composite plywood, known by the trade name Comply, is used virtually anywhere softwood-veneer plywood is used. Standard panel size for composite plywood is the same as softwood-veneer plywood.

The plywood and building panels discussed here are the products you're most likely to find at local lumberyards and home centers. These are the most common products for typical home construction and furniture-making.

#### SOURCE LIST-PLYWOOD AND BUILDING PANELS

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American Plywood Assn., Box 11700, Tacoma, Wash. 98411.

Elmendorf Board Corp., RFD 2, River Rd., Claremont, N.H. 03743.

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Hardwood Plywood Manufacturers Assn., Box 2789, 1825 Michael Faraday Dr., Reston, Va. 22090.

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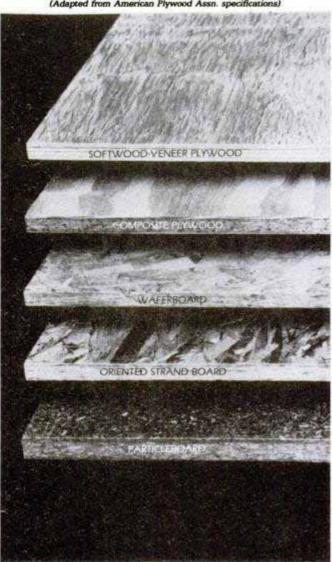
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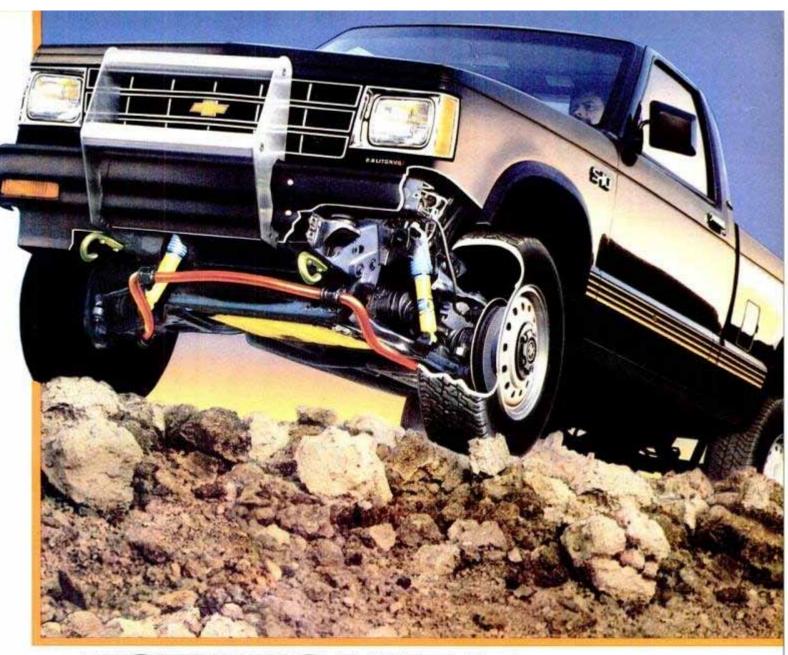
Tight knots and knotholes allowed up to 11/2-in. diameter. Synthetic repairs, defects and splits that don't impair strength permitted.

Knots and knotholes permitted up to 21/2 in. wide. Synthetic repairs, splits and stitching repairs are allowed.

(Adapted from American Plywood Assn. specifications)



Here are five methods of constructing wood panels (from the top): all veneer plywood, veneer with particleboard core, compressed wafers, compressed oriented strands, and small wood particles formed into large, flat sheets.



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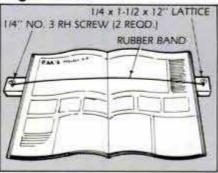
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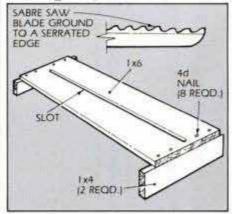


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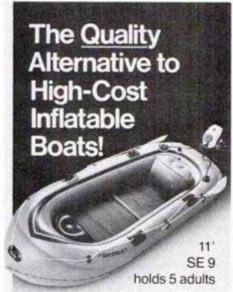
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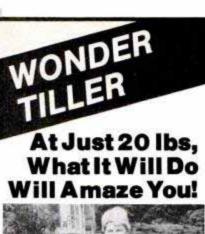
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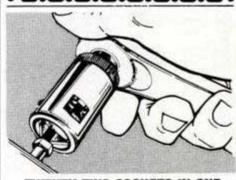
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the 1948 Games. "It was supposed to make you muscle-bound," he recalls. "Today, we know how to apply strength training. We've come a long way and we have a long way to go."

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#### VIDEO-GAME CABINET

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cleats (F). Join the parts with carpenter's glue, clamping the cabinet until the glue sets. Check that the cabinet is square.

Begin work on the drawers by cutting the drawer fronts (G). Remember to allow space for the trim, top and side edges. Bevel the top edge of the bottom drawer front 30°.

Cut trim H and trim M. Before applying the trim, plane as needed and sand
with 80-grit abrasive paper. Dust and
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with carpenter's glue. Clamp the unit.
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hours.

Cut the remaining drawer parts: the sides (I, J), bottoms (K), backs (L) and top-drawer divider (Q). In the drawer fronts, cut dadoes for the sides and grooves for the bottoms. The sides are set in % in. to accommodate the slides. Rabbet the sides to accept the drawer front. Also, cut grooves for the bottoms and dadoes for the backs. Rabbet the back to accept the side. Test fit the drawers, then assemble with glue, checking for square. Clamp until the glue is dry.

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ceeded. Not only did he recognize the importance of getting known, but he knew by 1901 how he'd go about it: racing.

Although Ford had never raced a car in his life, he decided to race against the toughest competitor he could find: Alexander Winton. Winton was the A.J. Foyt of his day. He had won more major races and set more speed records than any American then living.

Ford beat Winton, became the instant hero he'd planned to become, and

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got so caught up with the success that, first thing next summer, he began building two race cars—twins.

These two leviathans turned out to be 1,155-cu.-in., 80-hp fire-breathers—wooden-framed, with no rear suspensions, U-joints, differentials, bodies or hoods. Henry dubbed them "The Arrow" and "999." Ford's partner knew a bicycle racer named Bernd Eli Old-

field, a daredevil who'd never driven a car before but figured it might be fun.

On Oct. 25, 1902, after a little coaching from Ford, Barney Oldfield strapped on his goggles, took a firm grip on 999's handlebar and won his first automobile race: the five-mile Manufacturers' Challenge Cup at Grosse Pointe, Mich. Oldfield went on to become one of the best-known racers in America.

In January 1904, Ford drove The (Please turn to page 150)





1909: There were many private Model T racers. This rare factory entry won the New York-Seattle race, then was disqualified.

1962: Texan Carroll Shelby's Cobra roadsters had body and chassis built in England and 289- or 427-cu.-in. Ford V8s.





1923: Koukol Special had Model T block, overhead cam and Winfield carbs. It raced on dirt and board tracks and at Indy.

1964: Special Cobra Daytona coupes with 289 engines challenged Ferrari for the World GT Championship in the mid-'60s.

1935: One of eight Miller-Ford front-drive Indy cars. Exhaust pipes passed too close to the steering box and boiled the lubricant.

1967: Hulking 427 coupe was driven 3,250 miles in 24 hours by A.J. Foyt and Dan Gurney to win LeMans one of four times.

1954: Lincoln Capri built by Bill Stroppe was driven to victory in 1,900-mile Carrera Pan America-Mexico by Ray Crawford.

1968: Lotus-Ford 49B used by Graham Hill and Pete Lovely is one of many powered by the most successful racing engine ever.

#### **FORD RACING**

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Arrow over a three-mile stretch of frozen lake sprinkled with cinders. During the run, Henry's riding mechanic, Spider Huff, clung to one frame rail alongside the engine. When the bouncing and shaking got so bad that Henry could no longer hold open the throttle, Spider did it for him, right at the carburetor. The car leaped and bounded over the ice. Ford and Huff managed to hang on and covered a mile in 39.4 seconds, or 91.4 mph. That world land speed record for automobiles was the first set by an American car or driver.

It wasn't until 1909, the first full year of Model T production, that Henry Ford re-entered competition, this time in a combined speed and endurance contest from New York to Seattle.

In all, 14 auto manufacturers entered this highly publicized event, but only five actually made the race, which became a comedy of errors as drivers got lost, did things against the rules or simply dropped out exhausted. Both Model Ts managed to finish, one taking 22 days to win the race and the other coming in third behind a Shawmut.

Five months later, the race judges learned that the winning Ford had cheated—its mechanic had changed engines illegally. Ford was disqualified, and the judges declared the second-place Shawmut the winner. By then, though, the entire world had celebrated the winning Ford.

As the Model T came down in price and went up in popularity, a speed cult grew up around it. So did an aftermarket high-performance industry. Ford had nothing to do with this movement, but the firm benefited tremendously.

T-era hot rodders developed amazingly sophisticated equipment, like pent-roof dohc heads with four valves per cylinder, domed alloy racing pistons, radical cams, multiple carburetion, five-main counterweighted crankshafts, pressure lubrication, oil coolers, plus all sorts of gearbox, frame, wheel, tire and suspension mods. Except for all-out racing cars, Ford had no real competition from any other American automaker in the field of speed.

The Model T's victories and records grew. Hottest Fords of the T era were the sleek competition Frontys, engineered and often prepared by, of all people, Louis and Arthur Chevrolet!

The Ford V8, which stayed basically unchanged from 1932 through 1948, remained the engine of choice for hot rodders until the ohv Chevrolet V8 arrived in 1955. Stock Ford V8s could outrun all but the most expensive heav-

ies of the early Depression—everything but V12 Pierces and Packards, V16 Cadillacs, Stutz Super Bearcats and supercharged Duesenbergs. The well-publicized Elgin Road Races of 1934 were dominated by Ford V8s, as were stock-car events, hillclimbs, rallies and beach runs.

The Ford Motor Co. didn't get back into formal competition until the 1935 Indy 500, when Preston Tucker talked Edsel Ford into fielding 10 Ford V8-powered fwd race cars designed and built by Harry Miller. Miller cars and engines had won six Indy 500s, including those of the past three years, so it seemed a safe bet that Miller could make a Ford win the 1935 race.

Beautiful as they were, time didn't permit proper testing and development of the eight Indy Fords that were finally built. Only four managed to qualify, and they all dropped out within 145 laps due to steering problems.

The years before and after WWII were filled with the frenzied performance activity of hot rodders who couldn't and wouldn't leave the Ford V8 alone. One was Zora Arkus Duntov, who went on to design the Corvette. The hot rod kept Ford's mechanical and performance reputation alive long after the elder Ford had put the company's

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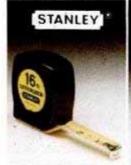
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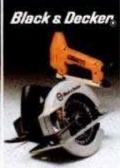
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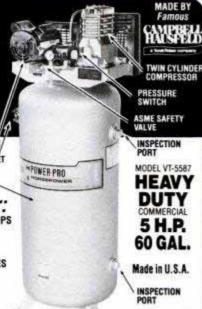


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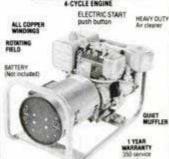
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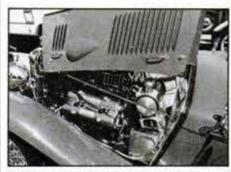
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engineering program on hold.

By 1952, the company was riding a crest of new-found solvency under Henry Ford II, the grandson of the founder, who decided to get Ford back into racing.

Two California speed merchants, Clay Smith and Bill Stroppe, talked Lincoln-Mercury into letting them prepare several Lincolns for the Pan American road races. Stroppe's garage in Long Beach rebuilt each car to withstand the unpredictable 1,908-mile dash up the Mexican republic along the then-new Pan American highway. Lincolns won 1-2-3-4 in 1952 and '53, then 1-2 in 1954 in the stock-car category.

The late 1950s saw Fords and Mercurys thriving in NHRA and NASCAR competition. In the 1960s, Ford launched its Total Performance program, an ambitious campaign to dominate every major form of auto racing. By the end of the decade, Ford-pow-



MG hot rod is powered by a "flathead" Ford V8 with double overhead cam Ardun heads—designed by Zora Arkus Duntov.

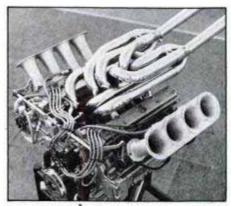
ered cars had been victorious from the high-banked NASCAR ovals to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and from Formula One grand prix racing to the 24 hours of LeMans.

Perhaps the best-remembered facet of Total Performance was Carroll Shelby and his Cobra sports cars: Anglo-American hot rods powered by 289-cu.in. Fairlane V8s. The old-fashioned roadsters quickly dominated American road racing and snatched the International GT Championship from Ferrari in 1965. To compete on the long, fast European racetracks, Shelby constructed six aerodynamic Cobra Daytona coupes.

To win LeMans, Englishman Eric Broadley helped Ford design a neat, mid-engined coupe called the GT-40, which also used modified Fairlane V8s. After an unsuccessful attempt on the 24-Hour race in 1964, a bigger version was built to hold the 427-cu.-in. NAS-CAR V8. These cars won LeMans in 1966 and '67. Then the big engines were banned, but GT-40s with 302-cu.in. engines won in '68 and '69. Ford of

England bankrolled the construction of a three-liter (183-cu.-in.) V8 for F1 Grand Prix racing in 1967. This Cosworth-Ford won the first race it entered (the '67 Dutch GP, in Jim Clark's Lotus). It went on to win 155 GPs, which is still a record. By the time it was no longer competitive—which was only last year—turbocharged versions of the Cosworth-Ford had won the Indy 500 six years in a row, making this one of the most successful engines in the history of auto racing.

Ford's second official visit to Indianapolis was in '63. By '65, the inevitable happened: Jim Clark won Indy in a Lotus-Ford, ending the long reign of the four-cylinder Offenhauser engines. Ford's special four-cam V8s dominated the Brickyard for six of the next seven years, then were eclipsed by turbocharged Offies before the Cosworth turbos took over.



Four-cam Ford V8s won the Indy 500 in 1965-'67 and again (turbocharged) in 1969-'71. Power ranged from 425 to 725 hp.

During the '60s, Ford 427 V8s (some rare overhead-cam "shotgun" engines) made an impressive showing in drag racers and NASCAR stockers.

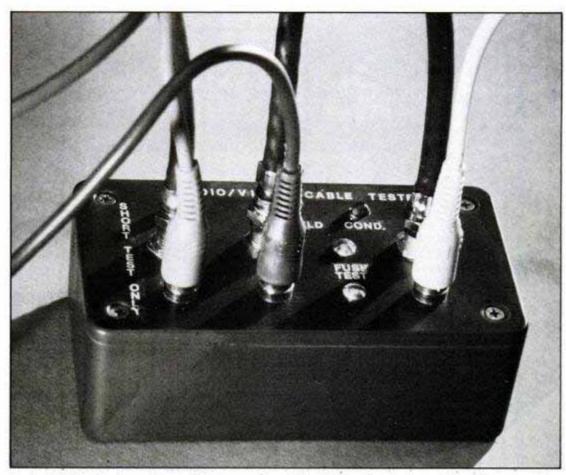
Growing concern with pollution control, safety legislation and fuel economy kept Ford engineers away from racing for a good part of the '70s. Those concerns still exist, but just to keep its hand in, Ford unleashed a radical Mustang GTP on American road racing last vear. In a class dominated by midengined Chevy V8 specials and turbocharged Porsches, the GTP looks odd. Its front-mounted, four-cylinder engine displaces only 1.7 liters, but it's turbocharged to produce a staggering 590 hp. The GTP won its first race last year, and remains a serious challenger in '84 with a new 2.2-liter turbo engine.

So, the next time someone asks you about the greatest names in racing, before you blurt out Ferrari or Offenhauser (or even Chrysler or Chevy), don't forget Ford. It's been doing it longer and better than anyone else.

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# Build PM's Audio/Video Cable Tester

When your stereo or TV center begins to act funny, the connecting cables may be causing the problem. Here's a quick and useful project.

#### BY LARRY KLEIN

remember the last time you spent an hour trying to track down the shielded cable that was causing the intermittent hum or signal loss? The only sure way to test for an intermittent cable is to plug it in, put a signal through it and try to provoke the problem. A standard ohmmeter won't be very helpful unless the cable is permanently shorted or open-circuited.

Let PM's Audio/Video Cable Tester come to the rescue. It tests cables in the same way they are used: plugged in and with voltage going through them. PM's battery-powered, inexpensive and easy-to-build cable tester will make a welcome addition to any electronics toolbox or test bench.

The parts layout is not critical, and the tester can be built into any box. However, you should use a plastic case, since the normally grounded sections of the six test jacks do *not* all connect to a common ground. If you use a metal box, insulate jacks J2 and J5 and the

fuse-test terminal connecting to the center conductor of J1. If you do want to use the chassis box as a common ground, the negative terminal of B1 and the associated wiring connect to it. The <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-inch spacing between the fuse-test screw heads will accommodate both type 3AG and the smaller glass fuses.

Unlike the phono jacks (J1, J2, J3), the F-connector jacks (J4, J5, J6) do not come with grounding lugs, so before tightening, a loop of thin, bare wire must be placed under each mounting nut to serve as a soldering point. Each pair of phono and F-connecting jacks is wired parallel. Proper polarity must be observed in wiring the LEDs: the positive (anode) leads of all three LEDs are connected together and led through resistor R1 to the positive terminal of battery B1.

An optional continuity test probe can be made up of an 18-inch phono cable with a defective plug. The

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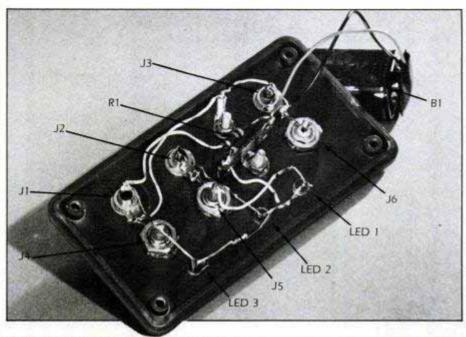




#### **BUILD PM'S CABLE TESTER**

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plug is cut off and the shielding of the wire stripped back several inches. The inner conductor is soldered to the probe tip and the shielded wire is twisted, brought out through the insulation at bridged across the fuse test terminals will cause the red LED to light; a bad fuse won't. Most diodes can also be tested using the fuse test terminals. The red LED will light when a good diode is bridged across the terminals in one direction, but not in the other. A shorted diode will cause the LED to



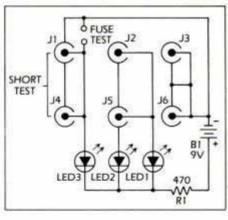
LED 1 should be labeled "COND." or other abbreviation for center conductor. LED 2 is the "SHIELD" light during conductivity tests. LED 3, the "SHORT" light, will indicate if cable's wires are shorted together.

the rear of the probe, and soldered to a foot or so of flexible lead with an insulated alligator tip installed on its end.

The short test should always be made first. Plug either end of the cable under test into the appropriate phono or F-connector Short Test Only jack. Only one end of the cable needs to be plugged in for a complete short test; the other end is left free. If the red LED (LED 3) lights, there is a short circuit in the cable. If the red LED doesn't light, test for a short circuit by flexing the cable several times.

The continuity test will indicate any open connections in either the inner signal-carrying conductor or the shielding wire. Both ends of the cable must be plugged into the appropriate jacks flanking the Fuse Test terminals. As the second plug on the cable is inserted into its jack, the green LED labeled "COND." (LED 1) will light first. This shows that the inner conductor is completing the tester circuit. When the plug is fully inserted, both green LEDs (1 and 2) will be lighted, showing that both the shield and inner conductor are okay. Flex the cable several times. Watch the green LEDs. If they flicker or go out when the cable is bent, the cable has an intermittent open circuit.

The fuse test is easy. A good fuse



lights in both directions; an open diode will cause no indication at all.

The continuity test probe can be plugged into either short test jack. When the circuit under test has continuity, the red LED lights. The lower the resistance, the brighter the light. The LED will light dimly for resistances up to about 90,000 ohms (90 K).

#### PARTS LIST—CABLE TESTER

J1, J2, J3—Shielded phono jacks (Radio Shack part No. 274-346 or equivalent).

 J5, J6—Type F61-A female chassis-mount connectors (No. 278-212).

LED 1, LED 2—Green LEDs (2.1-v. forward voltage; No. 276-022). LED 3—Red LED (1.75-v. forward voltage; No. 276-

041). R1—470-Ω, ½-w. resistor (No. 271-19).

Misc.—Standard 9-v. transistor bettery (B1), battery snaps (No. 270-325), battery holder clips (No. 270-326), terminal strip with two insulated lugs and a grounded center post, soldering lug, three 6-32 × 3/6" nuts and bolts, 4½ × 2½ × 1½" case (No. 270-239).



#### **OWNERS REPORT: MAZDA**

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dard equipment runs on for paragraphs, but to hit just the high points of the L series: adjustable MacPherson struts, split folding rear seats, 10-way adjustable driver's seat (six-way for Deluxe), electric side mirrors, tach, tilt wheel, variable-ratio power steering, power brakes, power windows, power door locks, headlights-on reminder chime, digital clock, remote deck and fuel releases, carpeted trunk, and storage bins in all doors.

And that's just for starters. There's

no doubt that the full list of standard features swayed a good many customers, especially those who compared the 626 with some of its rivals, notably the Honda Accord, Pontiac J-2000, Nissan Stanza, Audi 4000 and VW Jetta.

But to see the 626 completely, some (Please turn to page 158)

### SUMMARY OF 1983 MAZDA 626 OWNERS REPORTS\*

Total miles driven   2,186,865	Economy 20.8	Average	Dealer service opinion:   Excellent
Engine/transmission choices: Five-speed manual 66.9% Three-speed automatic 33.1	Specific distikes: Not enough headroom 12.2% No complaints	Rear seats Excellent	Three cars
Four-door notchback sedan	Five-speed hard to get into reverse 8.0 Air conditioner problems 7.0 Not enough horsepower 7.0 What changes would you like?	Good 53.5 Average 6.3 Poor 0.8  Had any mechanical trouble? Yes 60.9%	Chevrolet   20.7   Ford   18.3   Mazda   10.4   Buick   9.1   Toyota   9.1
sedan         12.1           Series choices:         24.0%           Mazda 626-SC         24.0%           Mazda 626-SS         18.9           Mazda 626-LSC         13.3           Mazda 626-LSC         17.3           Mazda 626-LST         11.2           Mazda 626-LX         15.3	No changes 20.4%  More powerful engine 14.5  Better air conditioner 5.9  Reposition power window switches 4.5  More headroom 4.1  How much did you pay?  Average \$10,257	No	Would you buy another 626?           Yes         70.0           No         2.0           Maybe         28.1           Would you buy another Mazda?         80.7           Yes         80.7           No         2.0           Maybe         17.3
Why did you choose this car?           Styling         48.2%           Reputation         28.6           Price         22.4	Range \$8,000-\$13,000  Workmanship opinion: Excellent 67.6% Good 29.9	Dealer repairs satisfactory? Yes	Age distribution of owners: 15-29 years

#### OWNERS REPORT: MAZDA

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not-so-random comments might give the best overall picture.

"I like the variable-rate suspension that comes standard in the 626-SC coupe," noted a Georgia attorney. "Actually, the 'automatic' setting seems a little smoother on the highway than the very soft 'normal' setting, but I really appreciate the firmer 'sporty' shock position when driving over the many miles of road construction we have here in Georgia."

All 626s except four-door sedans come with what Mazda calls its EVSA suspension system. EVSA stands for Electronic Variable Shock Absorbers and makes all four MacPherson struts adjustable from the instrument panel. There are three ride settings: normal for soft, sporty for firm, and automatic, which automatically switches the front struts to sporty above 50 mph.

"It's a fun car to drive," said an Idaho jobber, "because it handles so very well." A Tennessee manager added, "The very nice ride and handling are among the most pleasing aspects of this car."

A New York student: "I find the 626 sedan to be great for ski trips. The front-wheel drive gives excellent traction in snow, and the 40/60 split rear seats let me carry one passenger in back along with all our skis. We don't need a rack."

Sedans and coupes have the forwardfolding 40/60 split back seat, which gives access to the trunk. The five-door liftback, meanwhile, comes with a 50/ 50 split. The liftback's rear seatbacks fold totally flat to create a station-wagon-like 21.0 cubic feet of cargo capacity. The sedan's trunk can stow up to 13.7 cubic feet even with the rear seats occupied.

#### Front and rear legroom

Speaking of spaciousness, we heard nothing but praise for the 626's front and rear legroom. Yet 12.2 percent of our respondents did note a certain lack of headroom, especially in sunroof-equipped cars. The headliners of 626s without sunroofs have a little kickup molded in just above the front seats. A Texas serviceman said, "I'm 5-feet-11, and while my 626 seems a little short on headroom, it's okay if I keep my hair combed!" The low sunroof affects rear riders more than those up front.

Surprisingly, nearly 61 percent of the owners we interviewed reported early mechanical problems. Most were minor but, even so, 61 percent is a higher figure than we normally get. For example, only 28 percent of all 1983 Thunderbirds needed early repairs, 33 percent of Pulsars and about 40 percent of all

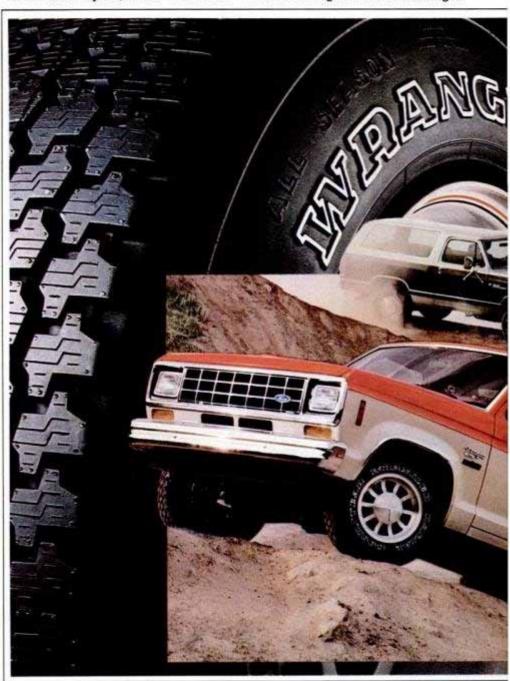
Chevrolet Celebrities. Chalk up this aspect of the 626 as a mild shocker.

Specifically, the 626 suffered from: 1, air conditioner leaks, overloaded a/c circuit breakers, and compressor rumble; 2, frayed and noisy speedometer cables; and 3, power door locks that wouldn't release on demand. A few power-steering pumps also tended to leak, and some factory radios transmitted ignition noises. A number of owners griped about wheel covers flying off, and this problem persisted even after dealers replaced lost covers.

We also logged the usual grumbles about brake squeal, minor dashboard rattles and engine vibration (despite liquid-silicon-filled motor mounts).

Not that the Mazda 626 is a poorly engineered or constructed automobile. Far from it. Workmanship scored a 97.6 percent good to excellent rating, and that's about as high as we've ever recorded. "Everything fits and works flawlessly," said an Idaho instructor, "and by all the evidence, factory quality control is excellent."

A few owners (14.5 percent) said the 626 could use a bit more horsepower. A Tennessee jewelry wholesaler claimed, "BMW drivers already fear my Mazda. What if the engine were turbocharged



# WRANGLER RULES THE ROAD.

to the tune of 145-plus ponies? I think Mazda will have to get serious about power, because the rest of the car is a benchmark by which all automobiles have to be measured."

As it is, the 626's 1,970-cc ohc Four puts out 84 hp at 4,800 rpm and 112 lb.-ft. of torque at 2,500 rpm. This is with an electronically controlled, twin-barrel, feedback carburetor. Overseas versions of this same engine use port fuel injection and deliver 8 to 10 more horses. It's conceivable that Mazda will bring fuel-injected versions here.

They won't have to rush, though, because, as this is written, customers are still waiting in many parts of the country. Dealers get sticker price or better, and we noted several reports of price packing with unasked-for goodies like undercoating (on top of factory undercoating), \$100 floormats, "lifetime" glazes and so on.

A California management analyst put it this way. "The 626 sells itself; what you shop for is the dealer. If Mazda Motor Corp. had a more controlled U.S. dealer organization and could bring in all the cars they wanted, without quotas, Detroit would really be in deep trouble!"

As with most makes that we survey,

Mazda dealers got mixed reviews. Over 75 percent of our sample rated their dealers good to excellent, but 5½ percent were absolutely livid over the treatment they had gotten. As a 22-year-old student in North Carolina complained: "It does an excellent car like the 626 no justice to be sold by a dealership like this one. Management is very rude and unhelpful. I'll buy a Mazda in the future, but not from this dealer."

A young Arizona software engineer adds: "I was unhappy with the service department at the dealership where I purchased the car. They treated me like I didn't know what I was talking about. They didn't notify me when parts were in. I had to make return visits for the same problem. But I have since switched to a different Mazda dealership and have been very satisfied."

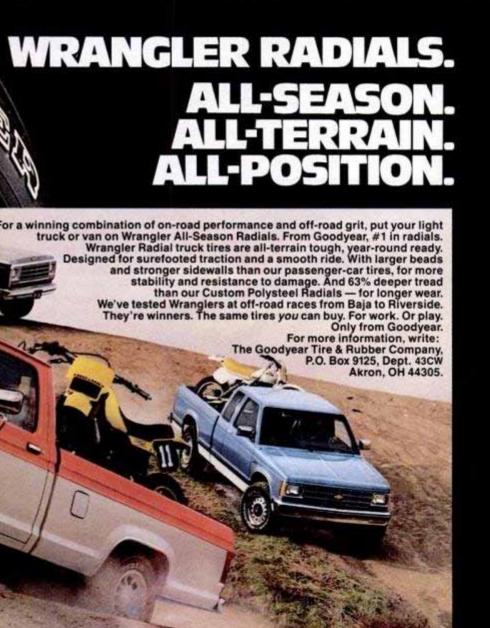
Frustration with dealer service is not unique to Mazda—we see it often. It usually arises out of slow or slipshod warranty work. As a Missouri executive put it: "Best quality auto I have ever owned. It is also very dependable if you can keep it away from auto dealers and find a good mechanic. As with every car I have owned, when you return a car for warranty work, it is always returned with a defect."

But a fellow Missourian expressed the majority view of Mazda 626 owners when he wrote: "There is only one mechanic at the dealership, but they are very good at trying to set up appointments as soon as possible and at your best convenience."

#### Satisfied with mileage

Our owners were more than satisfied with fuel mileage. Those with manual transaxles reported 29/36 mpg, which isn't too far from the EPA estimate of 29/41. The automatic delivered 25/32 according to our respondents versus the EPA's 27/36. An Arizona software engineer said, "Fantastic mileage with little compromise in performance."

There's a great deal to appreciate in the 626 and, as much as they genuinely like and admire their cars, many owners never become aware of some of Mazda's subtler engineering touches: the unequal front A-arms that compensate for engine offset, the axle carrier bearing that allows both front halfshafts to be the same length to prevent torque steer, the predrilled holes for mudflaps, the fact that the radiator doubles as a vibration damper, the thicker-than-normal oil pan that muffles engine drumming, the 15-inch optional alloy wheels, the fact that the automatic transmission weighs a bare 90 pounds. Mazda Motor Corp. (formerly Toyo Kogyo) took great pains engineering the 626 and, in the opinion of owners, the engineers definitely succeeded.



GOOD YEAR

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fwd. All are attractive. A 70-hp, 1.6liter, ohc, in-line Four is standard; optional is a 1.8-liter diesel estimated to get 60 mpg.

Corona—Its option wasn't picked up for 1984.

Camry—Few changes here, in that Camry was introduced in mid-'83. Primary notation: addition of the optional 1.8-liter turbodiesel with 73 hp at 4,500 rpm.

Celica—GT-S model gets four-wheel vented discs, and all models get the 2.4-liter, fuel-injected Four of 105 hp, previously offered only in GT and GT-S. All Celicas now get nicely done hidden headlamp treatment.

Celica Supra—A compression ratio increase and larger-diameter intake manifold cause 10 more hp, up to 160, in fuel-injected, twin-cam, 2.8-liter Six. Front and rear are slightly tweaked for appearance's sake.

Cressida—The ECT electronically controlled, four-speed automatic gets an overdrive lockout switch. A sinful amount of standard equipment is joined by optional digital instruments and a trip computer on some models.

Van—Originally called the Van Wagon, the second name has been dropped, perhaps to avoid confusion with VW's Vanagon. With its optional refrigerator and automatic icemaker, it's a tailgate partier par excellence! A two-liter injected Four powers Deluxe and LE versions with 2-2-3 seating plans. This revolutionary vehicle needs only the usual garage space, yet has a 149.8cu.-ft. cargo area.

#### ITALY

#### Alfa Romeo

Spider Veloce—Unchanged from '83. All the good accessories are standard; a/c is optional. Except for some '80s-style spoilers, this is the car Dustin Hoffman drove in *The Graduate*.

GTV-6—There's new accent paint in gray and the radio antenna moves to the windshield. Final drive is changed to 4.10:1.

All-new, turbocharged V6 coupes, expected to challenge BMW, will not appear in '84. Maybe '85.

#### Bertone and Pininfarina

Fiat has officially ceased doing business here, but auto entrepreneur Malcolm Bricklin formed International Auto Importers (IAI) to bring in, directly from their makers, rejuvenated forms of the Fiat X1/9 and Spider 2000. Rumored: A twin-turbo Bertone X1/9, joining a Spider 2000 that is already single-turbocharged. In Italy, Pininfarina sells supercharged Spiders.

#### **Ferrari**

308GTBi/308GTSi—Is there anyone who doesn't know Thomas Magnum's car when he sees it? The sexy shape is supplemented by a three-liter, midengine V8. Power is up with the advent of the *Quattrovalvole* four-valve-percylinder Eight.

Mondial 2+2—This vehicle packs the same power as the two-seaters, but in a more civilized and equally goodlooking package.

#### Lamborghini

Countach 5000S—The exoticar from Italy. Injected V12 pumps out 348 hp. How exotic is it, you ask? The Countach's optional rear spoiler costs more than a Chevette (\$5,500)!

#### Maserati

Biturbo—It's supposed to debut at the Boston Auto Show October 15. We hope it does. The Biturbo is a two-door, four-place, twin-turbo (thus the name) heir to the Maserati brothers' name. A 24-valve, 90° V6 displacing 2.5 liters claims 192 hp at 5,500 rpm, with 233 lb.-ft. of torque at 3,000 rpm. An esti-



Stylish Nissan 200SX coupes and hatchbacks will go on sale at Datsun dealers in March.

mated 3,500 Biturbos will be shipped here in '84.

Quattroporte—This is a modern-day classic that can hit 130 mph, thanks to an all-aluminum, 4.9-liter, four-cam V8, pumping 288 hp. All independent suspension, rack and pinion steering, four-wheel vented discs. A lot of car with a price to match.

#### **GREAT BRITAIN**

#### **Aston Martin**

Lagonda—This is a superexotic if ever one was built. Very few, very fascinating, very expensive. A four-door sedan, three-speed automatic only, using the corporate V8.

Volante/Vantage — Vantage is the successor to James Bond's original Aston coupe; Volante is the convertible version. A hand-built, 5.4-liter, four-cam, aluminum V8 powers both.

#### Bentley

Mulsanne—The inexpensive Rolls-Royce. The twin-turbo version is only for Europe.

#### Jaguar

XJ6—Unchanged. Slightly upscale Vanden Plas model XJ6 continues as well. A new slant-six engine (half the V12) is coming, plus new bodywork and—egad—a T-roof.

XJ-S—Sleek two-seat V12 adds trip computer and new colors.

#### Lotus

Esprit Turbo—A consortium of rightthinking businessmen each put up \$50,000 to bring Lotus back to us. They've done a good job. Best news: a potent 205 hp for this tenacious, wedge-shaped low-rider.

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Corniche—The classic Rolls convertible. Unchanged except for new low price.

Camargue—A Rolls-Royce from the Pinifarina pen. It's extraordinarily rare here.

#### GERMANY

#### Audi

4000—The basic 80-hp, four-cylinder model is essentially unchanged. Big news is the 115-hp, five-cylinder 4×4 4000S Quattro version, the second step in Audi's plan to offer 4wd across the board.

Coupe GT/Quattro—The \$14,500 Coupe GT is driven by a 2.2-liter Five, producing a peppy 115 hp. The Quattro is the full-blown 4wd, turbocharged, 160-hp road version of Audi's potent rally car.

5000S—Slick aero bodywork holds down wind noise, increases top speed and reduces fuel consumption. The 140-hp Turbo bowed in January, along with the wagon version. Turbowagon prototype exists (see *Imports and Motorsports*), but production is unscheduled for the United States. Slow-selling diesel engines are suspended until further notice.

#### **BMW**

318i—Successor to the 320i with chassis upgrades and cleaner sheet metal execution. A 1.8-liter Four replaces the previous 2.0-liter, with crisp performance..

528e—Adds heated mirrors, and retains its frustrating rev limiter. A good buy for those unlikely to drive too vigorously.

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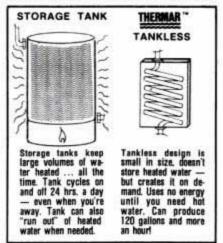
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380SEL/380SEC—Discontinued.

300D/TD/CD/SD-Power is from M-B's 123-hp, turbodiesel Five, with fourspeed automatic. The D is a five-passenger sedan, TD the wagon, CD the coupe and SD the luxury sedan.

380SE/380SL-The SE is the sedan, while the SL, as any Californian knows. is the Coupe/Roadster. Both are powered by 3.8-liter, gas-fed V8s.

500SEC/500SEL-Gasoline V8s return to the big Benz models at last. Both the SEL five-seater and SEC four-seater "sports coupe" get five-liter, injected, light-alloy V8s.

Mercedes estimates about 5,000 buyers will opt for this country's first air-bag option. M-B will offer the Supplemental Restraint System (SRS) in six models, including the 190 Series. The option's suggested price is \$880.

#### Porsche

944-Quite honestly, one of the best-ever, most cost-effective methods of obtaining genuine sports car thrills. The European turbo model is being withheld here until the current edition's popularity wanes a bit.

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Rabbit—LS is cancelled, with lower prices for base L and higher-trim GL. Diesel engine is now standard, with the gasoline version the higher-priced option! Fewer power-train combinations this year, too. GTI 90-hp, five-speed package is now available on the convertible, built by Karmann in Germany. All of the U.S.-built Rabbits can still be readily identified by their square headlights.

Jetta—If by now you've guessed that Jetta gets the GTI package, you're correct. It's dubbed the GLI in the Jetta, however. A 68-hp turbodiesel powerplant is optional on this upscale Rabbit with a trunk.

#### FRANCE

#### Peugeot

505/505STI—Getting around in style is the travel mode here. No

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604—Only the 80-hp, 2.3-liter turbodiesel can be had here. This is Peugeot's upscale roller, more luxurious all around, but it could use the gas V6 that originally powered it.

#### Renault

Le Car-Discontinued.

18i—The 18i sedan was cancelled for being too close to the market segment coveted by the U.S.-built Alliance. The 18i wagon continues as the Sportwagon, with a future promise of fourwheel drive.

Fuego—A two-door hatch, now upgunned to a 2.2-liter ohc Four in normally aspirated trim. The turbo version still throbs to the buzz of Renault's 1.6liter ohy Four.

#### **SWEDEN**

#### Saab

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#### Volvo

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DL/GL/Turbo—There are only insignificant modifications to Volvo's Swedish strongboxes. Turbocars, including the sinister turbo station wagon, will soon be offered with factory intercooling, boosting output to 162 hp. Intercooling is currently available over the parts counter as a kit. All models come standard with exceptional quality and built-in safety.

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By then Pontiac will find itself with the ultimate American cult car—but only if the division can keep the P-car away from Chevrolet long enough, and if Pontiac can hold the base price within reason.

## **Custom Cars from Studio II**



Indy pace car version of the Fiero features an add-on nose, air snorkel and rear wing.

Pontiac's design center, Studio II, has already produced two customized Fieros. One is the Indy 500 pace car (see Detroit Listening Post, page 14, Feb. '84). Bolt-on parts for the pace car include a cleaned-up nose piece, rear wing and an intake air snorkel for the engine cover/rear deck.

Most of the hot-rod pieces for the modified 232-hp, four-cylinder engine come from Pontiac's "Super Duty" catalog and are available from dealer parts departments. Because these engine pieces do not meet EPA antipollution requirements, they are meant for "off-road" (racing) use only. However, that does not stop many hot-rodders in states without periodic emissions inspections.

The roadster below was also designed by Studio II, using bolt-on parts. A nice touch is the outside mirrors, which are attached to the windshield pillars. The doors open under the mirrors. Of course, this design has no windows or top—you couldn't get a door with its windows up to swing under the mirrors.

Pontiac's general manager, Bill Hoglund, went to the recent Specialty Equipment Manufacturers convention to make sure no one overlooked the opportunity to produce add-on custom parts for the Fiero. He was also shopping for a company that could build 2,000 Fiero convertibles to GM quality standards. These would be sold, ready-built, by Pontiac dealers. Hoglund is hoping to build a hot-rodding cult for the Fiero.

Since GM officials are dragging their feet on the issue of making the Fiero into a real sports car (they've already nixed an aluminum version of the V6 and a turbo), Hoglund is taking his case to the people, who often do a more inventive job, anyway.—W.H.





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#### FOREST RANGER

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parts. But this stock Ranger was merely the blank canvas upon which we proposed to let our imaginations run riot.

In our pursuit of off-road excellence, we asked Sam Cicero of Sand & Hill Performance Engineering (1504 Route 130, South Brunswick, N.J. 08852) to help us convert our Ford Ranger into PM's Forest Ranger. Our first step was to add an additional 3 in. of ground clearance by raising the chassis off the axles with a lift kit. To control our now sky-high chassis, we fitted heavy-duty, off-road Monroe shock absorbers.

Alloy wheels have no place in the woods, where one ill-timed blow can shatter your hopes and dreams. American Racing supplied 15×8 all-steel wheels with chrome rims and gold-chrome centers. American Racing calls them Gold Nugget wheels, and they look just right on our Ranger—tough, but not ugly. To make sure they stay ours, we used McGard locking lug nuts, which require a special wrench.

For tires, we went to B.F. Goodrich, which has earned an unparalleled reputation in off-road truck racing and Pro Rallying. BFG's Radial All-Terrain T/A is the off-roader's tire of choice. It works on dry pavement as well as every

consistency of off-road slipperiness. For our Forest Ranger, Goodrich engineers recommended we use P235/70R15s—hefty tires, but not so large that they cause premature wear on suspension and steering parts.

Because we expect to be heading far off-road, we fitted a Warn M6000 electric winch to the front bumper. This has a capacity of 6,000 lbs., and comes with a combo mount kit which combines a winch mount, brush guard and driving light mount all in one tough, tubular steel bracket.

Warn also supplied Model 410 driving lights and Model 330 fog lights, which bolt to the combo mount. At the same time, we replaced the stock headlights with Cibie quartz-halogen units. Switches for the auxiliary lights are under the dash. The winch has a remote switch on a cable which can be used from inside or outside the Ranger. With 100 ft. of .25-in. wire rope, the M6000 can pull our fully loaded Ranger at 11 feet per minute.

Our final dressup item at the front was a translucent sun visor from Saturn Corp. Called the Supervisor, it's made from ABS and acrylic and gives the little Ranger some of the brawny panache of big over-the-road rigs. The only additions we made to the cab were a Cobra 66 LTD CB radio with all controls on

the microphone and a Mag-Lite superduty flashlight mounted on the tunnel in front of the shift lever. The Mag-Lite is unique in that you can focus the beam of light or flood it out to a wider area, all at the twist of a wrist. And the case can withstand a drop and even a stomp or two.

The heart of our Ranger is the pickup bed. We needed to turn it into a multiuse space, which could be used simultaneously for storage and sleeping, but be convertible to pure pickup space when needed.

Our first addition was a sturdy rollbar, built by Range 1 Steel. This isn't a decorative bed protector or driving light mounting bar like many pickups wear to get that macho appearance, but a real rollbar designed to support an upside-down truck if our off-road adventures get too frisky.

A critical concern of our rollbar design was that it had to fit under a cap. After looking at a lot of camper tops, we finally selected a sleek piece from Glasstite. It features genuine fiberglass construction, a vista window for increased headroom and light, a chrome luggage rack, waterproof top to cab boot and double-locking, wraparound rear liftgate. We painted it to match the orange and black color scheme of the Ranger, with a tan interior to match the

truck interior. After adding a DeeZee tailgate protector, we were ready for the main event.

The one thing we couldn't just go out and buy was our custom-built bed platform/storage compartment. This is actually built as two mirror-image units, which slide into the pickup bed from the rear. On top are twin bunks, with high-density foam mattresses covered in a rust-colored fabric.

Under the bed platform are customdesigned storage areas for two backpacks, fishing gear, camping gear, two Coleman 501-960 cook kits, a Coleman 52-40 cooler, a Coleman 54-10A700 propane stove and two Coleman 200A195 lanterns. There are also two long, thin spaces—one for fishing rods and one for hunting guns.

The top of each storage unit is pianohinged so you can lift up each half of the bed platform separately for access to the compartments underneath. There are also two drop-down, pianohinged access doors at the rear. The entire unit is built from exterior-grade plywood, ½-in. for the bed platform and doors, ¾-in. for the frames and vertical walls. All surfaces, inside and out, are covered with Formica laminate in a burled walnut finish.

#### Bed platform/storage unit

There is nothing at all tricky about the construction of this bed platform/storage unit. The least experienced carpenter can knock it together in an afternoon, and a few coats of hard-gloss enamel would be a durable time- and money-saving substitute for the laminate we used. The most time-consuming part of the project is screwing down those long piano hinges. And, obviously, the dimensions can be altered to fit virtually any pickup truck.

We've met the goals we originally set. Our Forest Ranger is capable of going anywhere a four-wheel vehicle will fit, no matter what the weather or surface. Not only will it carry all the gear two people require to live off the land indefinitely, but it will also keep them dry, warm, rested and organized.

#### Comfortable transportation

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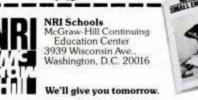
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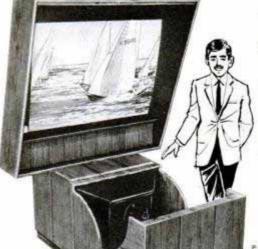
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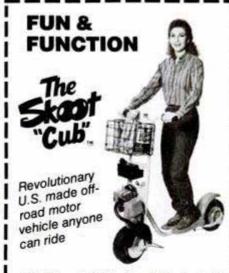
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Our aerodynamic Audi 5000S has gone back, none the worse for wear, and we're still unable to be any more critical of this fine driver's car than in our initial long-term report (page 64, Nov. '83). The Chrysler New Yorker, too, an example of the domestic approach to luxury-car design and one of which Chrysler can be extremely

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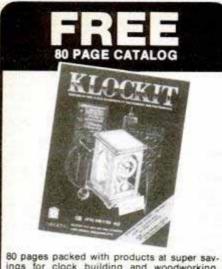
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#### LONG-TERM TESTS

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ety of T-vans with various options at the press preview. The front-drive T-van is available with a five-speed manual transmission or a three-speed automatic and Chrysler's 2.2-liter, four-cylinder engine, or with the automatic and Mitsubishi's 2.6-liter Four. While the 2.2 might be fine in the Great Plains, it doesn't have enough power with either transmission to handle hills. The 2.6 is no dragster either, but at least it can get uphill, merge with highway traffic and generally get out of its own way.

Chrysler has promised to introduce a wide-ratio five-speed early in the year, and this should give the 2.2 better acceleration through the gears. If you want a five-speed, insist on the wide-ratio unit, and test-drive it to see if it will do the job.

I found the stick shift lever a bit short. It felt like I was groping for change on the floor every time I had to change gears.

#### Carlike emphasis

During the preview, the Chrysler public relations people constantly referred to the vehicle as a car, not a truck or van. And it is more carlike than trucklike, despite its van silhouette. The T-van is built on Chrysler's K-car platform, so it is no longer than an Aries or Reliant, although it's 4 inches wider. The T-van takes up less space and handles better than a full-size wagon. It's much easier to park, maneuver, drive and garage than a full-size van, and will no doubt appeal to people who want seven seats, but don't want to drive a truck.

With this in mind, I selected the most carlike version for our long-term test—a loaded SE with automatic, 2.6 engine, velour upholstry, seven seats (you have a choice of one, two, five or seven seats in the T-van), cruise control, power steering, seats and door locks, Goodyear's new Vector all-season tires, a roof rack, rear washer/wiper, plus a four-speaker stereo system. Sticker price was \$12,935. The base model starts at \$8,678, The single-seat commercial van base price is \$7,595.

PM's van does not have power windows, the handling suspension or twotone paint, so its price could have been even higher.

Options cost about the same as a Kcar (the 2.6 engine, for example, is \$259). Chrysler has certified the T-van as a truck, so you must register it as a multipurpose vehicle in most states, and this could affect license and insurance fees.

There are many thoughtful touches in the T-van. Instead of a tiny glove compartment, there is a big dresser

drawer under the passenger seat. Both buckets and the two-place bench have fold-down arm rests. Six of the seven seatbelts have inertia reel retractors (the exception is the center position on the three-place bench). Seatbelts are anchored to the sturdy benches, so the benches can be quickly and easily installed, swapped, or removed. There are two lights under the rear liftgate that illuminate the ground as well as the small cargo bin. The spare tire is stored under the cargo floor and is lowered to the ground (or stowed) by a cable and winch system when you use the lug wrench to turn a nut under the carpeting. One option we would have liked is the remote-control rear vent windows. Twisting knobs on the ceiling near the driver opens or closes the pivoting rear side windows via cables.

So far, we've driven the Caravan 1,600 miles, and we do have a few complaints. The sliding side door is difficult for kids to close properly. If it's not slammed tight, it hangs up half-latched and is hard to unstick. The rear seatback and the sliding door track began to rattle as soon as we hit New York City's infamous potholes. And the engine stumbles a bit on cold mornings. We'll see if the dealer can fix this.

The compact size, while it is handy and cute, does have one drawback—you have to make a choice between people or cargo. Unlike a full-size van, you can't fit seven people plus their vacation luggage into a T-van. And the bench seats are a squeeze for seven adults. But it's easy to get in and out of. The seats are only an inch or two higher than a car's.

To date, it's been a ball to drive. Everyone loves it and asks us a million questions about it. I got 19 mpg on the highway and 18.2 in commuting. The aerodynamic shape, with its flush windshield, nearly eliminates wind noise, making this a comfortable van to drive long distances. And my son's entire Boy Scout troop now thinks I'm pretty cool.—W.H.

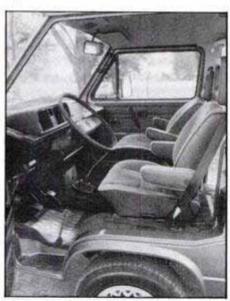
#### Volkswagen Vanagon

Everyone still thinks of the VW as the original minivan. However, the Vanagon has grown considerably from the original VW Microbus—in sophistication, power and size. It's almost as big as a conventional Ford, Chevy, or Dodge van, with 201 cu. ft. of cargo space. The seven seats are upright and roomy enough for adults. Even with seven passengers aboard, there's room for 49.7 cu. ft. of luggage behind the rear bench.

The new water-cooled rear engine is a big improvement over the old aircooled unit, both in power output and noise. You can still hear the familiar VW flat-Four bleat, but it seems far away now, not upside your head. Although the new Wasserboxer engine produces only 82 hp, the very wideratio four-speed manual transmission gives the Vanagon brisk acceleration—up to 20 mph in FIRST, 40 mph in SECOND and 65 mph in THIRD. You get quite a bit of engine roar if you wind it up this high, and there's no tachometer. However, the shift points are indicated on the speedometer dial and there is an ignition cutout that prevents over-revving.

Jumping back and forth between the Vanagon and T-van, as I have done, I was very aware of the trucklike qualities of the VW. It's big and square. You have to climb up into it and remember not to fall out! There is a loud wind roar at highway speeds. The 3-foot-long shift lever is awkward to use, and forced me to lean forward to reach THIRD. All very trucky.

The Vanagon gives its driver a new appreciation of the phrase "forward control position." You literally sit on top of the front wheel, with your arms and legs out in front of it. Although forward visibility is great, it takes a few tries before you learn not to cut corners too tight.



Forward control position of the Vanagon puts you off until you get used to it.

The compensation for this rather bizarre way to drive is room—tons of it. When the five of us went shopping for a Christmas tree, we took the Vanagon, not the T-van, and we didn't have to put the tree on the roof, either. For a rig this big, we've been getting an excellent 19.3 mpg in daily commuting and around-town shopping.

There have been a few disappointments in the 650 miles I've driven it so far. With 3,700 miles on the clock, I discovered a coolant puddle under the engine. It was running along an exhaust header and may have come from the block or a hose. It was impossible to tell. I refilled the reservoir tank and made a note to have a dealer check it out.

I never tried to remove the bench seats because it requires a lot of wrench work and it never was necessary. All the bench seatbelts are old-fashioned, nonretractable types. They are difficult to adjust, especially for children, which discourages their use. It is almost impossible to secure an infant seat with such belts.

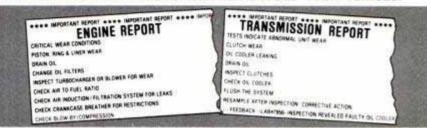
#### Awkward filler

The filler for the windshield reservoir is under the carpeting in the driver's footwell. It's awkward to fill without a funnel and you can't tell it's full until it overflows. The job was made a good deal more difficult on our Vanagon because some overzealous assembly line worker had glued the carpet over the cap.

Although a rear window wiper/ washer is available, our Vanagon was not equipped with this option. Foul weather convinced me that it is absolutely necessary on any van for decent rearward vision. Actually, for a base price of \$11,700, the rear wiper/washer should be standard.—W.H.

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#### LONG-TERM TESTS

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#### Jeep Cherokee Chief

I took delivery on our long-term Jeep Cherokee Chief on the best day of the year—the worst day. Detroit experienced its first major snowstorm of the season that day, turning a short 12-mile trip from downtown out to AMC into a 70-minute nightmare. It took me only 20 minutes to get home, in traffic.

The downsized Cherokee XJ is a likely key to profitability for struggling American Motors. About 20,000 1984 Cherokees have already been sold. Ini-

tial planning for the entire year had been only 40,000, so sales are far ahead of expectations. Price, apparently, is no object to Jeep buyers. Base price for the Cherokee is \$9,995, and the sticker for our Jeep, which is typical of the optioning process, inflated that to \$15,376. That's \$5,015 worth of options, plus a \$368 transportation charge.

Our long-term test vehicle was equipped as we think most people would want it. The Cherokee Chief package over a red exterior is the most striking visual combination, and the fat Goodyear all-terrain tires on AMC's optional aluminum wheels enhance this rugged appeal.

This Jeep just laughs at snow. Command-Trac 4wd can be engaged on the fly, and the five-speed gearbox coupled to AMC's new 2.5-liter Four provide a good combination of power and economy for this type of vehicle. The very first tankful of unleaded regular gave a 15.3-mpg return on the investment, despite our youthful exuberance and the resulting four-wheel spin when accelerating away from stoplights in the snow.

We'll put a lot of miles on this Jeep in the next three months or so, including trips down to Florida and up into the wilderness of Michigan's snowbound Upper Peninsula. Stay tuned.—D.C.R.

#### Honda Accord

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The car we tested for half a year showed little evidence that it came from a brand-new manufacturing plant in a country foreign to its origin.

Typically Honda, with all the nice little touches one expects, it was well put together and performed flawlessly up to the time we returned it with 14,220 miles on the odometer. (We did suffer through one fuel-line freeze-up in 2° F. weather, but I'm blaming the gas for that problem.)

Sure, with an automatic transmission, its 1,751-cc engine doesn't rocket you away from stoplights, but it's amply powered for family transportation.

The '83 Accord's transmission is another first, according to Honda: The first four-speed automatic in a front-wheel-drive car in the United States. It features a lockup torque converter which "significantly closes the gap between five-speed and automatic mileage figures." Its EPA estimated mpg is 29 city, 40 highway. We calculated overall mileage at 31 mpg during our test driving. (That included some stationary engine running just to keep warm during this past, frigid winter.)

The lockup torque converter gave me a bit of concern early on. As the car approached highway speed, I thought the engine was surging, but was assured it was normal. After that, no problem.

The Accord's bunch of standard equipment includes cruise control and power-assisted front disc brakes, to name just two. Handsome inside and out, the dark gray model we drove is, for my taste, one of the best-looking cars on the road—and even nicer with its facelift for '84.—J.A.L.

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First, frame out a rough opening around each window with 2×3s. Cut the header and sill 2 in. longer than the window width. Nail the header 1 in. above the window opening and the sill 1 in. below the window.

Next, determine the width of the jamb. Measure the distance from the window frame to the *finished* wall, then rip the pine stock accordingly. Here's an easy-to-build extension jamb for covering basement utility windows.

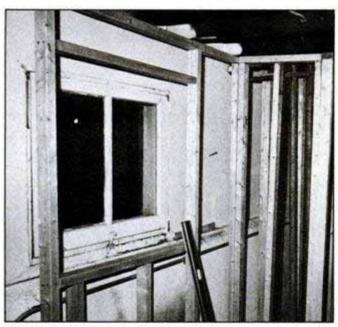
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Cut and assemble the jamb so that its inside dimensions clear the window opening by at least ¼ in. on all sides. Assemble the jamb using 2-in. finishing nails and butt-joined corners. Next, hold the jamb in the rough window opening and use cedar shingles to shim it into position. Be certain that the

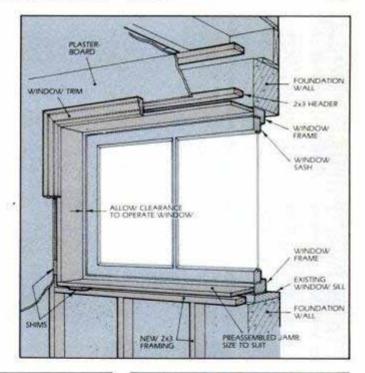
bottom of the jamb is level with the window opening and that the jamb sides align with the window frame.

Check the jamb for square and then drive 2½-in. casing nails through the jamb and shims and partially into the 2×3 framing. Once again, check the jamb for square before driving the nails all the way in. Then, toenail the back of the jamb into the window frame using 1½-in. finishing nails. Apply caulking where the jamb meets the frame.

Finish the wall with plasterboard or paneling. The finished wall should be flush with the jamb. Finally, trim the window opening with casing molding. Paint or stain the jamb and trim as desired.

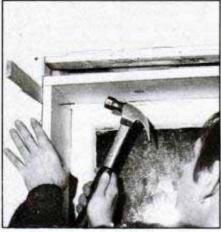


While framing out the basement walls, build a rough opening around the window that is at least 2 in. larger on all sides.





Preassemble the jamb before you nail it into the rough opening. You should use 2-in. finishing nails and simple butt joints.



Use shims to hold the jamb in position for nalling. Be sure to check the jamb for square before you drive in the nails.



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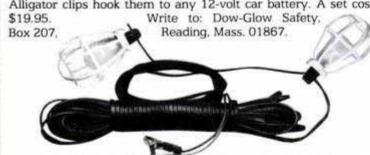
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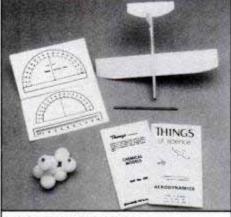
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Volvo sells the V6 with an automatic transmission only and the diesel with a four-speed manual or the automatic. The manual comes with the Laycock de Normanville electric overdrive, and the



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automatic transmission has four speeds, the top one being an overdrive ratio.

The GLE's unitized body is also conventional, with ample space for five along with luggage. Volvo prides itself on corrosion prevention and crashworthiness. The GLE makes extensive use of nonrusting materials, and its front and rear sheet metal is designed to crush in a controlled fashion.

Front and rear suspensions are also straightforward: MacPherson struts fore and a live axle aft. The rear suspension uses Volvo's Constant Track system, which places a central longitu-

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dinal control arm above the differential, along with a self-leveling system that incorporates gas-filled shock absorb-

Nearly every conceivable extra comes standard in the GLE, including automatic air conditioning, heated driver's seat that turns on at 57° F., multiadjustable seats, cruise control, electric windows, power door locks, tools, storage compartments everywhere and, on '84 models, a four-speaker AM/FM stereo system.

So much for the sales pitch. The question now becomes, "Do those people who've already bought the GLE feel it's a good car, bad car, good deal, bad deal, or something in between?"

We asked GLE owners and, frankly, their collective bottom line surprised us. Nearly a quarter said they might not buy the GLE again. They were unde-

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cided. Only 67.9 percent were sure enough of their choice to say, "Yes, I would do it again."

That's not a very high "yes" figure. In fact, more owners of Corvettes, Mustangs, LeBarons and Ford Ranger pickups told us they'd choose those same vehicles again next time.

Nearly 60 percent of the owners we questioned had experienced mechani-

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cal difficulties of some sort. Nor did dealers always remedy these ills, because 41.3 percent of our respondents reported that their dealers hadn't solved the problem the first time. In fact, a surprisingly high 12.8 percent of owners repaired their own cars (which means that, in many cases, the troubles weren't major).

Commenting on the GLE's sorest

Good ...

Average .....

point, an Illinois retiree told us, "Frost melts off the air conditioner cooling coils, and water runs down onto the carpets. The unit wasn't sealed properly. I had to take it back to the dealer twice for that." In all, 16.4 percent of the cars we surveyed had similar A/C experiences.

Stranger, though, was the case of the (Please turn to page 182)

## 1983-84 VOLVO 760 GLE OWNERS REPORTS\*

ı	A Order Millions delivers	
I	Average miles per gallon Gasoline 2.8 aluminum V6	
ı	In town	18.8
ı	On the highway	23.6
ı	Turbodiesel 2.4 in-line Six	
ı	In town	29.0
ı	On the highway	
ı	Oil the ingining	7000
ı	Engine/transmission choices: Gasoline V6 with	
ı	automatic	77.4%
ı	Turbodiesel Six with o.d.	5 5 1-W 2H
ı		22.6
ı	manual	0.33
ı	Why did you choose this car	?
ı	Styling	
ı	Reputation	
ı	Performance	23.7
1	Safety features	18.0
ı	Owned Volvos before	15.4
ı		
ı	Specific likes:	E4 20
ı	Comfort	54.2%
ı	Handling	48.1
ı	Styling	
1	Ride	
ı	Performance	21.8
1	Specific dislikes:	
1	No complaints	11.5%
1	TAR confidention +++++++	101000

Poor dealer service	9.4
Fuel mileage below	
expectation	7.8
Poor rear vision	6.8
Not enough seat	
adjustability	6.8
What changes would you like	e?
No changes	20.0%
More adjustable seats	8.0
Different upholstery	
materials	5.5
Better fuel mileage	5.0
More convenient	3333.0
ashtrays	5.0
Move emergency brake	5.0
How much did you pay?	
Average \$1	9,828
Range \$17,500-\$2	
Workmanship opinion:	
Excellent	66.7%
Good	27.8
Average	3.4
Poor	2.1
Comfort opinion:	
Front seats	
Excellent	80.3%

POOL	0.4
Rear seats	
Excellent	68.6
Good	
Average	3.1
	0.9
Poor	0.8
Had any mechanical trouble	
Yes	59.7%
	40.3
What type of trouble?	
Air conditioner	16.4%
Shattered side glass	
Electrical	
Fuel injection	12.9
Cruise control	8.6
Cruise control	0.0
Dealer repairs satisfactory?	
Yes	58.7%
No	41.3
Dealer service opinion:	
Excellent	27.6%
Good	40.4
Average	
Poor	4.3
EVM	70.00

Number of vehicles owned:	
This car only	23.8%
Two cars	45.8
	20.0
Four or more cars	10.4
Makes of other cars owned:	
Volvo	14.8%
Chevrolet	13.1
Ford	10.4
Honda	10.4
Nissan	9.3
Volkswagen	9.3
Would you buy another Vo	vo 760
Yes	67.9%
No	7.6
Maybe	24.5
Would you buy another Vol	
Yes	77.5%
No	6.4
Maybe	16.1
Age distribution of owners:	
15-29 years	5.1%

30-49 years

50-plus

\*Percentages might not equal 100% due to rounding or insufficient data.

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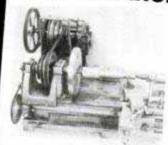
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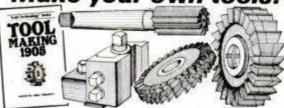
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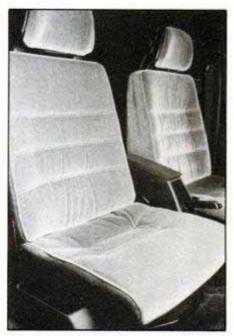
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#### OWNERS REPORT: VOLVO

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shattering side windows. No fewer than 15 percent of our owners mentioned this. A retired North Carolinian's experience proved typical. "I shut the driver's door, walked away from the car, and the glass shattered. I didn't slam the door either; just shut it."

A Volvo spokesman told me that the problem stems from mistempering the glass on early 760s—those built before March 1983. Dealers have been instructed to replace the glass in all GLEs up to a certain VIN number, and they do this automatically. There's no charge, of course, and the fix is usually



Volvo's multiadjustable seats received one complaint: There's no height adjustment.

caught the first time an early car is brought in for routine servicing. Once the repair has been made, the dealer puts a little tag on the driver's door so the glass doesn't have to be replaced

Then, too, we noticed reports of lots of minor mechanical annoyances. These ranged from cold-natured engines to rough idle, squeaky brakes, staticky radios and window leaks. They were not, however, seen as a reflection of the car's total quality. Owners mentioned them almost in passing, as if to say, ". . . this shouldn't happen in a \$20,000 luxury automobile."

While virtually all repairs came under warranty (12 months and unlimited mileage), Volvo owners still weren't overjoyed with their dealers' parts and service practices. A California corporate controller said, "Four weeks is too long to wait for a new seat-adjustment assembly." And a New Mexico salesman grumbled, "Service people don't seem well trained, and parts are slow to

arrive or are often the wrong ones."

However, not all Volvo dealers are held in low esteem. "The dealer lent me a car while he was repairing mine," said a Florida retiree, "and he even filled my tank upon completing the repair."

Another factor that might contribute to keeping down yes votes in the would-you-buy-it-again column could be the diesel engine.

Keep in mind that 22.6 percent of our respondents chose the turbodiesel. Not only have diesels fallen out of favor recently, but the GLE diesel came only with a manual transmission before 1984. Several drivers said they'd opt for the automatic next time. Even without an automatic, the GLE diesel cost \$673 more than its gasoline-powered

In its favor, however, is the fact that it's one of the better performing diesels sold in this country. In the 760 GLE, it delivers 50 to 60 percent better fuel mileage than the V6.

Performance fans should enjoy the 160-hp intercooled turbo Four that will be offered in the 760 GLE this spring. It has about 30 more horses than the V6, will do 0 to 60 mph in 8 seconds and will be available with both transmissions.

#### Workmanship praised

Overall workmanship received extremely high marks, with 94.5 percent in our survey rating it good to excellent. A self-employed Floridian said, "I wash and wax my car myself. I enjoy doing it and have since I was a kid. You notice the details when you've polished cars for over 25 years and, in all that time, I've never seen an automobile as finely put together and finished as the GLE."

Both the gasoline V6 (made in France by Peugeot) and the diesel engine (designed by Volkswagen) give excellent performance, and owners had very complimentary things to say about handling and comfort as well.

Talking about his turbodiesel, an Indiana sales manager told us, "This car drives like no other. It's very quiet and has amazing acceleration in any gear at any speed. The diesel engine is a dandy!"

A New Mexico salesman said, "This sedan drives like a small sports car, especially in heavy traffic. Yet it rides like a cloud. The automatic transmission changes gears subtly. Shifts are hardly noticeable." A Nebraska banker: "The V6 is responsive; a delight to drive." And a retired North Carolinian: "Hugs the road, excellent for mountain driving, excellent ride."

A Georgia personnel manager: "The comfort of this car is like resting in my private den at home. Seats are so comfortable that, upon completing a long trip, I have to remind myself that it was a long trip." An Illinois CPA echoed, "Ride and handling are excellent, and the seats adjust to the moods of our tushes."

However, as adjustable as the GLE's seats are-and this includes lumbar support-a few tall drivers felt that the seats should have a height adjustment so they could be positioned nearer the floor. A New York doctor observed, "Volvo should seat people lower in the car. In my Mercedes, I have 3-4 inches of headroom; in the Volvo, my head nearly touches the ceiling."

Viewed as a whole, most owners

seemed quite pleased and satisfied with their purchases. A Texas dairyman wrote across his questionnaire, "Perfect in every way." And a West Virginia supermarket owner said, "This is one superb automobile!"

"Obviously," concluded a California mortgage banker, "Volvo has finally put some style in its top-line model. It's definitely a head turner and has prompted many compliments. I foresee no major mechanical problems for at least 10 years, and I believe Volvo makes the safest car on the road today. This Volvo is an understatement of quality."

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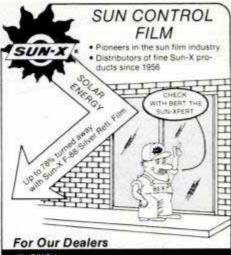
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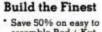
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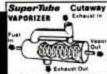
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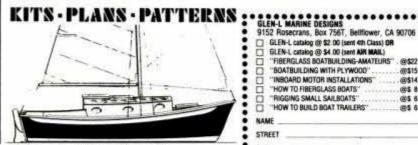
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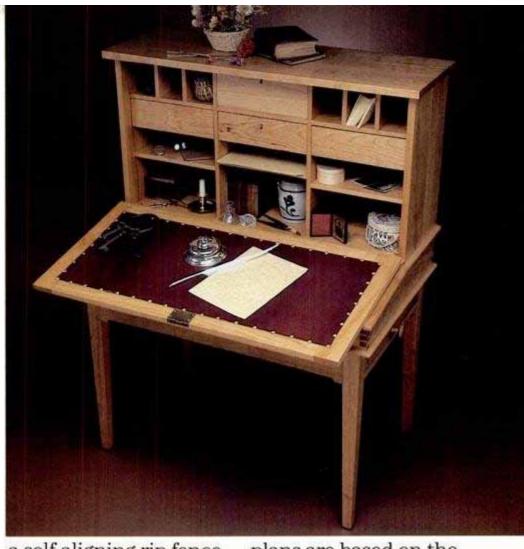
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