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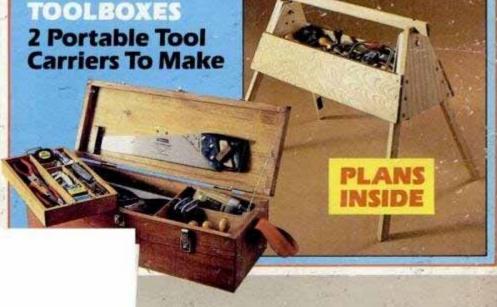
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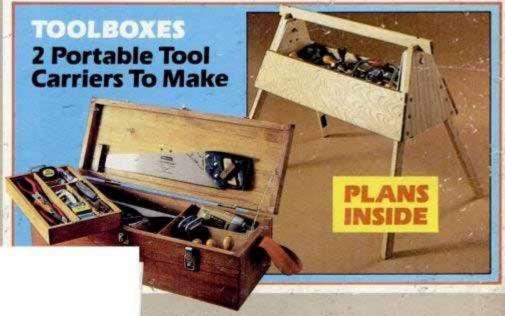
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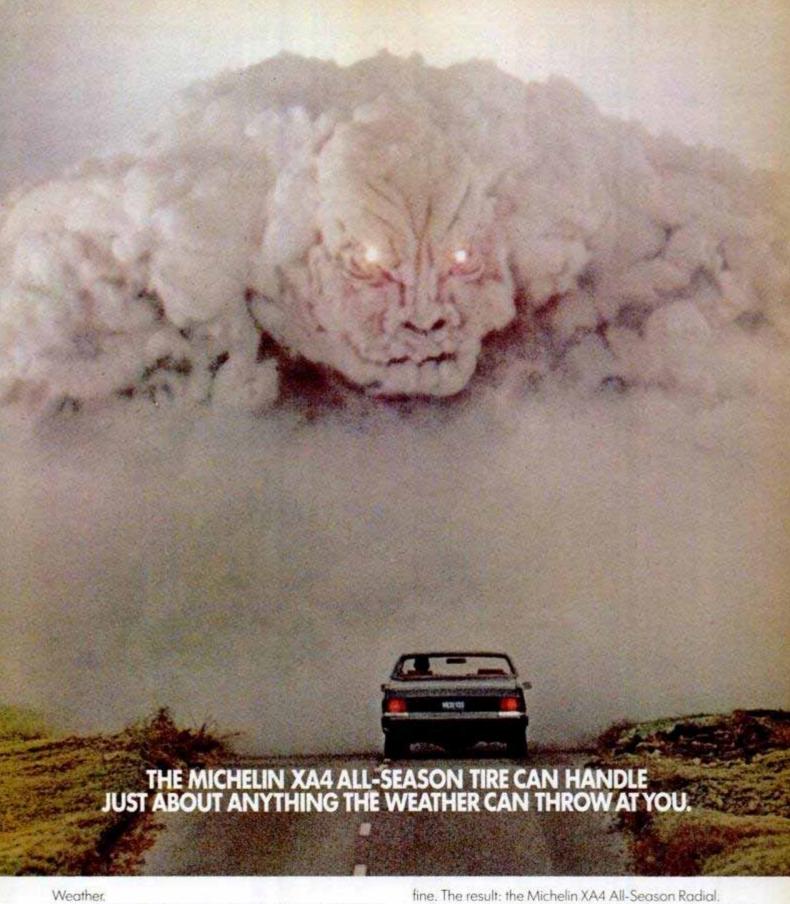
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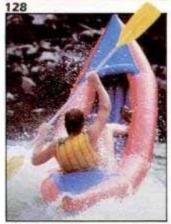
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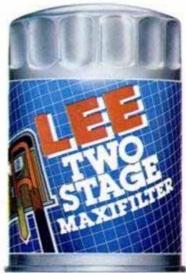


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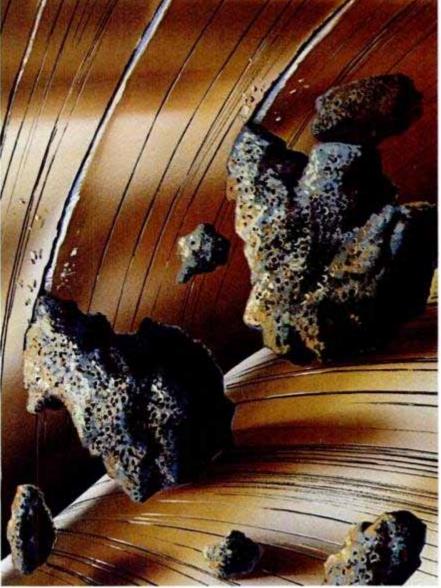
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hile we generally don't publicize bacchanalian pursuits of staff members, we think it's worthwhile reporting on this wine tasting. The third hand, at right, is that of a new robot demonstrating how it can hoist a delicate, wine-filled glass without spilling a drop. The robot is in Matsushita's brand-new line of Panarobo robots and is designed to perform delicate tasks with

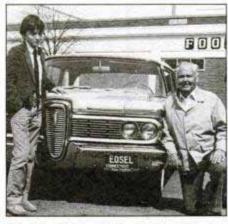


Takeoka, Eskow and Panarobo say "Skoal!"

chemicals without creating chaos. Other Panarobo models appear in this month's Technology Update (page 128). Science Editor Dennis Eskow claims that he and Keiichi Takeoka, president of Matsushita of America, were almost as skillful as the robot in hoisting filled glasses. . . . The elegant simplicity of Shaker furnishings and architecture has a constant

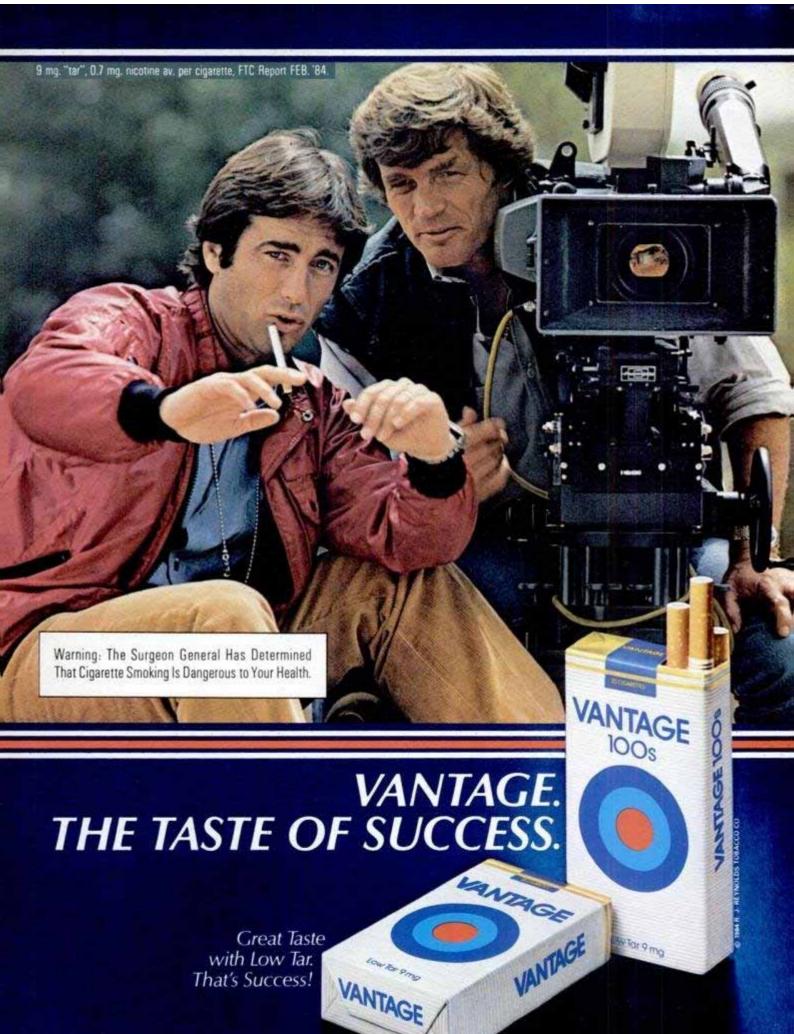


The vanity plate lets you know that he's a prominent New York attorney.



Edsel—what else? This Old Greenwich, Conn. comes from

appeal, no matter what the current decorating fads may be. PM went back to the source-Mt. Lebanon, N.Y.—for the projects that appear in Create A Room In The Shaker Tradition (page 104). Mt. Lebanon is the site of the first incorporated Shaker community (1787). The designs, as you'll see, have survived two centuries very well. . . . Vanity plates those auto licenses that spell out words or messages-are the best reading on the road since the demise of Burma Shave signs. They can be a proud statement of one's profession-like the 1 FARM message on an Ohio car I saw in Florida a few months back. Or simply a clue to one's profession: sub-POENA on attorney Jeffrey Bernbach's car gives you an idea of what he does in New York. You might even want to confirm that you're driving an EDSEL, as Jim Abbott (shown with grandson Glenn Price) does in Connecticut. I've learned that vanity plates have become available in every state, so if you want to flaunt something, now's your chance.



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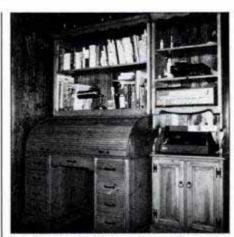
From one, many

In your June '75 issue, you published an article on making a colonial cupboard (Make This Colonial Cupboard To Display Your Best China, page 102). The plans were so complete and easy to follow that I adapted the measurements and techniques to build not only one cupboard, but enough other pieces in the same style to furnish a whole new room we recently added.

In addition to the cupboard and the combination roll-top desk and wall unit shown in the photo (right), I made a second straight cupboard, a matching corner cupboard and a console for our TV set. Thank you for such an inspirational project.

G.W. MELHERT BRAMPTON, ONT.

We're glad the design proved to be so adaptable. For others who may be



A colonial-style hi-fi cabinet, roll-top desk and overhead wall unit—all adapted from PM's cupboard plans by reader Melhert.

interested, photocopies of the article are available for \$2.50 postpaid from Popular Mechanics, Box 1014, Radio City Station, New York, N.Y. 10101.

Better 3-D pictures

I've been interested in 3-D photography since the early '40s and enjoyed your article 3-D: More Thrilling Than Ever (page 72, June '84). I have a couple of suggestions for those who wish to make 3-D pictures. Have your photos printed wallet size because the on-center spacing between the two prints should be no more than the distance between your eye pupils.

When photographing wide scenes, such as the Grand Canyon, it's best to move sideways 3 to 4 feet, not just a few inches, to take the second picture. Some of the foreground detail may be lost, but you'll get a better 3-D separation of distant elements.

ROBERT H. GENTRY, M.D. KNOXVILLE, TENN.

Rustproofing tip

In your otherwise excellent Car Care Guide (page 103, May '84), you suggested that readers finish off their bodywork repairs by applying undercoating. I must point out that a far better choice is rustproofing compound. Undercoating is primarily a sound deadener and has very limited rustproofing qualities. It hardens with age and eventually flakes off.

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Star wars pro and con

I was sorry to see PM turned into a forum for such blatant military propaganda as that expressed by Edward Teller (Bringing Star Wars Down To Earth, page 84, July '84).

Teller's entire career has been as a developer of, and apologist for, weapons of mass destruction. He would have us believe that we can engage in nuclear war and still look forward to next month's PM in the mail.

GRANT BURNS FLINT, MICH.

Edward Teller's article was like a breath of fresh air. His concept of basing a deterrent to war on defensive, rather than offensive, weapons is certainly the only way to avoid a nuclear nightmare.

As he so rightly points out, "Two camps armed with swords are apt to do more harm than two camps armed with shields."

JOE WORRALL BON LOMOND, CALIF.

Two votes for Terraplanes

In your June '84 Letters column (page 8), you explained how it was Fords, not Terraplanes, that won all those races back in the '30's. That may be, but just

let me tell you this. My dad and I rebuilt a '35 Terraplane convertible and it would blow the doors off any Fords around. I wish I still had it today, but we finally had to give it up during the war years because you couldn't get any gas or tires for joyriding.

TOM CROTTY BEECHER, ILL

Fords may have won the Pikes Peak Hillclimb in '34, but they never came close on the Mount Washington run in New Hampshire. There it was Essex Terraplanes all the way.

> J.T. HORSTMEIER PASADENA, CALIF.

No squawks for squawker

I'd like to express my satisfaction after having built your squawker car alarm (PM's Morse Code Auto Alarm: Build The Name Caller, page 76, Jan. '84). I'm pleased not only with the way it functions, but also with the flexibility it gives the user—the various cutoff options, the delay and no-delay taps and of course the personalized beeper code that tells you instantly if it's your car that's being broken into. It's a great idea.

MICHAEL J. CHAMPAGNE CUMBERLAND, R.I.

Workbench kits do exist

I was very interested in the Shopsmith workbench kits you reported on (PM Looks At A Workbench Kit, page 151, June '84). Unfortunately, your author didn't do his homework or he would have discovered that these kits have been discontinued and are no longer available. What gives?

CARL CARLSEN SANTA PAULA, CALIF.

Although the kits are not listed in the Shopsmith catalog, they are available. Shopsmith is alerting its dealers to this fact so there should be no further misunderstanding.

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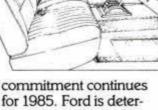
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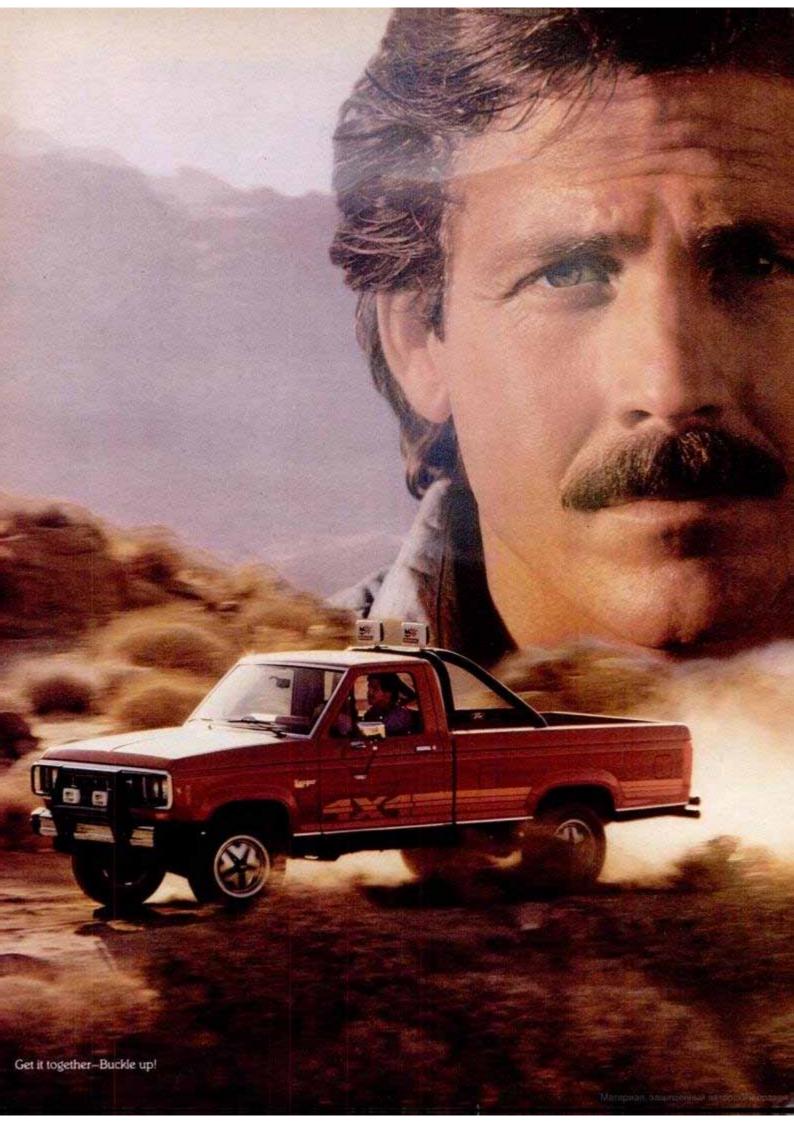
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Gone racing

Some motorsports months you wish you could be at a half dozen circuits at the same time. July was like that.

Meadowlands—By race day we knew the circuit well, having been driven around on fast laps in the PPG Fiero pace car by several CART drivers. The inaugural U.S. Grand Prix on July 1 brought big-time auto racing back to the New York area—to stay, we hope. Fans who braved the downpour early in the day were treated to Mario Andretti drying out the track with his speed.

Daytona—This year's Fourth of July Firecracker 400 saw Richard Petty win his 200th NASCAR Grand National at a speed of 171.204 mph. And, watching King Richard edge out Cale Yarborough for the

win was the President of the United States. The country's Commander in Chief became Petty's honorary crew



Al Unser, Sr., '83 CART/PPG Indy car champ, is ready for Meadowlands, but it was Mario who ruled the track.

chief following the race.

Watkins Glen—They're racing again at the Glen and we wish we could have been there for the July 8 Camel Continental. The Holbert/ Bell/Adams Porsche won the IMSA GT.We'll risk N.Y. 17 speed traps to be there for the New York 500 Sept. 29-30.

Dallas—The battle for the World Driving Championship visited Texas for the first time and a packed fairgrounds saw Keke Rosberg win in the Williams/Honda Turbo V6.

Brands Hatch—What a day for Niki Lauda! He won his 22nd GP tying the record for GPs run (151). And, in winning the British F1 race, he became highest scorer in GP history. Mid-Ohio—There were no crowds at this beautiful track on the 25th—just resident goldfinches feasting in the thistles, oblivious to our trying

out VW's new Golf and Jetta.

By the time the VWs are on

sale (in Nov.) a lot of fans will

have enjoyed this circuit.

It's going to be a record year for motorsports attendance.

Racing of a different stripe



Jeep Cherokee is set up for desert racing.

Yellow and black are the colors of Renault/Jeep Sport. The trim on this white off-road racer tells you that Jeep is on the trail with its latest vehicle. The XJ Cherokee Sportwagon with its 250-hp V6 is running in the High Desert Racing Association's new Class 12 events. Don Adams is the pilot of the often-airborne XJ; he's in charge of four-point landings that are cushioned by 18 shock absorbers.

Watch for it in the sky near you, desert racing fans.

Overboard for Jags

It sounded like a great idea for a change of pace: a weekend of boats instead of cars. The Newport, R.I. Yachting Center was chockablock with a different kind of performance craft—slim, sliding-seat rowing shells; single-seater,

mini Twelves (see Sailin' Small!, page 80, Aug. '84) and a fleet of other fuel-efficient little hulls. The North Ameri-

can Small Boat Show saw a great gathering of trailer sailors and car toppers, and it had my undivided attention until the Jaguars started rolling into town. Little did I know that Newport was also hosting a whopping Jaguar festival over the Memorial Day weekend. The cats were everywhere, purring along Thames St., prowling the waterfront and stalking my determination to keep it a boating weekend. But at first sight of an absolutely pristine '52 XK 120 I knew I was on a busman's holiday. The 120s I saw were the real thing, all very rare and, happily, in the hands of owners who know how to keep corrosion at bay.

Another version of the 120 became

available just this year: a replica from British Motor Cars, Ltd. The owner-built sports car can pass as a '52 XK 120 unless you're a master at distinguishing hand-rubbed finish on sheet metal from



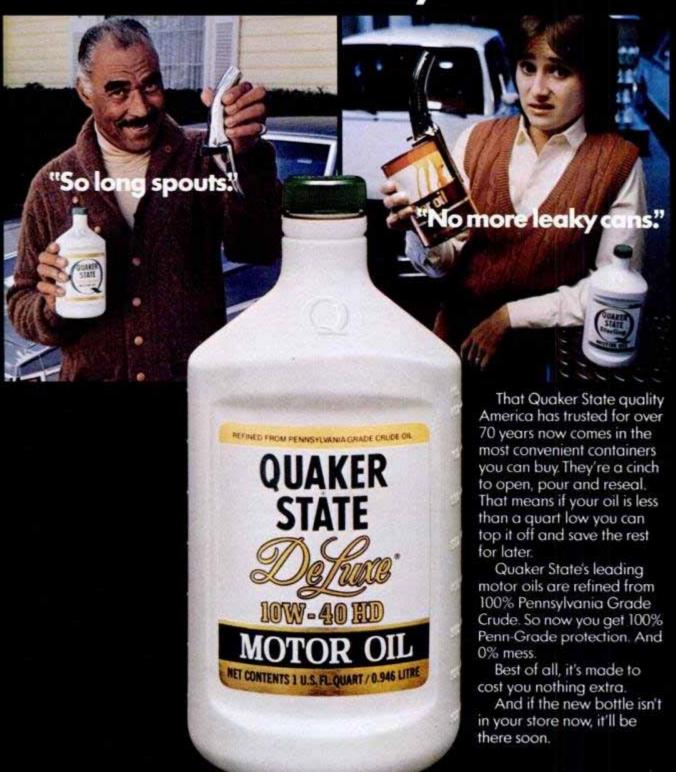
XK 120 is a replica from British Motor Cars.

luster gel-coat on fiberglass. The replica runs on Pinto, Bobcat or Mustang II underpinnings with either Four V6 or V8 power, and your choice of stick or automatic.

We were impressed with the assembly manual from BMC (100 Sonwil Industrial Park, Buffalo, N.Y. 14225), and the fact that you can carport it for about \$10,000. It's better than a boat any day.

Now, Quaker State comes in clean, easy to pour plastic bottles.

Exclusively.



Today you need an oil this good in a package this good.

ALL OUTDOORS



Sleek motor home



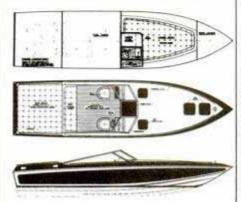
Rounded aerodynamic look is in, even in motor homes. Note the steeply raked windshield.

Winnebago is getting away from the boxy look in motor homes. Its new Elandan model, available in 28-, 31- and 34-foot lengths, features integrated automotive-type styling with a more aerodynamic 40 rake to the windshield. The improved aerodynamics increases fuel economy from the 454-cu.-in. Chevy engine so that it can now achieve 9 to 10 mpg as compared to the former 6 to 8 mpg. Another new feature for a Class A motor home is the design of the passenger door. The front end is designed like a truck's, with a steel substructure attached to the chassis for extra strength.

The large windshield is mounted in steel, not fiberglass. Steps are mounted inside the door frame and the batteries are mounted in the stepwell for an additional measure of security. To prevent leaks, the water and holding tanks are now seamless—molded of ABS plastic. Also, there is extra thick insulation installed in the roof, sidewalls and tail cap for quieter running and better heating and air conditioning efficiency.

Back-yard-built boat

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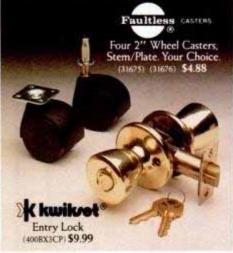
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Sitting pretty

Because I'm now raising my third child, I'm also on my third child restraint seat-the first two seats just didn't last. Had this sturdy, practical Bobob 2 seat been available when I bought my first one, I think I'd still be using it. It combines sleek European styling with maximum comfort and safety for a child. Well worth its cost (\$150), the Bobob's flat bottom doesn't dig into and ruin my upholstery. The seat's padding is attached with Velcro, so it pulls right out for easy cleaning. A big lever on the side reclines the seat and the five-point harness is easy to adjust, hook up and release, which encourages its use. The seat itself is made from high-strength. corrosion-resistant materials. It's imported from the Netherlands by Z.B. Sales Inc., 601 Eastover Parkway, Locust Grove, Va. 22508.-W.H.



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Flexible viewpoint



Gooseneck light keeps fingers from fan.

It's very easy to end up with a timing light (or your hand) against a moving part as you try to position the light on the timing marks. I found a neat solution to this potentially painful problem—a timing light with a thin head and a flexible gooseneck.

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Numbers racket

Even some relatively simple underhood jobs require you to undo lots of wiring connectors and hoses. If you're like me, you start wrapping numbered pieces of masking tape around everything. To avoid a confusing jumble of adhesive and the painstaking process of clearly marking masking tape, a new dispenser made by 3M is the answer. It contains 10 rolls of thin tape numbered from zero to nine, plus a cutting bar. Just wrap the same number on each half of a wiring connector or both the hose and its neck. Make up numbers past 10 by placing two strips side by side. The tape sticks well to rubber, plastic and wire, and replacement rolls are available. The dispenser is about \$15 at auto parts stores that carry the 3M line of body repair supplies.-Pete Warren



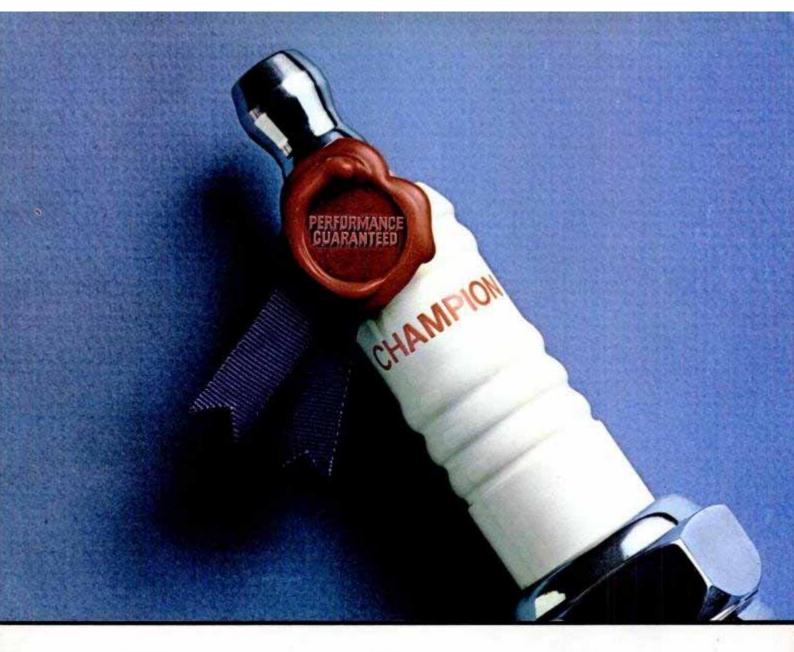
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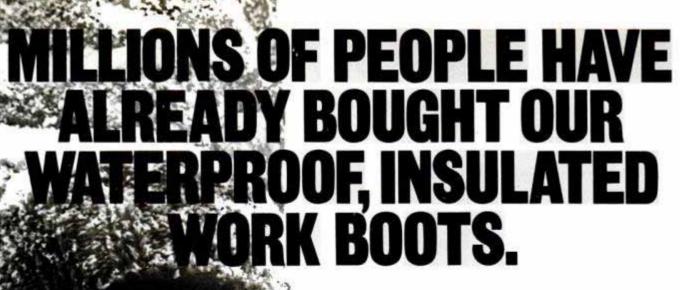
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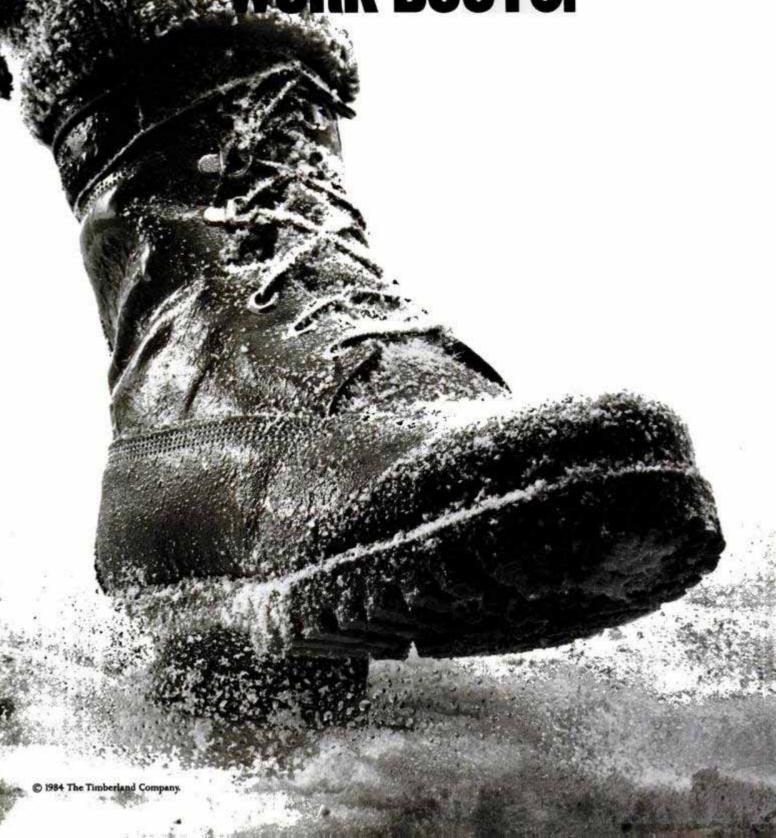
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APPLIANCE CLINIC



Dishwasher on the rampage

Help! My wife's Sears portable dishwasher, model No. 587.760614, serial No. 1706574-1077, is acting up, and she is threatening to buy a new one. With the controls set on pots and pans and normal temperature, the machine will run through four cycles and then fill up with water and never go into the wash cycle. The timer will run on through the other cycles but the machine doesn't drain the water. If you open the door (to a cloud of steam) and leave it open for 15 to 30 minutes to let it cool down, then the machine goes right into the wash cycle and completes the other cycles normally.

I have replaced both thermostat and timer, and checked the incoming water temperature (125° F.) with a candy thermometer. The Sears serviceman said the main motor was bad, but that doesn't make sense. I know there is a simple solution to this but I can't find it. Any help you can offer would be great-

ly appreciated—George Meister, Chillicothe, Ill.

I think the service people are probably right. It is very possible that water has gotten in the main motor upper bearing due to a slight leak in the water seal. The water may have formed rust in the bearing which puts a drag on the motor and causes it to overheat. When this happens, the temperature overload in the motor opens and the motor stops. When the motor cools down in 15 to 30 minutes, the overload again makes contact and the motor begins to run again.

Frozen line on ice maker

I am having a peculiar problem with the ice maker in our 10-year-old Amana refrigerator, model TM18J, serial No. A30802527. Every so often the feed tube for the water freezes. I have had Amana repair service come to see about the problem twice. They've replaced the water valve, the feed-through tube from the back of the refrigerator and the ice maker itself. Any suggestions?—V.C. Hoe, Sunny-vale, Calif.

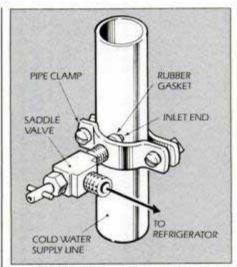
It sounds as if your problem may be with either the water line going to the ice maker water valve or possibly in the saddle valve which attaches to your domestic water supply.

A buildup of calcium in the tubing can cause the water pressure to be reduced. Or, sometimes a piece of nonsoluble material may be trapped under the seat of the water fill valve, causing the valve to seat improperly. This, in turn, would cause the water to drip past the valve and eventually freeze the water in the fill tube to the refrigerator's ice maker.

To check the tubing, follow the water fill tubing to the saddle valve. Turn the handle on the saddle valve clockwise until it seats.

Then, loosen and remove the nut which holds the tubing to the valve. Inspect the inside for any crustations or foreign objects. If there is a buildup inside the tubing, it would be advisable to replace it.

Next, turn off the water supply to the saddle valve. In some cases, you may have to turn off the water supply to the whole house. Once the water is off, remove the saddle valve and disassem-



Remove the tubing between the saddle valve and the refrigerator and inspect it for foreign objects or sediment buildup.

ble it. Inspect it carefully and remove any sediment found in the valve.

Also check the water line where the saddle valve was removed to be sure the hole is unrestricted. After reassembling the valve and turning on the domestic water, open the saddle valve and catch the water in a bucket. Let the water run until it runs clear. Then, you should close the saddle valve and attach the tubing.

Note: A sediment-type filter installed on the ice maker water-fill line might help correct your situation.

Refrigerator freezes food

I have a General Electric combination refrigerator/freezer, Model TC466VD, that quite often freezes everything in the refrigerator portion of the unit. What is wrong with it?—H.W. Graves, Oak Harbor, Wash.

It sounds as if your 1961 refrigerator compressor may need to be replaced. Over the years, the compressor may have worn internally. Now it is unable to compress enough of the refrigerant to satisfy the temperature control inside the unit. The refrigerator has to run and run to try to satisfy the control, and thus freezes the food.

To help get a little more life out of your refrigerator before you decide to have the compressor replaced or buy a new refrigerator, try cleaning the condenser thoroughly. To do this, unplug the refrigerator and remove the bottom grille cover. Use a vacuum cleaner and a long narrow brush, similar to a bottle brush, to remove whatever dust has accumulated on the condenser.

Most appliance parts stores sell a condenser cleaning brush if you can't locate a brush to do the job. Once the condenser is thoroughly clean, plug the refrigerator back in and make sure the condenser fan motor is running.

SERVICE TIP

To remove burned-on food and other matter that can clog holes in the cook-top burners of a gas range, periodically remove and soak the assemblies for several hours in a solution of hot water and soap. Clean the burner surface with a stiff nylon-bristle brush. Clear the burner holes and the hole at the base with a stiff wire or pin. Then rinse and dry.

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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CAR CLINIC



Springtime in the Alleghenys

I have a 1978 Pontiac Bonneville that has a 301-cu.-in. engine. The choke plate doesn't close by itself, making cold-engine starting difficult unless I close the plate by hand. Two garages can't find the cause, but they both cleaned the plate and choke linkage. Can you help?—Clair R. Stover. Bellefonte. Pa.

One of two conditions exists: The

bimetallic thermostatic spring that forces the choke plate closed is shot, or the carburetor is warped and keeping the choke plate open. In your case, the spring possibility is the most likely. I doubt the carburetor is warped, so replace the spring. Then, check all choke, vacuum break and fast-idle adjustments, following procedures in the GM manual or a general repair manual.

Can't bear it any longer We have experienced bearing failure

We have experienced bearing failure with the five-speed transmissions of 1981 and 1982 Toyota diesel pickup trucks. The problem has hit us like clockwork every 25,000 to 30,000 miles. Since these trucks are driven 30,000 miles in six months, the situation is becoming very costly. The 1981 truck has had five new bearings; the 1982, one so far. It's our understanding from speaking with other owners of Toyota pickups and transmission mechanics that this is widespread. Do you know anything about it?—G.M. Burnett, Bione Truck Service, Christopher, Ill.

The reason for the failure is quite simple. The bearing originally put into these transmissions was inadequate. So, in June 1982, a new elliptical bearing that provides more roller surface was issued.

This fact raises a rather interesting question: If this improved bearing is supposed to prevent failure, why are the bearings in your trucks still falling

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Rocked by a block

Last Halloween, the detent blocker in the manual transaxle of my 1981 Plymouth TC3 Miser snapped and dropped into the gearbox. It broke teeth off the main input shaft, causing a mess that cost \$350 to get fixed. Is there anything I can do to prevent this expensive damage from recurring?—James Schnur, Manassas, Va.

"Anything" hopefully was done when you had the transaxle fixed. No one admits that the original A-460 transaxle was deficient. However, a beefier blocker assembly, installed in 1984 Chrysler models, is being issued to replace A-460 transaxles in pre-1984 models needing overhaul. The new assembly has a thicker detent spring which should prevent the trouble you had last year.

Be poised for noise

Between this month's and last month's column. I encountered two noise conditions I want to bring to your attention. The first concerns a 1982 Pontiac Grand Prix equipped with a 3.8-liter V6 driven more than 50,000 miles. The noise was a continuous clicking that became more rapid as engine speed increased. It came from inside the engine compartment, but not from the engine itself. The culprit was the air diverter valve of the Air Injection Reaction (AIR) system. Corrosion had eaten through the steel pipe containing the valve. That's the pipe that extends from the air pump to the exhaust manifold. The solution is to replace the steel pipe, which costs \$30 to \$50.

This problem is common on GM engines with AIR systems when they hit 40,000 to 50,000 miles. Even if your car exceeds the 50,000-mile emissions

system warranty period when the noise starts, ask your dealer to contact a zone office to request free repair. The problem should not recur, since the new pipe is stainless steel.

The second noise I came across was on a 1984 Thunderbird. It occurred mainly on acceleration, but was also heard at idle. The best way I can describe it is a resonance. The cause of this noise turned out to be the heat shield vibrating against the catalytic converter. I solved the problem by removing and reshaping the shield.

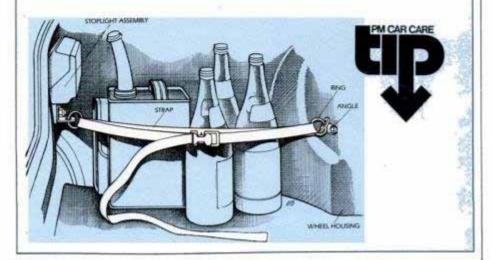
Strapped

Here's a super idea from Dwight Williamson of Mission Viejo, Calif., on stowing objects kept in the trunk:

To keep articles from tumbling and making messy spills, install adjustable cargo straps using two 90° metal angles, two round key rings and one 4- or 6-foot strap that has a quick release. Start by removing one of the nuts on a stoplight assembly bolt, slip one of the metal angles

on the bolt and reattach the nut. Now, drill a hole in the rear fender liner to accommodate the heavy-duty sheet metal screw that holds the other metal angle. Caution: Stay away from the gas tank filler pipe.

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Automotive

CAR CLINIC

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apart? The answer is that Toyota is depleting the old stock of bearings before making the new ones available. Make sure you get the new bearing if you have another failure by giving your dealer this part number: 90356-32011.

Grease-free diet

A greasy film keeps forming on the inside windows, especially the windshield, of my 1983 Plymouth Reliant, Two Plymouth dealers have failed to correct the condition. Neither can they explain the cause. Any suggestions?—W.J. Ross, Riverdale, Ill.

Yes—several. All car owners should take heed. This problem can affect any car or pickup truck that has interior vinyl components, if only a vinyl-covered instrument panel.

A plasticizer is added to vinyl to keep it soft and flexible, and to prevent coldweather cracking. The plasticizer boils off when it gets hot in the vehicle, and the vapor settles on the glass.

Manufacturers admit there is no solution for the problem, but you can minimize the condition by doing the following:

Alphabet soup, second serving

"I read your PM Car Care Tip on GM letter designations of cars (Car Clinic, page 14, Apr. '84)," writes Glenn Stinn of Columbus, Neb. "It was very interesting and informative. But how about the rest of the story—how do Chrysler and Ford designate their cars?"

Here's how-

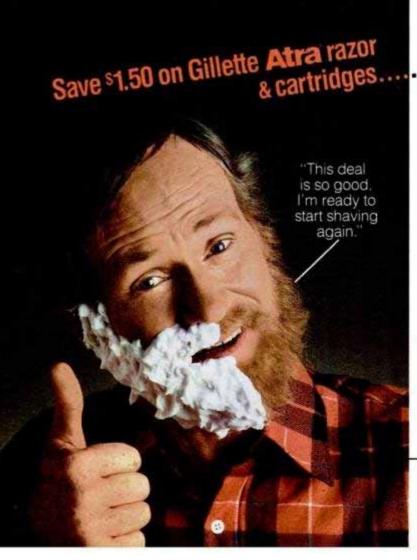


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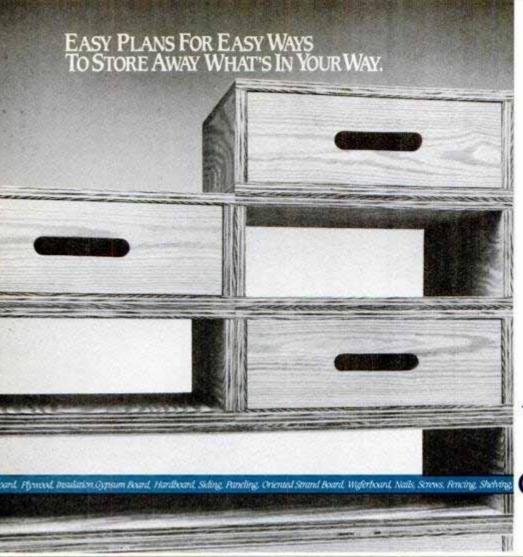
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Whenever you wash the outside of the vehicle, wipe vinyl components with a damp cloth.

4. Manufacturers suggest that you clean windows with a household glass cleaner. I find ammonia and water just as effective. Remember that the longer you allow film to remain on glass, the tougher it is to get the film off the windows.

I've also encountered film forming on the outside of the windshield that smears as the wipers work. This is caused by liquid wax left on the glass after it has been washed in an automatic car wash. To avoid this condition, clean the windshield after having the car washed.

Clean wax from the wiper blades with a 50/50 windshield washer fluid and water solution or a 50/50 methanol and water solution. Then, rinse the blades with clear water.

Fair-weather friend

Two months after I bought a 1984 Ford Bronco II, its V6 engine began stalling in wet weather. The engine starts promptly, but it stalls persistently unless it's sunny. The dealer can't pinpoint the source of the problem. Can you help us?—Joel MacDonald, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Quite possibly. There's a choke relay on the right side of the engine compartment that receives signals from the microprocessor. In wet weather, dampness causes it to short out. Have this relay replaced.

The new one, which has no part number yet, comes with a cover to protect it from moisture.

If this does not solve the problem, ask your mechanic to check all other electronic components for possible moisture exposure.

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 answered individually, problems that are of general interest will be discussed in the column.

SERVICE TIPS

■ If all else fails to rid a 1984 2.5-liter GM engine of spark knock, install a new PROM (part No. 1226909) in the electronic control module. This fix applies only to cars with automatic transaxles.

■ Chrysler also has a cure for spark knock that occurs under acceleration. The repair involves 1982½-1984 2.2-liter engines with two-barrel carburetors. Install a 1.5-inch vacuum reducer valve (part No. 4275688) as called for in technical service bulletin (TSB) 14-03-84.

■ Ford warns that loss of power, misfiring and rough running from 1984 Tempo and Topaz 2.3-liter High Swirl Combusion (HSC) engines can be symptomatic of preignition. Preignition can cause burned or melted sparkplugs, valves, pistons and cylinder heads. Procedures for checking these symptoms are outlined in TSB 84-10-8.

■ If you find water in the air cleaner of a GM car equipped with a 1.8-liter turbo engine, drill a 4-mm (½-in.) hole in a lower rib of the air cleaner cover. Refer GM dealers to Buick TSB 84-6E-13.

■ Honda has issued a kit (Honda Control No. 1796176) to prevent sparkplug fouling in 1984 1.3-liter Civic and CRX engines during short-range, low-speed, cold-weather driving. Details are spelled out in TSB 84-025. The company has extended the warranty to repair this condition to five years or 50,000 miles.

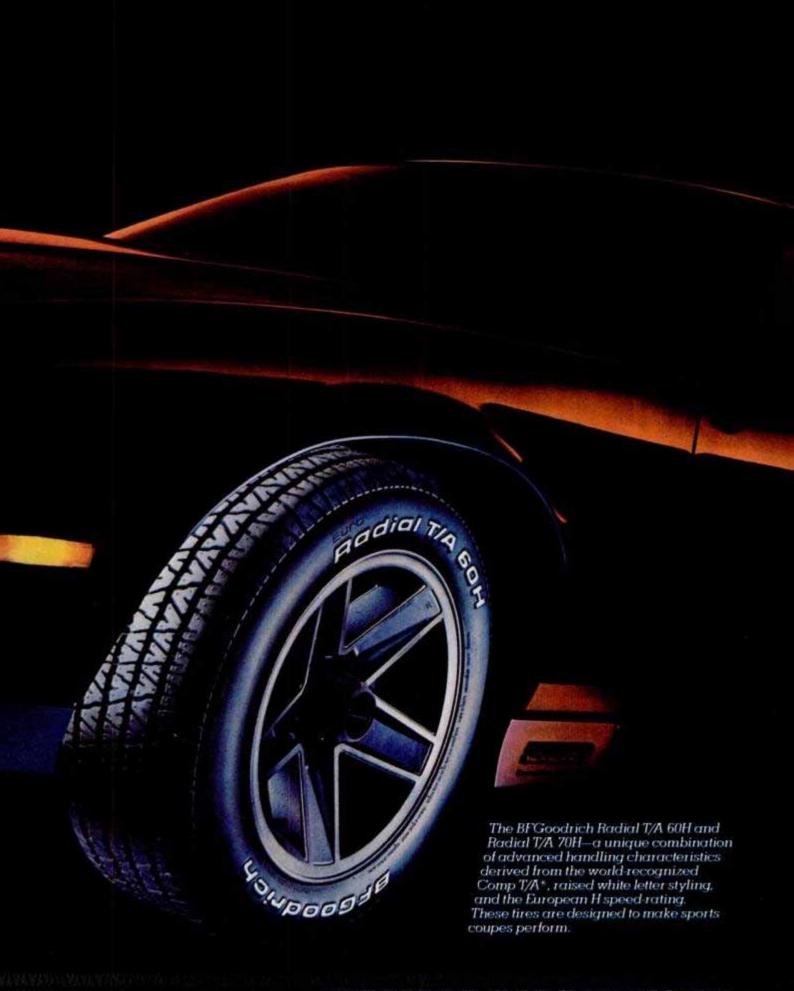
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Ridge vent retrofit reduces heat load

My ranch home is about 20 years old. It has a 90-ft, long roof and the width of the house is about 30 ft. The roof deck is in excellent condition, but the shingles need to be replaced soon. I was told that this would be the right time to retrofit the roof with a ridge vent, which would eliminate the need of running the attic fan for hours on a hot summer day.

Can you advise me on the feasibility of this project and also if this is a do-ityourself job?—Wallace Reidlinger, Far Hills, N.J.

From your letter, I assume you have asphalt composition shingles on your roof. These shingles generally have a projected life of 17 to 22 years. Yes, this would be a good time to install a ridge vent (a low-profile continuous louvered opening that runs almost the full length of the roof ridge). Actually, anytime, weather permitting, is the right time to retrofit a roof with a ridge vent. The installation is independent of the condition of the shingles. It is a do-it-yourself project providing that you observe the normal safety precautions when working on the roof.

I installed a ridge vent on my house about 12 years ago. I have been living in my house for 18 years, and found that the ridge vent is very effective in reducing the heat load during the summer months and minimizing the moisture buildup in the attic during the winter.

For maximum airflow through the attic, the ridge vent should work in conjunction with soffit vents. If you don't already have soffit vents, you should install them when you put in the ridge vent.

You can buy ridge vents at home centers and lumberyards. One supplier, the Leslie-Lock Building Products Co., Box 723727, Atlanta, Ga. 30339, makes ridge vents in interlocking 4-ft. sections called Ridge Runner. They sell for \$12.50 per section.

Noisy furnace fan

I have a problem with my forced-air furnace. The cold-air return chamber is right under the unit in the front. When the heater is on and the fan is running, there is a high fan noise. Is there any way that I can dampen this noise?—Ray J. Swensen, Eureka, Calif.

Fan noise is usually caused by vibrations of the fan-motor assembly or, if the return is inadequately sized, by air rushing through the grille. Sometimes it's a combination of both.

Since the louvers on a grille will reduce the effective opening, try removing the grille. If there is no change in noise level, you've eliminated the return size as a problem. If the noise level decreases, you will need a larger return or a grille with less air resistance.

Next, check the fan and motor assembly. Resecure any loose sections.

You can decrease the noise level

from the fan and motor by lining the blower compartment with a matted fiberglass acoustic liner. The liner comes in 1/2- and 1-in. thickness and can be glued to the sides of the compartment. The acoustic liner is manufactured by insulation companies such as Owens-Corning and should be available through heating/air-conditioning contractors.

You can further reduce the noise (if space permits) by covering the return opening with a lined duct that has an open end several feet away from the fan compartment.

Auxiliary hot-water tank

Our domestic hot water is provided by a coil in the boiler, a common method which is inadequate when a large quantity of hot water is wanted, since there is no storage beyond the small contents of the coil. Is there a way that a wellinsulated storage tank could be connected into the system and kept hot by thermal convection from the present furnace coil? Would any special precautions or valving be required?—Edward Caldicott, Huntington, N.Y.

Yes to both questions. A tank will greatly improve the effectiveness of your hot-water system. The tank which should have a minimum capacity of 30 gal. can be connected directly to the hot-water coils. If possible, the tank should be positioned above the coil outlet so that the hot water will circulate between the tank and the coil by gravity (hot water rises, forcing cooler water down).

If, because of space limitations, the tank cannot be positioned above the coil, recirculate the hot water by using a circulating pump. There is one big precaution. There must be a relief valve either on the tank or on the hot water outlet pipe which is both temperature and pressure sensitive.

A combination tank/pump assembly, available through plumbing supply companies, is called an Aqua Booster. The 30-gal. unit lists for about \$400, although you may be able to get a discount. Installation is extra.

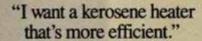
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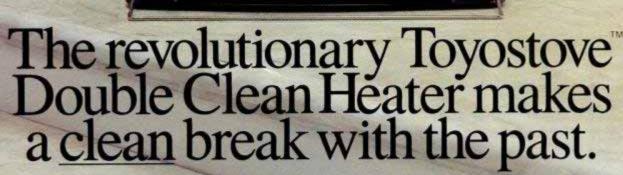
SERVICE TIP

When insulating an attic, most homeowners tend to overlook the area over the folding attic staircase. This passage allows living area heat to escape in winter and intensify in summer. The Styro/Dome Corp. has developed a dome-shaped, insulated attic door that fits over the stair opening. The unit, which has a thermal resistance (R-value) of 13.25, costs about \$189. It can be installed in minutes, and is sized to fit the standard folding attic stair with a rough opening of 25½ × 54 in. For more information, write to: Styro/Dome Corp., Box 220, Yorktown Heights, N.Y. 10598.





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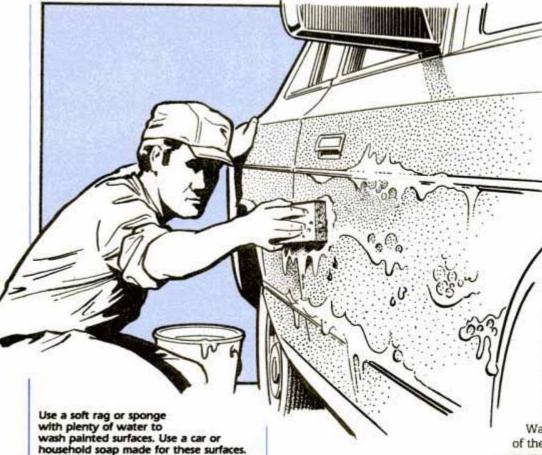
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side is to use the pressure washer wand at a self-service carwash. But you can do the job at home with a brush, soap and a garden hose if a self-service facility isn't available.

Using a soft brush, scrub the inside of the wheel wells, the inside of the doormounting areas, the underside of the front and rear bumpers and as much of the chassis as you can reach. Rinse off all of the soap with the pressure washer or with your garden hose.

Make sure you don't knock off any undercoating while you're scrubbing. After the wash job, inspect the bottom for missing undercoating or corrosion. If you find bare spots, get rid of

any rust and apply an aerosol rustproofer. Undercoating (a thick sound-deadener) is less critical—restore it if you like.

Soap it up

Once you've cleaned and inspected the nasty parts, you can trade in your coveralls for a swimsuit for the rest of the job.

Don't use laundry or dish detergent for washing your car since their greasecutting formulas can remove wax. A general household cleaner, recommended for use on painted walls, is okay, but the best choice is one of the carwash soaps sold in auto parts stores. Make sure you get a product that is meant to be mixed with water and rinsed off. The flushing action of a good rinse is an important part of the wash job. Use a garden hose for rinsing—a bucket of water isn't enough. It's best not to use a high-pressure spray wand on the exterior but, if you must, keep it well away from the car and use cold or lukewarm water, not hot.

If you're using a household cleaner, mix a solution somewhat weaker than what is recommended for painted walls. If you're using a commercial carwash product, mix according to directions on the label. Unless otherwise indicated, use warm water, not hot.

Never attempt to wash or wax a car in the sun—a cloudy day or well-shaded area is best.

Before you begin washing, have the garden hose standing by, ready to rinse. You can't allow soap to dry on the car or it can cause streaks and spotting in the wax (if any) remaining on the car.

Begin by washing the roof. Use a sponge or soft cloth and rinse immediately. Then move on to the hood or deck lid and finally the doors.

fenders and quarter panels. Work in areas that are small enough to allow complete rinsing before the soap dries. After a thorough rinsing, dry the car with a chamois that has been water-saturated and wrung out. Keep wringing the chamois as it collects water.

Wash tires and whitewalls with one of the cleaners sold specifically for this purpose. Use a stiff brush and follow the directions on the product's label. Use clean, soft rags and a liquid glass cleaner to wash the windows. To remove the film that accumulates on the inside surface of the windows, use an ammonia cleaner.

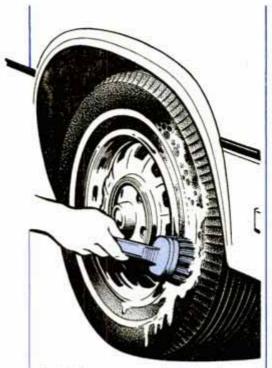
Surface spots

Check the vehicle's painted surface. If there are bug or tar spots, use a commercially available paint-cleaning solvent to remove them. Follow the directions on the label—not all solvents



Rinse each area of the car immediately after it is washed. Wash a small area at a time and do not allow the soap to dry, or it will leave marks on the paint.





Special cleaners are available for tires and for cast aluminum wheels. Use a stiff brush to remove brake dust and grime.

are fully compatible with every type of paint. Test in an inconspicuous place, such as the door-mounting area, before applying solvent to the exterior.

If the finish is lightly scratched or spotted with material that cannot be removed with solvent, you can probably clean it up with a little polishing compound. Apply fine polishing (not rubbing) compound to a small area with a damp cloth. Rub only until the foreign matter has been removed or the scratch has disappeared. Don't overdo it and don't rub on an edge or you'll end up with a bare spot. Don't try to compound areas larger than a couple of inches across in this manner.

Beautify with polish

The polishing operation is next. This is important because it beautifies and protects the finish. While two- and three-step polish systems are available, there are many single-step products that give excellent results. In fact, there are a tremendous number of products available and a couple of different ways to do the job. For our purposes, we'll use the term "polish" to describe all the types of paint-beautifying products that are intended for use as a final operation.

The newest category of polish products includes compounds called *polymer glaze* or *protectant*. This is the type of coating the new car dealer tries to sell you for upwards of \$100. They are now available in kit form from auto parts stores for \$6 to \$30. The higherpriced kits include preparatory cleaning compounds.

Polymers are shiny by nature, so buffing is not required. The products reportedly screen ultraviolet rays, which cause paint to fade, and they last for six months to a year. A restorative is packaged with some of the more expensive kits that will preserve the shine over an extended period of time if applied at six-month intervals.

Protection vs. sheen

Most detailers feel that polymers offer long-term protection and a certain amount of gloss, but that they can't produce the type of deep, lustrous sheen that some other products can, particularly those that are applied with an electric or air-powered polisher.

Most polishes contain wax, silicone, abrasives, and/or chemical solvents. The abrasives or solvents are for removing dirt and faded paint, while the silicone and wax produce the glaze. These products are available as one- or two-component systems. Some are intended only for hand application, while others are designed to be applied with a power polisher.

Products containing a high percentage of wax produce the best initial luster, but wax breaks down faster than most other polishing products. Silicone polishes form a more durable barrier than waxes—they don't oxidize—but initial gloss is not quite as good. You can tell which type of glaze is predominant in the formula by reading the label and list of ingredients. One-component products clean and polish in one step, while two-component compounds require separate operations.

Many of the one-component products—particularly those sold for metallic paint finishes—do not contain abrasives. These usually contain a cleaning solvent of some type to remove dirt that washing can't dislodge. Use this nonabrasive type of polish if your car does not have surface scratches.

Remove stains and scratches

If the car has surface scratches or a moderate amount of faded paint and oxidation, use a two-component polish or a one-component type that contains abrasives. (Heavily faded, oxidized or stained paint calls for machine compounding of the entire car.) If a product's label doesn't tell you whether abrasives are included, you can tell by rubbing some between your thumb and finger. If it's abrasive, you'll feel a slight grit.

You also have liquid and paste prod-

ucts to choose from. In general, liquid products are not as prone to rub through the paint. This is particularly important if you're going to apply the product with a machine.

If you want to use a wax and/or silicone polish and you don't mind polishing at fairly frequent intervals—like once a month—you can do a reasonably good job by hand. But, if you'd like to produce an ultrahigh-gloss shine that will last for six months or more, you should rent an automotive polishing machine.

Machine polishing

Auto parts stores that specialize in supplying body shops sell polishes of all types that are intended for use with a polishing machine. The counterman should be able to tell you what type of pad to use and how fast the machine should run with the product you choose. Polishing machines can be rented from tool-rental stores.

It's very important that you get a machine that runs at the right speed so the surface glaze will harden. Too fast

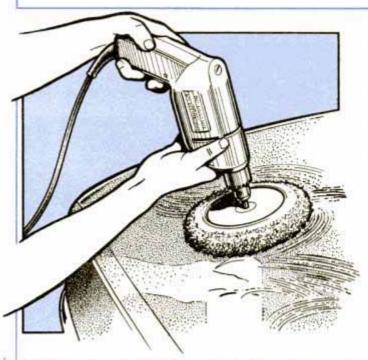


Remove stubborn stains and light scratches with fine polishing compound (not rubbing compound). Rub lightly with a damp cloth.

and you'll burn through the paint. Too slow and the glaze won't last as long as it should.

A third alternative is a polishing pad mounted on an electric drill. Available through a variety of consumer-oriented outlets, these are generally okay for use with polishes intended for application by hand because they run at relatively low speed and will stall if a significant





Polishing pads can be fitted to an electric drill for buffing. A power polisher, used with a product formulated for power buffing, will give a longer-lasting shine.

amount of pressure is applied.

There are some general guidelines to follow, although you should always follow label directions. Work in the shade or on a cloudy day whether you're using a machine or applying by hand. Apply the polish to a small areaabout 2 feet square.

If you're using a polishing machine, begin by rubbing a small amount of polish evenly into the pad. Work it in well, coating the entire surface. This will condition the pad so it won't soak up the polish you'll be applying to the vehicle.

Apply the polish directly to the vehicle, using only the amount specified in the instructions to avoid clogging the pad. Then, spread the polish around the 2-sq.-ft. work area before turning on the machine. Experts suggest four full passes with the polishing machine to produce a perfect gloss—if the machine is used at the right speed, with the correct amount of polish, and if the pad is not gummed up and dirty. Keep the pad flat against the paint surface and don't bear down.

You might not be able to reach some areas with the machine, so, polish these sections by hand.

If you use a carpet-type pad and it starts to block up, you should clean it by loosening the accumulated polish with a dull screwdriver or similar tool. If you're using a lambs wool- or spongetype pad, it shouldn't block up unless you've been applying too much polish. When you've finished the polishing

operation, clean the pad in your washing machine and save it for future use.

Finally, wash the car with lukewarm water and a soft rag to remove any polish residue. Make sure to remove any polish that is caught in crevices. If you leave it there, it will attract moisture that will eventually lead to corrosion. Dry the car with a chamois.

If you used abrasive polish on the painted surfaces, don't use it

on chrome, aluminum or anodized aluminum (black chrome) trim. Instead, use a nonabrasive polish sold specifically for use on these surfaces. There are even some that are specifically formulated for anodized aluminum and for plastic.

Some detailers and body shop mechanics use engine oil to protect the chrome-plated steel parts of their vehicles. Believe it or not, this offers terrific rust protection and a fairly good shine. The drawback is that it collects dirt. But, if you adhere to once-a-week washing and reapplication of the oil, dirt shouldn't be a big problem. When cleaning oiled chrome, don't use the rags that you use on the rest of the car.

Before applying oil, cover the driveway under the bumpers with a dropcloth or newspapers. Liberally apply the oil with a rag and allow it to soak for several minutes before wiping off the excess with a clean rag.

Tricks of the trade

Detailers use a few other tricks to make cars look new. The application of black rubber dressing on the tires, for example, will make them look very nice. If you don't take a good look at the tread, the tires might pass for new. The dressing may also help preserve the rubber. Applied with a paintbrush, the coating leaves the tire sidewalls shiny black. Check the instructions on the can to make sure it's compatible with all types of tires before using it.

Engine cleanup is a part of the detailing job as well. Engine-cleaning compounds are available from auto parts stores for this purpose. They are sprayed on, allowed to soak in for a while, then hosed off. Make sure you cover all electronic components with plastic bags before attempting to clean an engine. Avoid spraying water directly on these components.

Once the engine is clean, the pros will sometimes spray the entire engine compartment (except the exhaust manifolds) with a clear high-temperature paint. This paint will make hoses look like new and will brighten up what is left of the engine's original paint job.

The inside story

There are special products made for cleaning vinyl upholstery. Harsh detergents, abrasives or cleaning fluids just won't do—instead, they'll damage the surface. Vinyl repair kits are available from specialty mail-order houses.

For cloth upholstery, use a whiskbroom or a vacuum cleaner to remove ordinary dirt. Car upholstery is unlike home-furniture upholstery in that it is



Rubber dressing, applied to the sidewalls, will make your tires look dark, shiny and new. It also helps preserve the rubber.

chemically treated with a flame retardant, and sometimes with other products that make it stain resistant. Work on any stain immediately or blot up or scrape off as much of the stain as you can, and treat it as soon as possible.

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Avanti garde



Christmas. Modern chassis design by Herb Adams (right) will slip into '86 cars.

Just when we were getting used to Steve Blake's Avanti company as a reliable producer of the neoclassic Studebaker design, the folks in South Bend, Ind., spring two new items on us.

The first to see production will be a convertible variant of the original Loewy design. When it's available late this year, buyers will get a choice of two new suspension packages-a softride special and a GT option.

Even more exciting is the emergence of a two-seater, scheduled for introduction late in '85. This car will be Avanti's first use of an all-new chassis design by former Pontiac engineer Herb Adams that will find its way under the current body shell in early '86. With backbone construction, a torque tube and '85 Corvette aluminum IRS rear end, the chassis is expected to be hundreds

of pounds lighter than the present framework. Eight inches of wheel travel, full side frame rails and solid mounting to the body are all aimed at retaining Avanti's exceptional noise and bump isolation. And the classic Avanti kingpins have been retired in favor of a modern A-frame front suspension. Initial testing will take

place on the racetrack, just like in the grand old days of car building.

Jeep Comanche XJ pickup

As reported here almost one year ago (Cherokee XJ Pickup, page 14, Nov. '83), AMC/Jeep is set to introduce its XJ pickup derivation of the downsized Cherokee/Pioneer/Wagoneer utility vehicles. The pickup will be called the Comanche and be released in the '86 model year.

The new pickup will be available in two-wheel and four-wheel drive. Standard equipment will include the Command-Trac shift-on-the-fly 4wd.

All three engines in the XJ lineup will be available with the Comanche, in combinations of short box, long box, two- or four-wheel drive. They are the GM-built, 2.8-liter gasoline V6; the Renault 2.1-liter turbodiesel Four and AMC's own 2.5-liter gasoline Four with throttle-body fuel injection. AMC's 2.5 will be the standard powerplant. The standard gearbox is a five-speed manual, with a Chrysler-built three-speed automatic as an option.

Other standard equipment will include power-assisted front disc/rear drum brakes, 1,200-pound cargo capacity, P195/75R15 steel radial tires and a three-year, no-rust-through corrosion warranty.

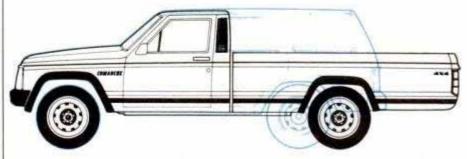
According to AMC's preproduction specs, the Comanche XJ sports an

overall length of 194.1 in. and overall width of 66.1 in. on a wheelbase of 119.7 in. This is competition for the 130.8-in. wheelbase of the full-size J-10 and J-20 Jeep pickups and the 101.4-in. wheelbase of Cherokee/Wagoneer. Standard Comanche cargo box specs show a length of 88.6 in., width of 55.4 in., depth of 16.1 in. and 43.7 in. between wheelhouses. Its wheelhouse width, a major factor in load-carrying convenience, is about 3 in, wider than the Chevy S-10 and Ford Ranger small pickups, though both of those trucks hold greater volumes. If the incredible popularity of the downsized XJ wagons is any indicator, the new Comanche ought to be another grand-slam success for AMC/Jeep.

Bag it or buckle it?

After 15 years of wishy-washy delays, the federal government has ruled that carmakers must install automatic seat belts or air bags in 10 percent of their cars by the '87 model year. The percentage of equipped vehicles will rise in successive increments to 100 percent after five years unless, loophole lovers. states with two-thirds of the U.S. population pass mandatory seat belt-use

The Big Three automakers are praising the DOT's loophole provision and crossing their fingers, hoping states pass seat belt legislation-this way they can avoid installing the bags. All three-GM, Ford and Chrysler-said (Please turn to page 44)



AMC's downsized Comanche pickup will be a cut-down and extended Cherokee XJ. Options will include a short box, long box, 2wd, 4wd, three engines and two transmissions.

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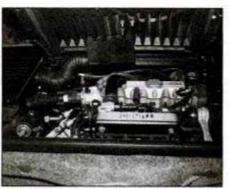
they would lobby legislatures to pass the laws. Could this mean American automobile customers will pay for it (in higher car prices) to cover their lobbying expenses?

It would take a good 10 to 15 years for air bags to work their way into most of the cars on the road, and most experts I've talked to feel that they're less effective than properly designed seat belts. The bags provide less protection in fewer kinds of routine impacts than the less-costly three-point seat belt systems already in cars.

The federal ruling coincides with the New York State law that says all frontseat passengers and children under 16 must buckle up or face a fine of \$50. New York is the first state to pass a beltup-or-pay-up law. However, the homestate of the auto industry put off a mandatory seat belt proposal late last year. Michigan's legislature backed off the proposal after two state congressmen were unceremoniously dumped for their support of an unrelated tax measure. Recall fever was in the air, so the belt bill was put off until this year and, thus far, languishes in obscurity.

Turbo Fiero

Yes, that's a photo of a turbo under the hood of a Pontiac Fiero. No, you can't buy it from the factory because it's just an engineering exercise. However, if you really want one, you can have it. The engine is the 150-hp overhead cam 1.8 turbo already being installed in the Sunbird 2000, so if you check the wrecking yards you might find one. The



The 150-hp 1.8-liter Four is a slick fit in the Fiero's engine bay. You can do it.

engine is almost a drop-in according to a Pontiac engineer. Aftermarket turbos for the 2.5-liter engine are another possibility, but the 1.8-liter turbo leaves the engine compartment more serviceable. Or you can do what the factory is doing for '85: stuff in a 2.8-liter Chevy V6.

Ear to the ground

Spy shorts: It seems certain that Buick's two-seat sports car will be under public scrutiny by the spring of '87. This will follow the late-'86 introduction of the Pininfarina-bodied Cadillac Callisto, the \$50,000 two-seater likely to be finished at GM's ultramodern plant in suburban Hamtramck. Also spotted is a possible two-way Opel deal: Opel would send its sporty Ascona J-car front-driver here as an '87 replacement for the Cadillac Cimarron, and get Europeanized Pontiac Fieros in return.

Better headlights: Responding to petitions sponsored by GM and AMC, NHTSA has started making rules for a new GM-designed sealed-beam headlamp system. The Type F-class system is a four-lamp rectangular installation about half the size of the smallest lamps now legal. And, according to GM, it offers an aerodynamic design with better aim and more candlepower at less weight.

Joint Venture II: GM and Korean carmaker Daewoo inked a pact worth nearly a half billion dollars to produce 167,000 front-drive subcompacts for the '87 model year. Fifty percent of the brand-new designs could be sold here through Pontiac. Take that, Chevy! FM

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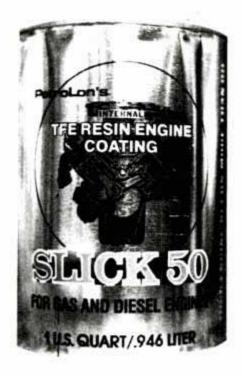
WHAT IS POLY? "Poly" is short for polytetrafluoroethylene (TFE). It is the slipperiest substance known to man (1981) Guiness Book of World Records, p. 188). The Petrolon Corporation, makers of Slick 50, has invented a way to permanently bind this slippery chemical to your engine with one treatment. All you do is add one quart of Slick 50 to your oil during oil and filter change. By reducing engine friction, Slick 50 increases gas mileage and horsepower and reduces engine operating temperature, thus causing your oil and engine to last longer. Just as important, it reduces metal wear, defraying costly overhauls.

HOW DO I KNOW THIS ISN'T A FRAUD? Slick 50 has some very impressive credentials. The "Consumers Digest" magazine (March/April, 1982, p. 35) states "Slick 50 does reduce engine heat and ordinary wear, and our informal tests indicate that it will improve gas mileage by about 2 or 3 miles per gallon." Researchers at the Franklin Institute Research Laboratory, after applying a powerful ultrasonic cleaning process to a Slick 50 treated engine, were surprised at its permanence. They stated, "We actually expected the Petrolon Slick-50 TFE Resin coating to also be removed, but later found it was still there."

The FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) has fully accepted Slick 50 Aircraft Piston Engine Treatment (F.A.R. #33.49). An FAA test simulating 1400 hours of engine use (equivalent to about 70,000 miles on a car) showed almost zero engine wear!

2500 miles after removing Slick 50 from the crankcase, lab tests at a leading university engineering experiment station showed that the benefits of Slick 50 were still there. They reported a horsepower increase of 16.9% and 9.9% for light and heavy loading respectively. The senior engineering researcher at the University of Southern California in San Diego stated this, "Slick 50 does increase horsepower and decreases fuel consumption in tests done at the university."The Space Shuttle Columbia uses the chemical "poly" in its gears and bearings because it is the only chemical lubricant which can withstand the heat and corrosive elements of space.

Perhaps most dramatic of all is a tor-



ture test overseen by the Automotive Services Council for Pennsylvania and shown on television station WTVE. Three cars with between 75,000 and 129,000 miles on them were treated with Slick 50. Six months later the oil was drained from each vehicle, and the cars were driven without the oil plugs for about a half hour. The water temperature never rose, and the engines sustained no apparent damage. There are many more tests available. If you are still skeptical, send \$2.00 to defray printing and postage costs, and we will send you additional, more detailed test information, etc.

HOW DO YOU TREAT AN ENGINE? Very simply. A few minutes before oil and filter change, add engine flush (sent free with each order) to clean out the engine. Let the engine idle for 10 minutes. Then drain the oil, change the filter, and add the proper amount of oil less one quart. Add one quart Slick 50, drive for 30 minutes, and leave it in the crankcase for 3,000 miles. As the engine operates, the oil carries the polytetrafluoroethylene between the parts where it is burnished into the pores of the metal. Once impregnated, it is permanent, so you do it only once, not each time you change oil. One quart of Slick 50 will treat all standard 4-, 6-, and 8-cylinder gasoline and diesel engines.

WILL IT WORK WITH MOST OILS? Yes, Slick 50 will work with all petroleum-based oils and all synthetics that are compatible with petroleum-based oils. An exception is graphite oils. However, once an engine is treated, you can go back to a graphite type if desired.

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Rolling thunder

The Compact Disc revolution is thundering out of the home and going for a ride. Laser-read digital audio disc players from Sony, Pioneer and others will be available soon for in-dash mounting. This means your car stereo system will be equally capable of reproducing distortion-free concert hall dynamics as CD-based home systems are.

Sony's the first company to fit all the parts of a CD player into a dashboard cavity. The company's CDX-5 and CDX-7 models boast a laser playback assembly one-third the size of home units. Contributing to the shrinkage feat is a single, very-large-scale integrated circuit, newly developed to handle all laser-tracking mechanics and digital





AM and FM radio fits right into the dashboard with Sony's model CDX-7 automotive Compact Disc player. Ploneer's autosound Compact Disc player, the CDX-1, offers motorists multiple convenience features.

signal processing functions.

While Sony's CDX-5 is a CDplayer-only model, the CDX-7 adds FM stereo and AM radio to the mobile jukebox. All CD player and radio functions are controlled from the dashboard unit, but to conserve space, some components of the radio tuner assembly are housed in an outboard module. This is mounted out of sight behind the dashboard.

Pioneer's CDX-1 is a CD player only. Like the Sony CDX-7, the Pioneer model is a two-piece system. The CD loading mechanism and function controls are mounted in-dash, and the digital signal processing components are contained in another chassis for discrete installation elsewhere in the car.

Micro computer newcomers



Epson's briefcase-size Geneva PX-8 computer offers built-in word processing for \$995.

Three new computers make news this issue: desktop systems from AT&T and Compaq, and a briefcase-size system from Epson.

AT&T's first micro is based on the 8086 microprocessor and runs on the Microsoft MS-DOS operating system. The phone company's PC can be had with two floppies with 128K of RAM (\$2,745), or one floppy and one 10-megabyte hard disk model (\$4,920). Add another \$65 for the MS-DOS system.

Compaq's Deskpro, the company's first non-portable unit, also is based on the 8086 chip. You can buy it in a variety of storage arrangements, from the \$2,495 single-disk 128K model, to the \$7,195 model with one floppy, one

10-megabyte hard disk and built-in streaming tape backup (normally a \$2,000 feature in itself).

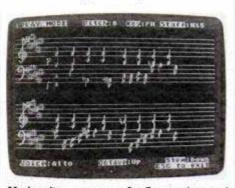
Epson's long-awaited Geneva PX-8 is \$995 compared to the \$3,000 price range of comparably sized models. The 4-pound machine uses a Z80A microprocessor, has an 8-line-by-80-character liquid crystal display, 32K of ROM and 64K of RAM. There are two sockets for plugging in ROM-based software, and the unit comes with WordStar, Microsoft BASIC, and CP/M operating and utilities—all in the ROM. It's the first lap computer with a full-scale word processing program rather than a simplistic text editor.

Add-on accessories include a snapon memory expansion modem, and a built-in microcassette recorder that can store files and special programs for downloading. The PX-8 is software compatible with office-type CP/M computers, and can exchange files with PC-DOS/MS-DOS (IBM-type) computers.

Kid stuff

One of the hottest areas right now in computer software is educational programs for children. Some of the most innovative and challenging software comes from Mindscape Inc. in conjunction with the highly esteemed Bank Street College of Education.

Storybook lets a child draw pictures on the screen using a joystick. Then, using the keyboard, the child can edit and color the design and also write the text for an original, self-paced animated



Musicwriter, a program for Commodore and Atari machines, can help young Mozarts.

story. The completed drawings and narrative can be printed out and bound in a hard copy storybook.

Musicwriter, for Atari and Commodore 64 computers, lets a child compose music by sound and placing notes (whole to 32nd) on two staffs visible on the screen. The child can program, and play back, four voices (soprano, alto, tenor and bass) at one time, and the program will store about 8,000 notes.

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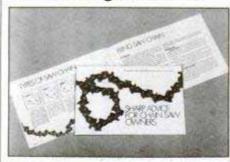


The real danger in using a chain saw comes from cutting at awkward angles or too close to the ground. The Woodlander Sawbuck supports up to 800 pounds of logs at a safe, convenient cutting height. Three crossed aluminum angles have heavy-duty elastic

cords to secure bundles of smaller logs. Cross braces 2 in. above the ground hold the frame rigidly without blocking saw cuts. The unit sells for about \$60. For more details contact Timbermate Inc., Box 375, Rockaway, N.J. 07866.

—Angus Laidlaw

Wood cutting handbooks





In Sharp Advice For Chain Saw Owners, Stihl tells you all about saw chains and chain maintenance in 18 pages. It's available by sending 50 cents to Marketing Dept., Stihl Inc., 536 Viking Dr., Virginia Beach, Va. 23452.

McCulloch's Guide To Firewood Cutting On Public Lands, free from McCulloch dealers, provides information for obtaining firewood permits in national and state forests.—J.T.

Heat gun strips paint

Heat 'N Strip electric heat gun is ideal for heat-shrinkable tubing and for softening adhesives, putty and linoleum. The Heat 'N Strip gun blisters oil or latex paints and varnishes with 830° F. output. Model 9751 retails for \$7.49. A scraper kit for \$5.49 is also available. It's made by Black & Decker, 701 East



Concentrated electric heat gun can be used effectively and safely.

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Saw chain power sharpener



Sharpening kit uses car battery power to keep saw chains cutting most effectively.

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Three-way work support

The BuckHorse is a self-stabilizing sawhorse with a removable 2×4 top capable of supporting up to 500 pounds. It is also a sawbuck for holding logs. By working a pair together, they become scaffolding for painting and wallpapering. Two BuckHorses come in a 20pound package with a postpaid price of \$39.95 from Patterson & Patterson Inc., 2216 Sandridge Rd., Dayton, Ohio 45439.—Angus Laidlaw



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Solar eclipse brings the unexpected

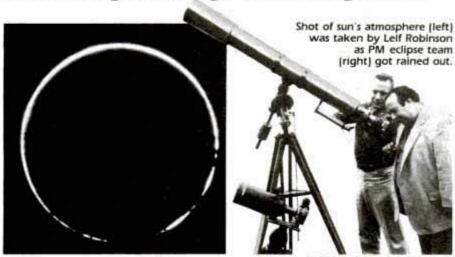


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An annular solar eclipse, which the Eastern United States experienced May 30, takes place when the moon is far enough from Earth so that it doesn't completely block the solar disc. When that happens, astronomers aren't supposed to be able to capture on film the solar corona, or outer atmosphere. But *Sky and Telescope* editor Leif Robinson in South Carolina captured an unexpected corona when he photographed the eclipse for us. How? Robinson speculates that the sun was glowing brighter than predicted on the day of the eclipse. From our observation post in Williamsburg, Va., astrophotographer Robert Little and I had a less pleasant surprise. We had cloudy and rainy weather. Here we are (above, right) looking through an antique 5-in, telescope with the same resolving power as the compact Criterion 4000 sitting beneath it.

Tooth enamel: from mice to men

Dentists of the 1990s may be filling decayed teeth with the same enamel that naturally protects your teeth from decay. Scientists at the National Institute of Dental Research have succeeded in cloning enamel from a cell taken from a mouse's tooth. They are now using a similar technique to duplicate human tooth enamel. Next step: Expose the enamel to antibodies

Finally: man-made drugs

A decade ago, scientists working at independent laboratories around the world reported that they had discovered a new pain-killing drug. Called endorphins, it is produced in the human brain. But the drug-which acts somewhat like heroin-has lately been produced synthetically in labs. The discovery of endorphins has opened up new avenues of study on how our brain functions. And medical scientists are using the drug experimentally to treat pain and some rare nerve diseases. This exciting subject is sewn neatly together in a new book, Endorphins, by Joel Davis (Doubleday, \$16.95). In it, Davis calls the human brain the next frontier of science. It's exciting reading.

Vega unveiled

At the invitation of the Soviet Union. American Planetary Society director Louis Freedman visited Russia to look at its twin Vega satellites. They will be launched on a photographic mission to Venus in December. Until now, little has been known about the Vegas. But we can report each craft has a balloon-shaped capsule contain-

ing computers. Solar panels provide onboard power, and radiators shed solar heat. A data transmission dish will send to Earth video pictures of the Venusian

All creatures?

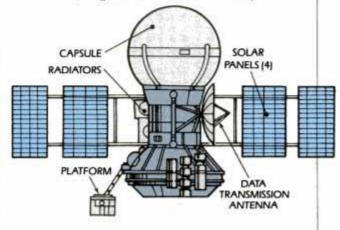
In the 1950s, biologists listed over 1 million animal species. If it seems most species have already been discovered, take note of a paper published in the journal, *Cryptozoology*. The paper conservatively estimates that a catalog made in the year 2000 will list 250,000 new species, mostly sea life.

New heavenly bodies

In an average year, astronomers discover about 20 new asteroids orbiting the sun between Mars and Jupiter. But Jet Propulsion Labs astronomer Eleanor Helin says 10 new asteroids were discovered in the first quarter of this year alone. Lab officials speculate the new discoveries are coming faster because astronomers are paying more attention to asteroids these days.

Is there a monopole?

The physics world was excited in 1982 when Stanford researcher Blas Cabrera detected what was thought to be the first known monopole. A monopole is a theoretical subatomic particle that can be either positively or negatively charged. If confirmed, physics will have a particle to explain the behavior of magnets and to help develop a unified theory that can explain all physical phenomena. Stanford is now building a newer. larger monopole detector to increase Cabrera's chances of confirming the existence of a monopole.



atmosphere with cameras mounted on an outboard platform. The Vegas carry enough fuel for their planned 1986 encounter with Halley's comet.



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The product comes complete with a new bar and chain in 14-in. (\$80), 16-in. (\$85) and 20-in. (\$95) lengths. Add \$3 for shipping. For more information or to place orders, write to Energy Equipment Co., Box 385, Clackamas, Ore. 97015.



Iron hider

Once a cabinet-built feature in highclass homes, the recessed ironing board has gone the way of the skilled craftsmen who could build it. Now, for \$159 to \$299, you can get a prefab steel ironing center with piano-hinged door designed to fit between studs on 16-in. centers, A hot iron compartment, 42- or 46-in. board, sleeve board, power connections and a spotlight are other features. It's from Iron-A-Way Inc., 220 West Jackson, Morton, Ill. 61550.

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Dual wheelbarrow kit

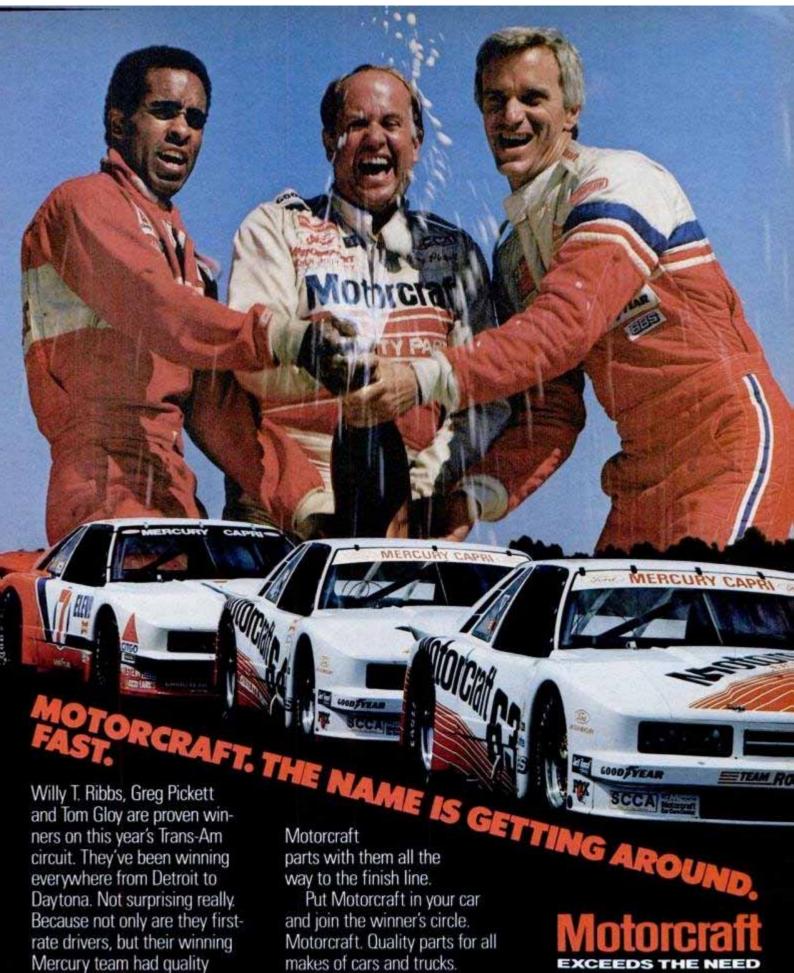
Double your wheelbarrow's ability to tote heavy loads across rough or soft ground by adding a second wheel. If your barrow has a wheel with a 4×16-in. pneumatic tire, the T2W Two-Wheel Kit converts it easily. Kit includes longer axle shaft and a four-ply tire with inner tube on a ball-bearing wheel. T2W kits for Trallfa T525 and T600 barrows are \$40. For other makes with 4×16-in. tires, \$44 from Alexander Marketing Inc., Box 2722, Livonia, Mich. 48150.



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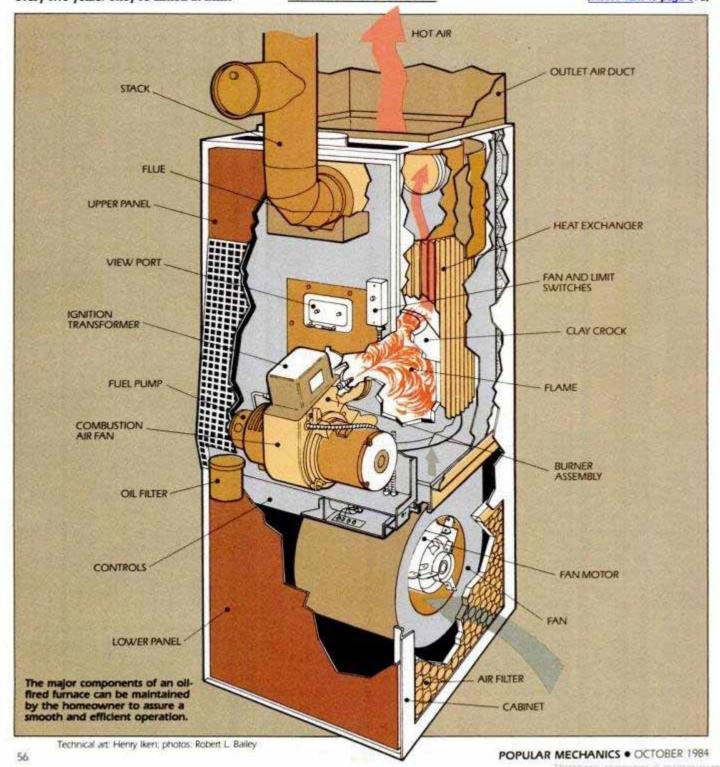
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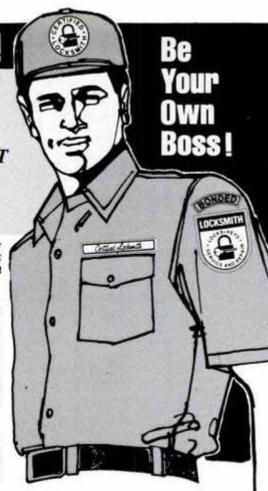
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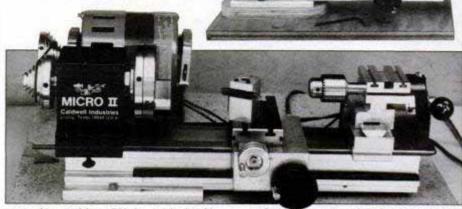
Metal cutting has always been a fascination for the home craftsman. But basic small lathes, built around expensively machined iron castings, cost \$600 to \$1,000 these days. By applying space-age engineering to manufacturing and do-it-yourself assembly, Caldwell Industries' Micro II offers the basics at \$75 for an 11-in. bed or \$99 for a 15-in. bed. Total cost for an effective mini machining center comes to about \$300—roughly half that of competing tabletop lathe systems.

The basic Micro II has a 4½-in, swing, which means you can turn a workpiece nearly 9 in. in diameter. The short bed handles up to 5¾ in. between centers while the more versatile 15-in. bed takes 9¾ in. Accessories allow the Micro II to be set up to perform all kinds of machining within its size limitations. For example, a \$49.63 milling attachment converts the Micro II into a precision machining center capable of making almost any metal part including many lathe tools and fixtures.

The basic lathe kit gives you extruded sections, a milled steel plate to form ways, headstock assembly with permanently lubed precision ball bearings, carriage depth stop, grout and complete instructions. Add your own 1/10- to 1/4-hp motor and drive pulleys. Or you can buy them, cutting tools, chucks and other accessories from Caldwell. Assembly is a nuts and bolts job.

The Micro II bed is an assembly of

Micro II Lathe with 15-in. bed gives high quality basics for \$99 (right) but requires about \$200 in options to turn it into a mini-machining center (below). Total cost is still much less than most other small lathes.



extrusions with a 2¹/₄-in,-wide by ⁵/₁₆-in,-thick bevel-edged steel plate solidly bolted on top to form the ways. The grout fills the space under the ways.

The extrusions are accurately and smoothly finished, but the way plate must be lapped so the tool post and optional tail stock can slide along it accurately and smoothly. This is a half-hour job—you must slide the tool post assembly along the ways with an abrasive compound made from kitchen scouring powder and motor oil.

Other parts of the lathe are just as innovative and ingenious as its built-up bed. Specialized extrusions have dovetails and T-slots wherever there's room. These make it easy to devise setups and accessory mountings to solve machining problems.

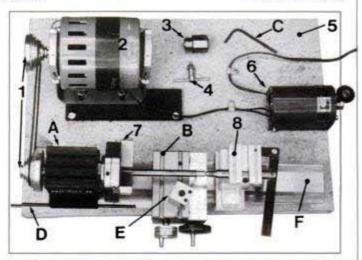
I found the Micro II a fascinating tool to assemble and use. The lathe has a rugged feeling. Its six speeds from 525 to 5,200 rpm can easily hog a 1/8-in. cut in 1-in. mild steel or precisely dust off a few tenths.

I think I would prefer stepped, reversible jaws in its optional three-jaw scroll chuck in place of the straight ones provided. Holes for a rod to hold the front half while tightening or loosening the chuck would be helpful as well. An adjustable depth stop that limits carriage movement toward the chuck controls drilling depth. This is one of the Micro II's nicest features. The Micro II is available from Caldwell Industries, 603-609 East Davis St., Luling, Tex. 78648. Send \$1 for a catalog.

-Walter E. Burton



Lap lathe ways before assembly (above) with compound of scouring powder and oil. Stock parts at right are: head stock (A), cross slide (B), allen wrench (C), carriage stop (D), tool post (E),



lathe bed (F). Available options for the lathe are: pulley and belt set (1), motor (2), chuck (3), key (4), mounting board (5), motor switch (6), 3-jaw chuck (7), and tall stock assembly (8).



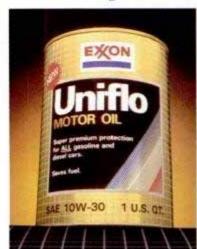
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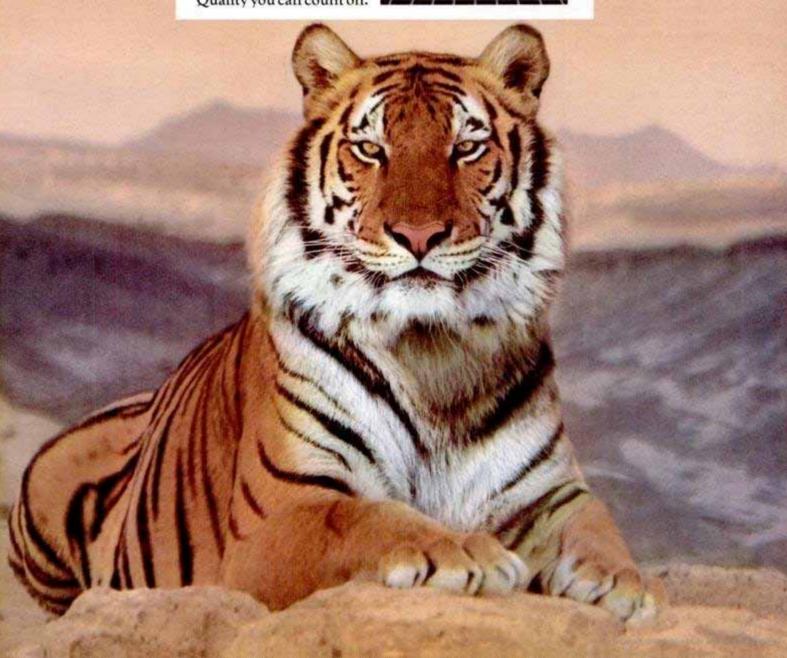
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In this day and age of specialized power equipment, it's refreshing to know that a human-powered tool like the bench plane is still indispensable. When properly sharpened, it excels at smoothing rough surfaces, trimming stock to size and cutting rounds and chamfers.

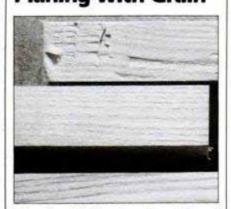
These tools are available in a wide variety of sizes and configurations with the most common being the block, smoothing, jack, fore and jointer planes. These measure 6, 9, 14, 18 and 22-in. long, respectively. The function of each overlaps its neighbors considerably, so you certainly don't need all of them in the average shop.

The basic operating techniques are the same for all these planes. Begin by resting the toe of the tool flat at one end of the board. Then, apply a bit more pressure to the knob than the handle and begin the stroke. When you reach the other end of the board, relax the knob pressure slightly and continue the pass with a smooth motion directed from the rear handle. Do not stop or start in the middle of a board, and always work in the uphill direction of the wood grain.

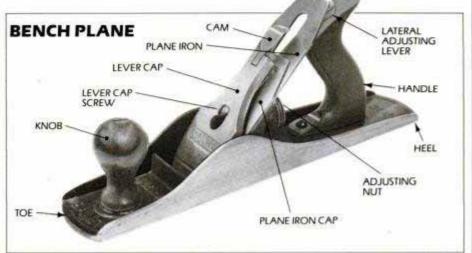
It does take some practice to properly sharpen the blade—which is essential—and to adjust the blade projection and angle for the best cut. For these reasons, always test the tool on scrap before starting on a specific project.

-Rosario Capotosto

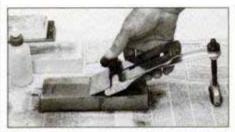
Planing With Grain



Plane in uphill direction of grain to get smotth cut (middle). Here, proper direction is left to right (bottom). Working in other direction (top) causes gouges.



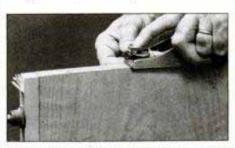
Steel woodworking planes come in a variety of lengths, widths and configurations. Most have the same basic design and components as those shown on the bench jack plane above.



For a plane to work well, its iron (blade) must be sharp. While this can be done by hand, a sharpening guide like the one shown yields the most precise bevel angle.



A long jointer plane excels for straightening board edges that will be glue-joined later. Work from one end of a board to the other using smooth, uninterrupted strokes.



A block plane will smooth end grain easily, but you must use a scrap block clamped to the outboard edge of stock. Otherwise, the corner will split, like the scrap above.



Depth and evenness of cut are determined by amount of blade projection below tool's base and side-to-side angle of projection. Adjust both while sighting down bottom.



A jack plane works well on warped stock. Begin with diagonal strokes to remove high spots, then lengthwise for final smoothing. Check progress often with a straightedge.



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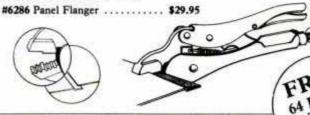
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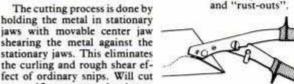
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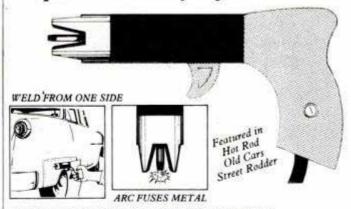
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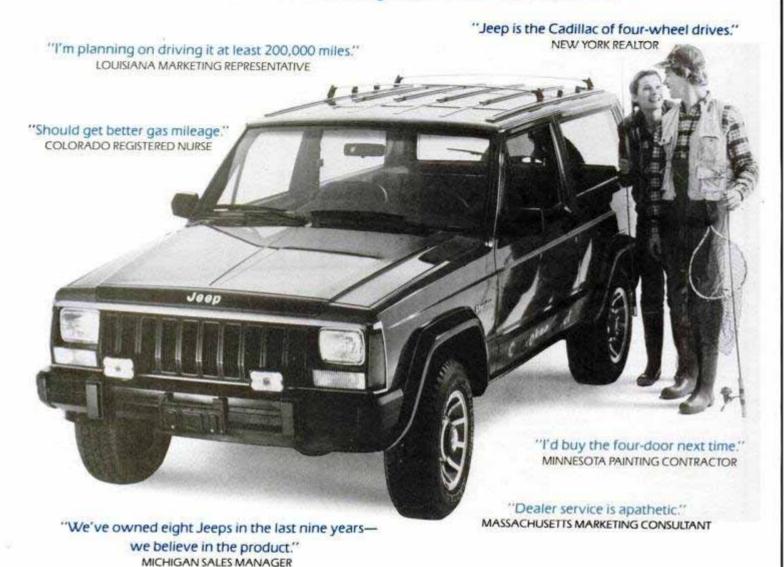
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AMC's response to Ford and Chevy was to introduce a miniwagon. Call it a



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All Wagoneers have four doors, while some Cherokees come with two. Since they entered the fray so late, AMC's game strategy has been to beat the new Bronco II and Blazer S-10 in very way possible.

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ou remember Mr. Steed, the handsome, debonair detective of The Avengers on TV? It started in the 1960s, but the reruns are still hot today. And there's the cheerfully devious corporate executive who starred last year in the CBS sitcom Empire. In real life, both characters turn into Patrick Macnee, California's desert gardener extraordinary. Born and very well bred in Britain, Macnee has lived in Palm Springs, where the prickly quirks of desert gardening have sometimes gotten the best of him over the past 10 years.

"Putting that bougainvillea in the shade was a mistake. It won't bloom, you see. Now I won't be able to take it out because you can't transplant bougainvillea," he says, pointing out the recalcitrant plant beginning to climb over the porch in his bungalow's backyard.

Macnee both loves and detests the sight of a desert garden. He loves it enough to cultivate lush green lawns here and there around his land. But he wonders often and out loud if development and amateur gardening won't eventually destroy the desert. Still,

You have to look into the desert to see its subtle colors.'

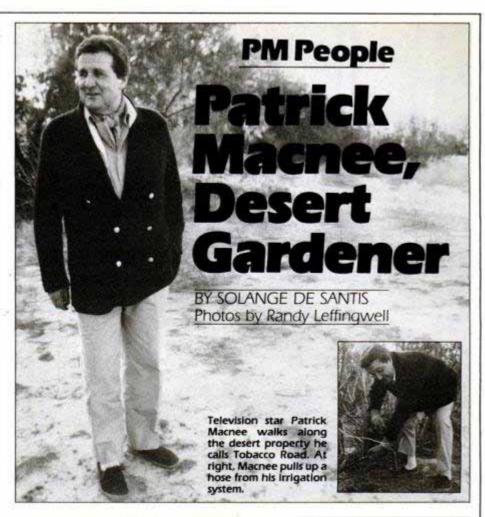
month by month he carries on the good fight with temperatures that soar above 100° and sandy ground that quickly swallows up water and fertilizer.

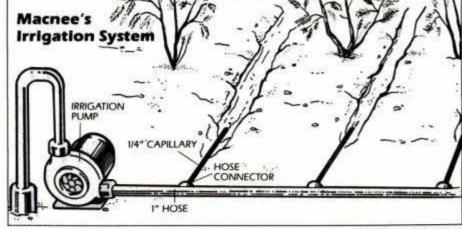
Along one section of his land, Macnee can walk along a row of cottonwood and tamarisk, two great fans of the irrigation system he devised after making a film in Israel.

The Israeli system, developed at the Weitzman Institute in the 1960s, is simple to lay out and understand, and it oozes water at a productive but economic pace.

The system starts at an irrigation pump. A 1-inch hose runs from the pump down the tree line. Every few feet along the way the irrigation hose is capped on one side and a ¼-inch tube extends outward for 1 foot. The slow and steady trickle of water is better for the trees, he says, than a splash every other day.

"You have to look into the desert to see its subtle colors," Macnee muses, strolling amid the sycamore and jasmine in the yard outside his bungalow. The 125 by 125-foot grounds, close to the center of Palm Springs, are neat but not lavish. It's another story at Tobacco Road, his term for a six-acre property





DRAWING BY ED LIPINSKI

Macnee's Irrigation system consists of a 1-inch hose that runs from the irrigation pump. Every few feet the hose is capped and a 1/4-inch hose feeds water to the trees.

farther out into the dry country where cacti and mesquite grow nearly wild and two cats chase lizards across mini sand dunes.

A desert gardener must always reckon with the sun. Desert winters, with days in the 80s and nights in the 40s, are kind to plants. But the intense summer seems to confound them so much that they never behave even in winter quite the way you'd expect them to behave.

In one of Macnee's gardens, a contrary sycamore plays dead in winter, its naked ash-gray branches crooking toward the sun. "It's pruned in winter so it won't shed all over the neighbors' yard in fall," he explains.

Horticulturists say most desert plants require less fertilizer than subtropicals, but the urbane Macnee says he takes few chances and uses "all the fertilizers all the time."

Macnee's sycamore may thrive on days when the thermometer soars past 100, but his lawns quickly resemble rush mats unless the grasses are carefully rotated and just as carefully watered.

"I seed Bermuda grass in October and rye in winter. When the rye dies off in May, the Bermuda grass comes up.



At the bungalow property, Macnee keeps the lawns green with rotated grass crops.



Macnee shows us the lathed trellis he built to accommodate his subtropical plants.

It's really a miracle that they survive at all."

Do you remember the scene from The Avengers when the villain planned to poison London's water supply? Mr. Steed and his sexy sidekick Mrs. Emma Peel (memorably played by actress Diana Rigg) trapped the villain and his henchmen in a pump station and gave all of the bad guys a thorough karatestyle thrashing. When Patrick Macnee considers the damage progress has done to the desert around him, he gets that Mr. Steed look on his face and you think he's ready to spring into action again.

"Palm Springs has become highly desirable since Gerald Ford came here," he says with an air of indignation. "Developers have polluted the desert, raised the humidity with their condo estates, green grass and golf courses. Now I'm in the middle of Frank Sinatra Drive and Bob Hope Drive. It's Beverly Hills again."

Desert horticulture has become an important branch of botany largely due to the research performed in Israel. The Israelis have learned to transform vast deserts into citrus groves. But in Palm Springs, where landowners are at cross-purposes, the arid ground is not so easily reclaimed. Its salt content is higher than that of the Middle East, a phenomenon that makes irrigation next to impossible since salt retains water. Several California research institutes have only recently begun looking into the problem.

For his part, Tobacco Road is a major contribution to maintaining the integrity of the desert. The soil here has been kept sandy for the most part. The flora that borders the sand is a profusion of tough grass, agave, mesquite, cottonwood and an ill-fated stand of tamarisk trees. He says the 30-foot trees were destroyed when a new homeowner, desiring an unobstructed mountain view, had the audacity to climb over a low fence on the Macnee property and cut away at the trees. They died within days.

"I was absolutely furious," Macnee says, walking along a row of newly planted tamarisk. But Macnee will avenge the destruction of the trees.

New trees have already sprouted to heights bigger than a tall man. They'll grow about 15 feet per year with help from his irrigation system.

Macnee says he gets periodic inquiries from neighbors about his intentions for Tobacco Road. Thus far, he has staved off all criticism by saying he eventually plans to "do something" with the six-acre property. For now, it remains a wild preserve where his cats and a peacock find room to run and shade against the intense sun.

Back at the bungalow, Macnee has a veritable botanical garden. A swimming pool and attached hot tub are ringed with red honeysuckle and oleander hedges, a natural wall to give him privacy for sunbathing and skinny dipping. Citrus, although fussy to maintain, grace the bungalow itself. Macnee prides himself on having the sweetest pink grapefruit in Palm Springs. He feeds them lovingly on a diet of micronutrient supplements: tiny amounts of such minerals as zinc, cobalt and molybdenum. And he follows a precise watering timetable.

Macnee adds colorful accents to a covered patio with petunias and begonias in large terra-cotta pots, along with what must be one of the few Italian marble picnic tables in town. He also built a lathed trellis-he calls it the gibbet-where jasmine is proving to be less a disappointment than bougainvil-

He raised the bungalow garden from nothing. When he bought the property it was a desert lot a block from one of Palm Springs' main drags. The avenue a block away has an auto dealership and stores, and the traffic coming through during midday is a fairly steady flow. Still, the work he has done with the grounds cuts him off from the nearby

It's a curious mass of contradictions, like Palm Springs itself. And Macnee's ambivalence about the land shows through as a visitor brings up for the last time that untouched piece of desert land he calls Tobacco Road.

"Someday," Macnee sighs, looking out to the craggy mountains that cradle the desert, "I really must do something with this land."

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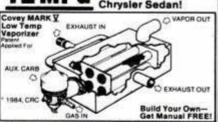
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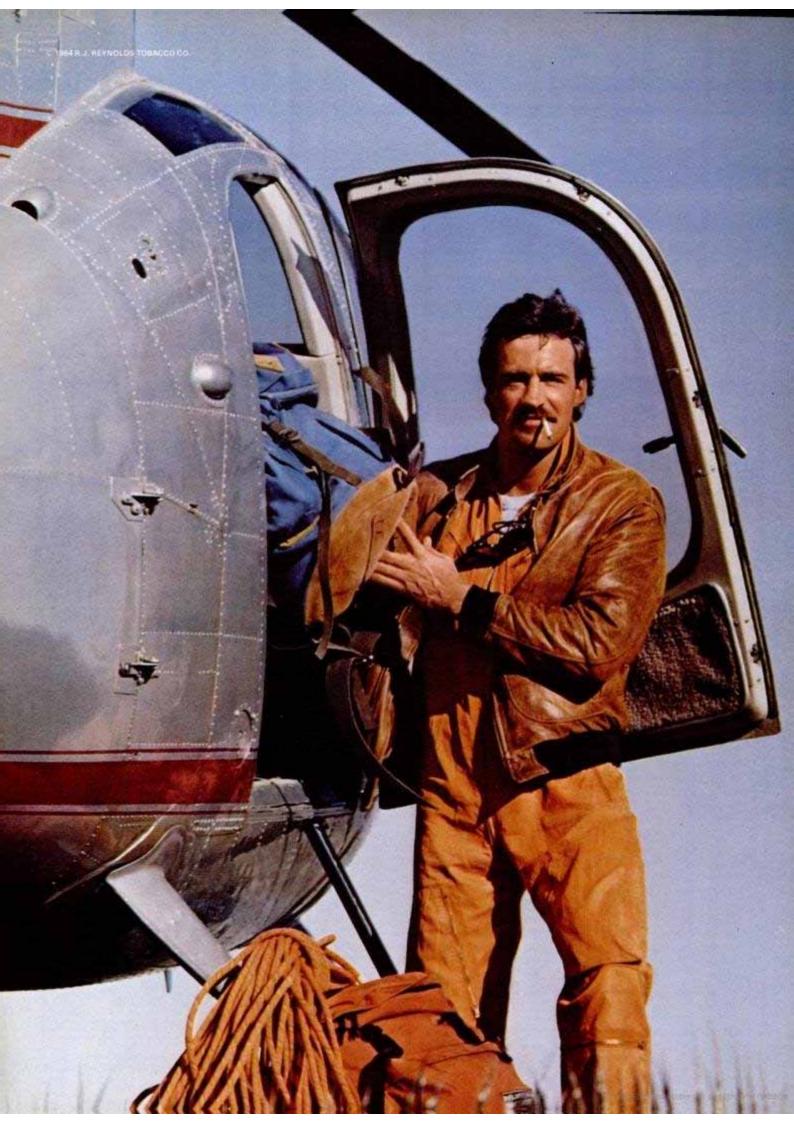
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A pocket stereo so skinny you can slip it in between your Visa and American Express cards is the newest red-hot item to come out of Japan. Made by Japanese giant Matsushita and sold here under the Panasonic trademark, the AM/FM unit is said to be the world's thinnest stereo receiver—a claim that we're not about to dispute.

Called Stereo to Go, this second in a series (1977's "Mr. Thin" was the first) is officially Model RF-H25 and weighs in at a minuscule 1.34 ounces. This weight includes the built-in, rechargeable nickel-cadmium battery.

Hybrid chip circuitry

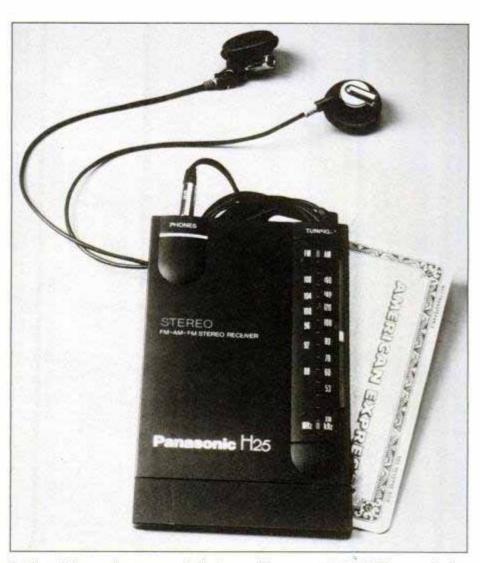
Key to the superthin design is the use of four new RHC (Radio High-density Circuits)—superchips. The first chip in the signal path is an RF amplifier; the second contains the oscillator/converter and the IF amplifier circuits. Chip number three is the detector/demodulator, and the last in line is the audio amplifier chip.

The circuits contained in these fingernail-size superchips are designed to do two things: provide king-size performance and operate at ultralow voltage with very little current drain.

Panasonic's design uses many transistors in a tiny chip to do the job formerly done by fewer but beefier components. Each of the RHC chips is really a *hybrid* containing six chips that are even smaller. Inside is a three-dimensional patchwork of circuits and transistors that are interconnected by signal paths that are sometimes only molecules thick.

To keep it all thin, the RHC chips don't even go into the usual protective plastic IC cases. Instead, they're finished off by spraying them with a 2-milthick insulating/potting compound.

It all works together very nicely, because the stereo is powered by a single-button, single-cell battery. Recharging this battery works almost the same way as reading a magnetic stripe on a regular credit card. The superskinny radio slips into a slot on its companion charger where it can sit overnight, soaking up microamperes. Because the battery is a single, tiny cell, it is capable of putting out only 1.2



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volts, but the Stereo to Go's power requirements are, like its size, supersmall. It'll play for five hours on a single charge of this tiny button.

Slim component parts

Possibly more difficult than designing these multipurpose supertiny chips was creating the separate components that go with them—such as the variable capacitor for tuning in the different stations, the volume control, tantalum capacitor chips, the IF amplifier filters and an ultrathin AM antenna. Each one of these items had to be less than ½ inch thick.

To successfully produce the waferthin receiver, even the printed-circuit chassis board had to be specially designed. The board is only 0.012 inch thick and becomes part of the rear cabinet panel to conserve space.

Naturally, in a set so tiny, there's just no room for a speaker, but that's no handicap in this era of headphonesporting personal stereo listeners. Stereo to Go's headset is a pair of foam rubber pads that hang on your ears.

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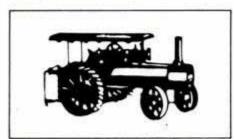


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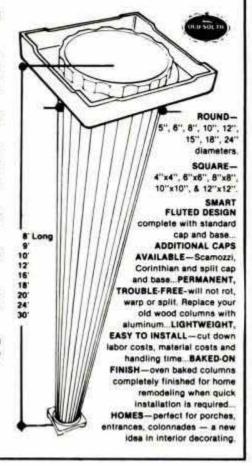
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Quick paint masking

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Lay the dropcloth over the carpet, mask off the molding and slip a single row of newspaper under the edge of the tape.



Press the masking tape down firmly over the edges of the papers to secure them.



The result is a paintproof seal along the molding. You can walk on the dropcloths without fear that they'll pull from the wall.

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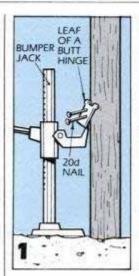
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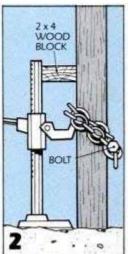
If you use your chain saw for any length of time, you must take a number of tools and containers with you on a job. One such item is a large bottle of chain oil. An old dishwasher detergent bottle with a closeable spout is handy to carry, and it isn't messy to pour.-George McGuire

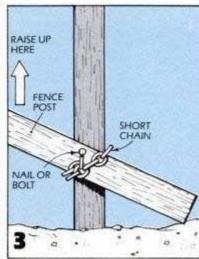
Removing fence posts

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2. Combine a bumper jack and a doubled length of chain secured to the post with a bolt. Use a 2x4 block to keep the top of the jack away from the post.—John K. Echternacht

Secure a second post to the set post with a short chain, nailed or bolted in place. Use the auxiliary post as a lever to pry the set post out of the ground,-Walter W. Weber

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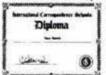
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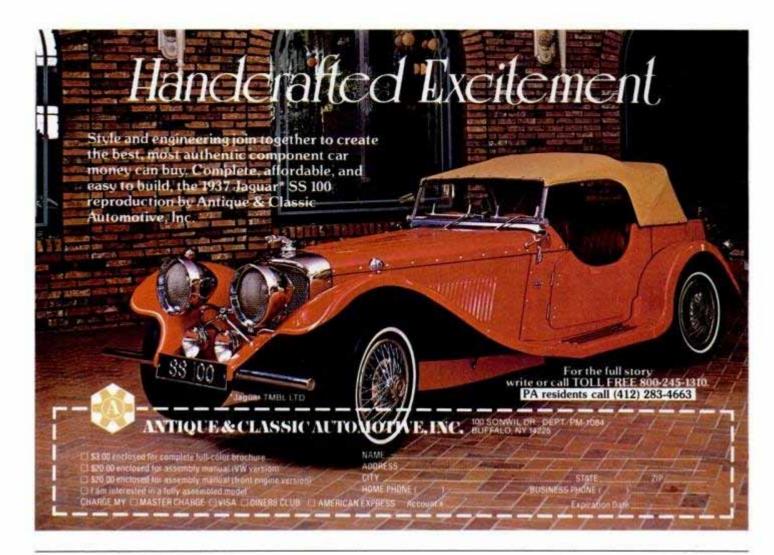
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do Jeep SportWagon owners think of their vehicles now that they've had time to live with them? "I shopped the various 4wds," responded a Florida letter carrier to our questionnaire, "looking for an economical wagon with enough room for me and all my stuff. I found the Bronco II and Blazer too small and overpriced." A Michigan dentist: "Best-riding truck I've ever owned, and I've had both Broncos and Blazers." A West Virginia emergency aide went one step further: "I feel that the small Jeep Wagoneer is

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SUMMARY OF 1984 AMC JEEP CHEROKEE AND WAGONEER OWNERS REPORTS*

Total miles driven	1,459,738	Full-time 4wd (Selec-	Workmanship opinion:		Good	42.1
Assessment mellon man mellon		Trac) 22.1		13.9%	Average	
Average miles per gallon		Why the Cherokee/Wagoneer?		50.2	Poor	16.7
Four-speed manual	20.1	Four-wheel drive 49.1%		5.2		
In town		Styling 27.2	Poor	0.7	Number of vehicles owned:	
On the highway	. 24.8	Past experience 15.2	Comfort opinion:		This car only	23.1%
Five-speed manual	40.00	Economy 15.2	Front seats			45.2
In town		Size 14.8	Excellent 4	R 4%	Three cars	21.7
On the highway	. 23.7	Specific likes:		0.8	Four or more cars	
Three-speed automatic		Styling 46.1%		8.7		
In town		Four-wheel drive 35.2		2.1	Makes of other cars owned:	
On the highway	. 22.0	Handling	Rear seats	Sec. A	Chevrolet	17.0%
Body style choices:		Economy 26.2		9.2%	Ford	15.7
Four-door wagon	68.0%	Ride 22.5		8.1	AMC Jeep	14.3
Two-door wagon				2.3	Oldsmobile	10.8
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Series choices:	2222317	Disappointing mileage 15.5%	Poor annament of	0.4	Duick	0.0
Standard Wagoneer		No complaints 10.9	Had any mechanical trouble?		200700 700 -27-02	-27-0
Cherokee Pioneer		Uncomfortable, narrow	Yes 5	0.7%	Would you buy another Che	erokee/
Standard Cherokee		seats 10.0	No 4	9.3	Wagoneer?	
Wagoneer Limited		Needs more powerful	What type of trouble?		Yes	
Cherokee Chief	4.9	engine 8.8		5.9%	No	
Engine choices:		Rattles and noises 6.7		0.3	Maybe	24.1
2.5-liter Four	92.0%	What changes would you like?		9.7		
2.8-liter V6		No changes 21.8%		9.0	Another AMC/Renault produ	uct?
		Headrests, wider front	The state of the s	7.6	Yes	66.9%
Transmission choices:	2500 MATE C	seats	1 (A 1) 1 (7.6	No	5.3
Three-speed automatic		Better fuel mileage 6.3	Oil leaks	7.0	Maybe	27.8
Five speed manual		More horsepower 4.6	Dealer repairs satisfactory?		(2	
Four-speed manual	11.7	Conventional spare tire. 4.2		34.2%	A CONTRACTOR OF CONTRACTOR	
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A MILLIONAIRE'S ADVICE

On the way to my attorney's office the answer finally hit me. Almost a year earlier a friend of mine (a self-made millionaire) had a friend of mine (a self-made millionaire) had told me about a little known money making technique that was actually making people rich. At the time it seemed very difficult to believe. But, considering my present situation — what did I have to lose?

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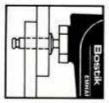
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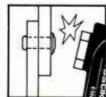
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OWNERS REPORT: JEEP

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superior to the Toyota Land Cruiser."

The main reason people bought the Cherokee/Wagoneer, though, had to do with four-wheel drive. "I like 4wd for the beaches in the summer," smiled a Massachusetts attorney, "and for snow traction in wintertime. Styling and performance, too, are better than the Blazer or Bronco II."

All Cherokees and Wagoneers come with 4wd. The so-called Command-Trac part-time 4wd is standard and is meant for occasional light-duty use in snow and on slippery roads. The optional, more rugged Selec-Trac turns these Jeeps into true off-roaders. Both 4wd



Most buyers chose AMC's first home-grown Four, a short stroke, 2.5-liter model.

systems can be ordered with either manual or automatic transmissions and can be shifted from 2wd to 4wd and back at will. You can engage or disengage the Command-Trac transfer case at any road speed, without stopping to lock or unlock front hubs. Even so, 9.7 percent of our respondents mentioned gear grinding and stiff 2wd/4wd shifts, particularly in cold weather.

Another minor beef focused on the front bucket seats. "They need higher seatbacks or headrests," suggested a New York cable TV installer, and a New Hampshire developer added, "The front seats are too narrow." In all, 12.1 percent of our owners told us they'd like better front seats.

Quality and workmanship came in for another set of high marks, with 94.1 percent rating them good to excellent. That's up there with the best imports. "Great paint job," beamed a California marketing rep, "and all body moldings fit straight. We plan to drive the Cherokee at least 200,000 miles."

"I'm very pleased with the quality of my Wagoneer," echoed a retired North Carolinian. "All five doors, including the plastic liftgate, open and shut like bank vaults, no rattles anywhere, no orange peel in the paint, upholstery very good; overall excellent!"

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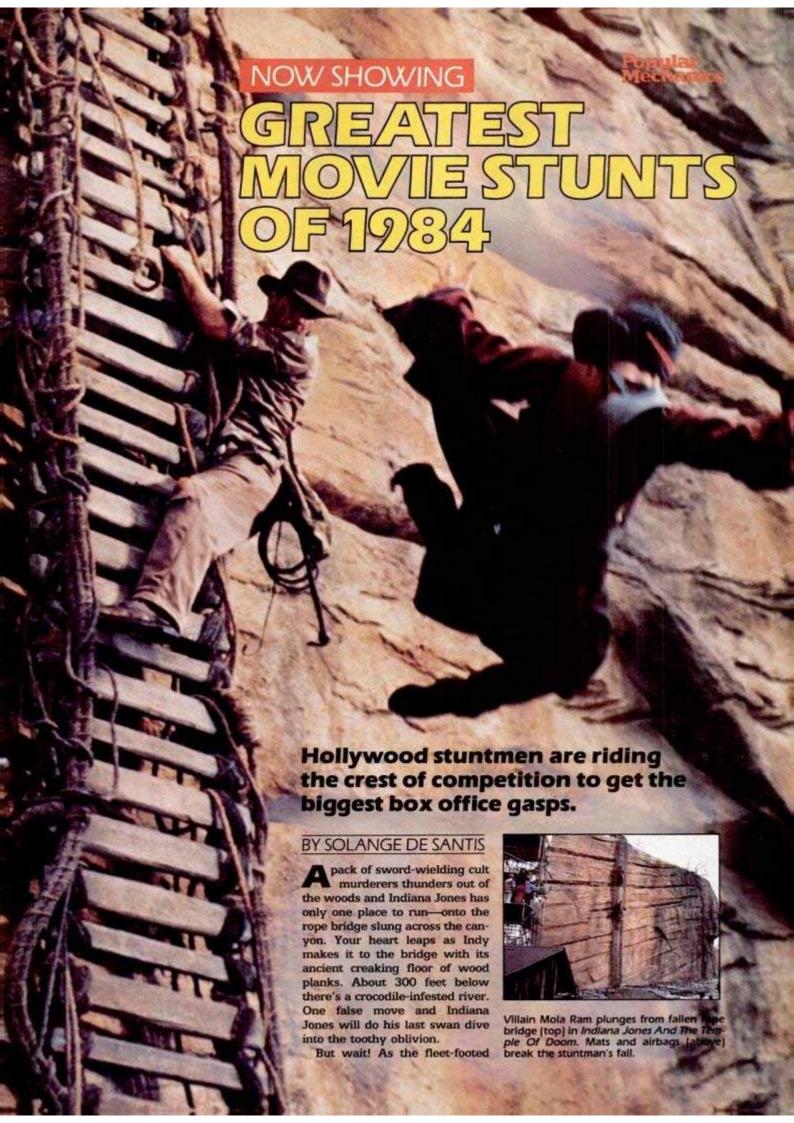
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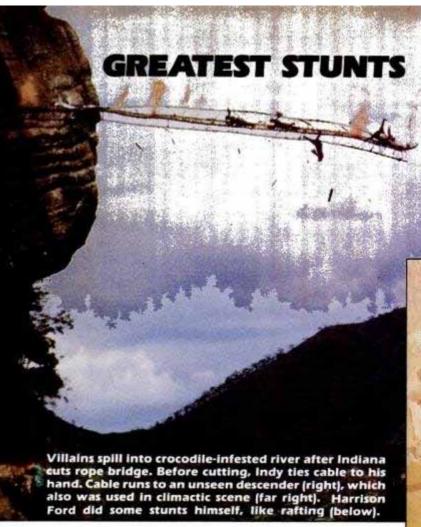


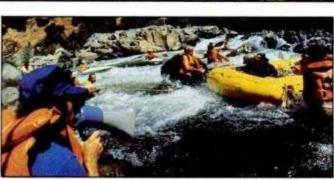
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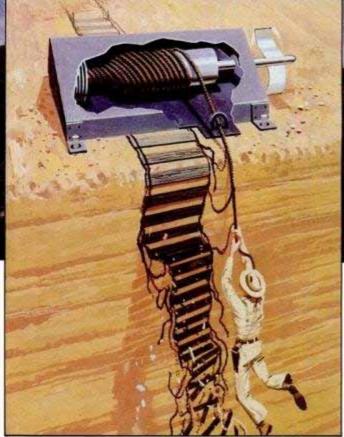
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killers mount the bridge, Indiana sees the sword-swinging villain Mola Ram waiting for him on the other side. What to do? He whips out his knife, ties the bridge rope cable to his hand, then cuts the cable in half. The bridge breaks in two, spilling Mola Ram and the blood-thirsty Thuggies into the river below. Our hero, clinging to the rope he tied around his hand, bids his adversaries a sarcastic adieu.

So it goes throughout the movie Indiana Jones And The Temple Of Doom, the latest installment in the adventures of Steven Spielberg and George Lucas's intrepid archaeologist. The movie, which grossed over \$45 million in its first week, leaves audiences gasping at the nearly nonstop "gags," as stunt people call their bone-crunching stock in trade.

While the Indiana Jones extravaganza reigns as 1984's hottest action flick, there's no skimping on gags in a halfdozen other new Hollywood releases. Stunt people set themselves on fire in Firestarter, leaped 20 stories in Stick and hung on for dear life as an entire set flipped over on its side in the shooting of 2010, the sci-fi thriller scheduled for release this winter.

Caught between the pressure to invent more thrilling and dangerous stunts and the desire to live through them, stunt coordinators are building and modifying gadgets borrowed from paratroopers, firefighters and race car drivers to increase the margin of safety on the set.

Their jobs are hazardous by nature, but more than one Hollywood daredevil told PM that no one wants another Twilight Zone case. During the making of that movie in 1981, director John Landis and two associates were charged with involuntary manslaughter in the deaths of actor Vic Morrow and two children. The three perished when

a series of special effects explosions caused a helicopter to crash on them as they were filming a Vietnam war scene.

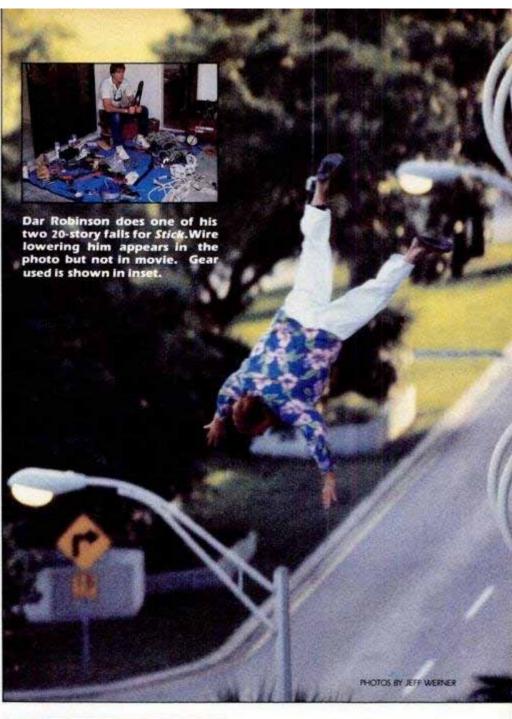
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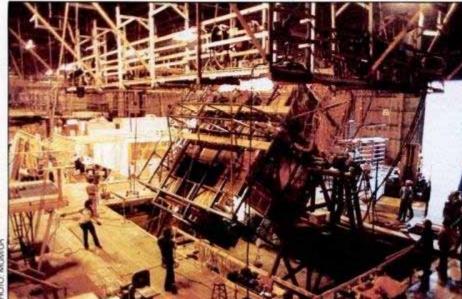
When a stunt comes off without a hitch, the action stops as cast and crew give the stand-in an ovation. But sometimes the wear and tear on the performer leaves scars even without a major accident. Harrison Ford, who plays Indy, underwent surgery for an injured back after doing several stunts himself.

Still, for the death-defying work they do every day, stunt people have a remarkably good safety record. Much of the credit goes to machines like the "descender," used in several big falls in Indiana Jones. The descender was adapted from a rig used to teach British paratroopers how to set their bodies for a landing in a drop zone. "I asked about it and tracked it to a parachute regiment at Aldershot," stunt arranger Vic Arm-









Crew from 2010 stands by as interior of the spaceship Leonov is turned on its gimballing mechanism. The lightweight metal unit was turned 90°, tossing stuntmen and props.

strong recalls. "I've elaborated on it since then, because the paratroopers used it for a 30-foot drop and I needed a 300-foot drop."

For the bridge scene, the descender was mounted on a cliff, its cable camouflaged by the bridge's ropes and vines. When Ram plunges into the river, he is hooked to the descender by a special cable attached to an upper body harness. The cable runs to the descender, which lowers the bad guy at a slow, steady, safe pace. The fall is speeded up by the camera.

In the same scene, we see Indiana painfully working his way hand-overhand up the cliffside on the rope cable. But off-camera, the real work is being performed by the descender as it hoists Indy up the cliff.

The device is simply a drum mounted on a shaft attached to an A-frame about 40 inches high and 5 feet long. On one end of the shaft is the motor housing,

GREATEST STUNTS

In the Stephen King story Firestarter, the stuntmen were set ablaze for nearly two minutes. Stuntman (inset) wears fire-retardant suit. He wore a protective mask, too.

which is tapered and capped by two fan blades. With the clutch engaged, the blades can be pushed to operate the descender manually. A motorcycle brake on the shaft's opposite end stops the fall of a stuntman on a dime.

Stuntman Chuck Waters, who worked on Indiana Jones, modified the rig by installing a gear mechanism for winding stunt people up from the ground to shoot a fall halfway down a building. "It's almost foolproof," he asserts. "The only thing that can go

> wrong is if the cable breaks. It's strong enough to hold a horse."

> High falls are clearly the trademark of a great stunt performer. And in this bumper-crop stunt season, the dean of the fall-guys had his day in the Burt Reynolds film Stick. Dar Robinson took

a pair of 20-story falls, one as a stand-in for Charles Durning, and the other as a murderer played by the stuntman him-

Robinson designed and built a special contraption for the big leaps. Dubbed

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Romancing The Stone co-star Kathleen Turner did her own stunt, a river crossing.

ON TV: IT'S SOAPS, STUNTS AND SWEEPS

every precaution was taken to make sure no lives would be lost, yet cold fear and tension filled the cavernous studio on the set of the CBS soap opera As The World Turns. The set was hot and noisy with a carefully started but frighteningly big fire. Despite the presence of a 6-foot fan designed to blow smoke out of the studio's air ducts, half the people standing by were coughing and one even had to be helped off when he became dizzy from the smoke.

The whole problem was breathing in smoke," says Sandy Richman, one of only five stuntwomen working in New York. She coordinated the fire scene and doubled for featured actress Hillary Bailey, who plays a policewoman on the highly rated show.

As with Hollywood movies, TV soap operas are running increasingly intricate and daring stunts in hopes of pulling bigger audiences. In the past two years, stunt people have jumped from six-story waterfalls, crashed cars through plaster walls and raced out of exploding buildings. Most of the stunts are written into the scripts when "sweeps week" comes up.

Sweeps week happens twice a year when the A.C. Nielson survey does indepth research for one week to see how TV shows are faring. While the news broadcasts feature sex-oriented reports and talk shows bring on bombshell guests, the soaps go for the big numbers with spectacular "gags," as the stunts are called. "It does wonders for the ratings," Bailey acknowledges. "But the stuntwork also inspires the whole cast and crew."

For the fire stunt, the production company worked two straight 12-hour days to shoot and reshoot the fire until they had on tape exactly what the director wanted.

'We had auxiliary firefighters on the set, and of course, we had to clear everything with New York City fire officials," Richman says. The fire was started with a patented ignition fluid that burns slowly and smothers easily.

To go through the fire, Richman donned a protective suit and wore Zell's Gell on her skin. The malodorous gell protects the skin from fire and staves off a heat transfer burn from the stunt person's own sweat.

Richman, who has coordinated gags for several other soaps, says the higher ratings will encourage TV to go with more stunts. "Love affairs and crooked deals can get boring," says. "But an explosive stunt will always grab your attention." -D.E.



As The World Turns co-star Hillary Bailey (left) helps Sandy Rich-man make up to double for her in a fire scene.





Cutaway of fuselage shows cramped quarters where pilots may live for up to two weeks.

refueled flight around the world, a distance of some 25,000 miles. If successful, they will mark one of the great milestones in aviation achievement. No one else has even come close. The current record for nonstop, non-refueled flight was set in 1962 by an Air Force B-52 on a 12,532-mile hop from Okinawa to Spain.

The craft that will attempt this global feat, called the Voyager, is a weirdly awesome sight. Conceived by Burt Rutan, famous for his innovative homebuilt sports planes, it represents a striking departure from traditional aircraft design. Its long, slim main wing stretches an incredible 111 feet from tip to tip-3 feet longer than the wingspan on a Boeing 727. A shorter canard wing on the nose, a familiar Rutan trade-

mark, adds lift and stability without the drag of a conventional aft-mounted horizontal stabilizer.

At the center, flanked by two 29-footlong outrigger tail booms, is a small, cigar-shaped fuselage pod less than 40 inches wide with an engine at either

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An inflatable kayak is all that separates you from whitewater on this

TORPEDO RUN!



BY CLIFF GROMER



he water is calm beneath our inflatable kayaks. Little more than a few ripples break the surface smoothness of the Klamath River in the deepest reaches of Northern California. The 15 of us on this run know that this is, perhaps, the only calm water we'll see in the next few hours. We try to enjoy the serenity, but we can all feel the underlying tension. The sun is warm, but the water looks cold and, yes, menacing.

The water is noticeably quicker now, lapping against the rock outcroppings to our right as we continue down the river. It's getting closer to that time. We think back to our preparation, to our boats, to our own skills and nerve and wonder how it'll all go together at combat speed when the moment arrives.

What are we doing here?

Initially, the idea of shooting whitewater rapids in a small, inflatable plastic boat does not seem the product of a rational mind. As Star Trek's Mr. Spock would say, it's not logical to mix rocks with boats that go pop.

Using inflatable kayaks to run sections of whitewater rivers is the special-ty of Orange Torpedo Trips, Box 1111, Grants Pass, Ore. 97526, telephone (503) 479-5061. The people at Orange Torpedo Trips pioneered this new kind of water sport about 16 years ago and have become the foremost outfitters of this type of craft. They currently offer over a dozen different river adventures.

Our escapade began much earlier with a van ride from a central meeting point—where our group had assembled from various parts of the country—to the put-in site on the Klamath.

Orientation had been given at the edge of the Klamath. The hour and a half presentation by the senior of our three guides had gone far in calming the group's initial high anxiety level. The only river experience most of us had had was crossing them at 30,000 feet in the comfort of a 747. We'd been told how to paddle and control the boat—an orange-colored, torpedo-shaped kayak. It's called a Tahiti and is made in France by Sevylor.

The unreinforced PVC construction of the 10-foot craft is not what you'd call confidence inspiring. These things were supposed to carry us down 38 miles of water, through rock-infested, froth-angry rapids bearing names such as Devil's Toenail, Mixmaster and Trench?

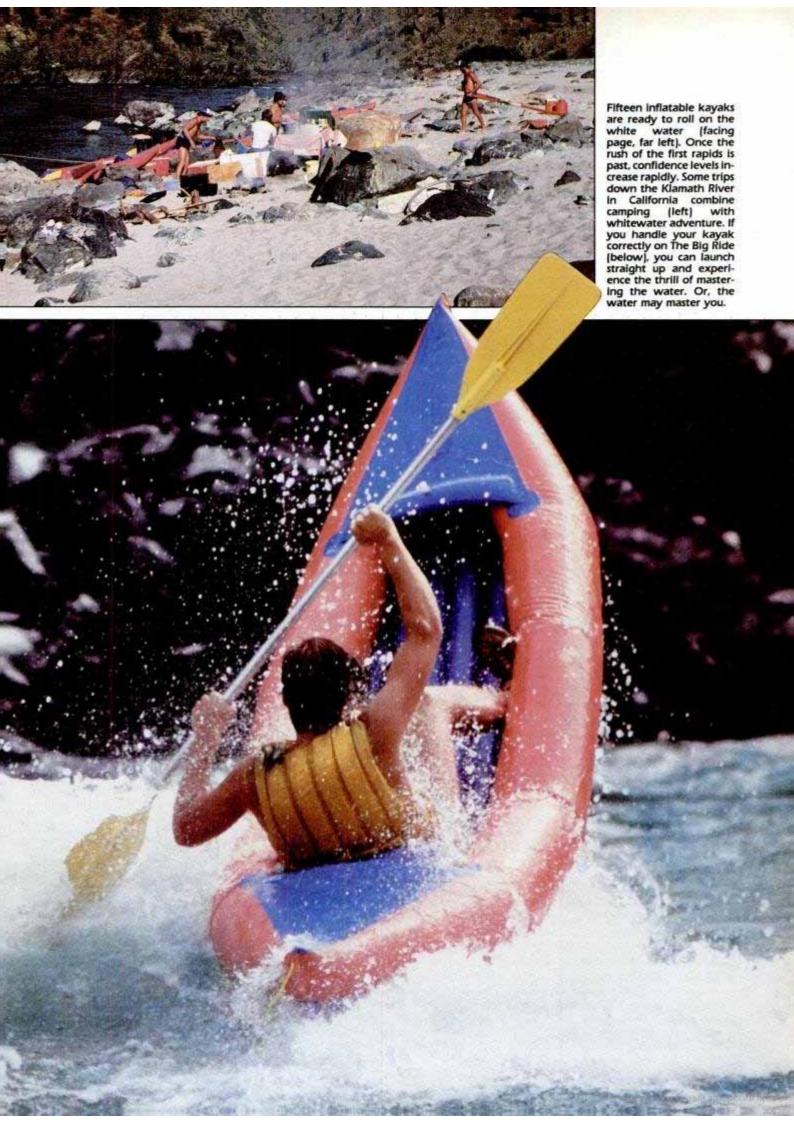
Some of the other whitewater trips use an inflatable that's a bit more sturdy and stable than our Tahitis. Constructed of fabric-reinforced PVC, these larger kayaks are called the Narwhal Totem T300 and T350 and are made in Spain by Dayfer, S.L.

The guide explained what we were to do when (not if) we flipped out of the Tahiti into the water—flatten out on the water to avoid getting caught or banged up on underwater rocks. Thanks.

Most of the danger from rocks would (Please turn to page 125)







DOWALVES, NO WAITING

Four-cylinder engines with four valves per cylinder put instant performance at the tip of your toe.

BY NORMAN MAYERSOHN Assistant Auto Editor

Twenty-five years ago, nobody thought or cared much about trying to combine high performance with low fuel consumption. With gasoline at 30 cents a gallon and blue skies over our cities, all we worried about was making horsepower. From the quadruple-carbed flathead Ford V8s of the '50s to the awesome Chrysler Hemis of Detroit's next horsepower war, it was only raw power output that counted.

When the Clean Air Act and two fuel shortages permanently changed automobiles in the '70s, the term performance was perverted to mean a four-cylinder econobox with vinyl racing stripes, alloy wheels and fat tires.

Today, carmakers are learning how to build high-performance cars that combine driving thrills with economy and ecology. Not surprisingly, one key to this new wave of high-efficiency motoring is an idea nearly as old as the car itself—the four-valves-per-cylinder engine design. First used in 1909 by Fiat and soon turned into a winning Grand Prix racing design by Mercedes and Peugeot, the four-valves-per-cylinder arrangement is used today in nearly every sort of racing, from Formula One and the Indianapolis 500 to the World Rally Cup for production cars.

We're starting to see this design show up in new road cars for one simple reason—it makes more power. Internal combustion engines are easily pleased. The more air/fuel mixture you can squeeze into the cylinders, the more powerful the explosions will be. Turbochargers are one great way to accom-

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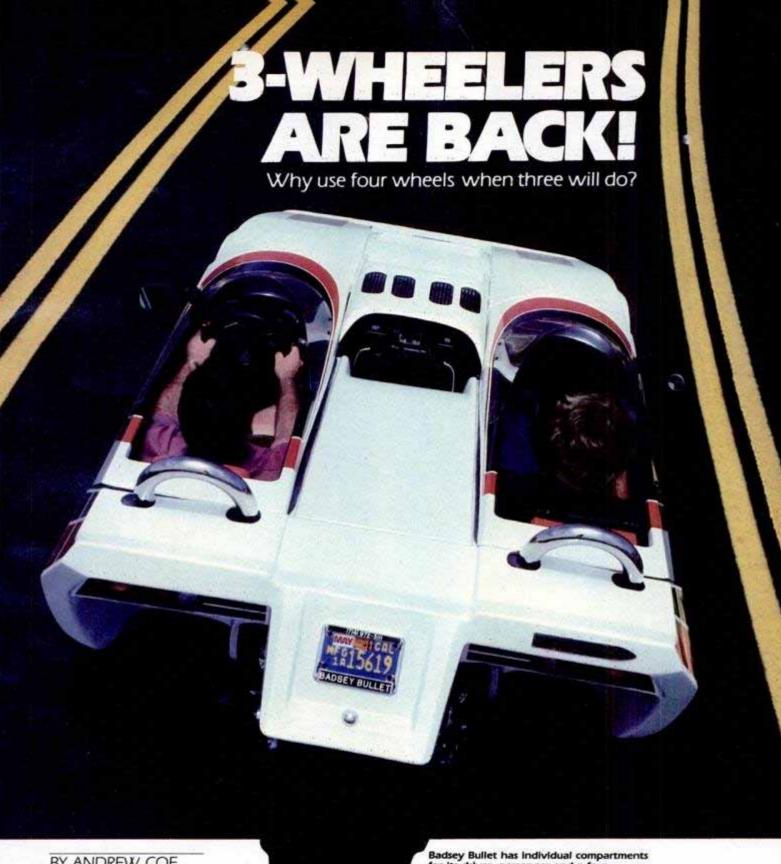
plish this, but they only flex their muscle when boost (positive pressure) has been built up. Four-valve designs increase power over a broader engine speed range and take nothing away from driveability.

The improvements are far more than a simple matter of four valves being better than two. Airflow into and out of the cylinder is improved, but the reason is not so obvious. Two small valves replacing a single large one might have a larger total valve area, but the really critical increase comes in valve circumference. Air can't flow through the center of a valve anyway—it enters and exits the cylinder around the valve seat edge. Even for equal valve areas in the two designs, the four-valve head will

have an advantage of almost 40 percent greater curtain area, which is where the real action takes place.

There are other factors only slightly less important. Smaller valves are lighter than the ones they replace, so rpm potential and power output are again raised. For proof, look at the Mercedes 2.3-liter Four used in the 190 series cars. The standard version puts out 120 hp at 5,000 rpm. The new 16-valve model serves up 185 hp at 6,200 rpm. Ford's SVO Mustang needs a turbo and intercooler to make equivalent power from the same 2.3-liter displacement. Each cylinder's valves are usually arranged in opposing pairs—two intake valves opposite a pair

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BY ANDREW COE Photos by Don Green Badsey Bullet has individual compartments for its driver, passenger and a fourcylinder 1,200-cc Yamaha motorcycle engine. Comparison with the Batmobile is inevitable.

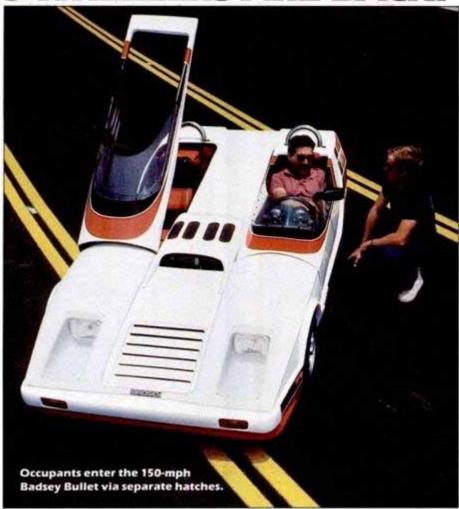
makes perfect sense: Three points define a plane, four are redundant. In fact, two California companies are producing three-wheelers that are so fast and so much fun, they might become the sports cars of the late '80s. And some of the most popular European three-wheeled cars are about to be imported into this country. Even

those big guys in Detroit have a few tricks up their sleeves.

The history of three-wheelers is as long as that of motorized transport. One of the first self-propelled vehicles, Cugnot's 1769 steam tractor, had only three wheels. Karl Benz is credited with building the first true automobile (a three-wheeler) in 1886. The Morgan three-wheeler with its V-Twin motorcy-

cle engine was one of the most popular sportscars in England during the first third of this century when only the rich could afford four wheels. Since then, three-wheelers have had a few ups—Buckminster Fuller's Dymaxion Car, the German Messerschmitt bubble car and Mazda's post-War three-wheeled truck—but, in the last several decades, it has been mostly downs. Today, three-

3-WHEELERS ARE BACK!



while the same kid with a car would have to pay almost \$500.

These definitions also affect licensing. In some states, you need a motorcycle license to drive a three-wheeled car.

ing. In some states, you need a motorcycle license to drive a three-wheeled car. In others, you only need a regular driver's license if the three-wheeler has an automotive-type steering wheel and an enclosed cab. (Licensing and insurance regulations vary from state to state. Check with your state's department of motor vehicles and insurance board for local interpretations.)

If there is any car that breaks down prejudices against three-wheelers, it's the Trihawk. Hawk Vehicles Inc., 34091 Coast Highway, Dana Point, Calif. 92629, builds the Trihawk, which retails for \$14,888. It's a pure frontwheel-drive, front-engine car-74 percent of its weight is in front. In the back, there's just a wheel. Powered by a 1,299-cc, air-cooled, flat Four Citroen engine, it goes from zero to 60 mph in 9.7 seconds with a top speed of 97 mph. As you zip around turns at G-forces that are right up there with the Lamborghini Countach, remind yourself that the Trihawk tips over less easily than any fourwheeler. It has been in production since January, 1983, and it's already a classic sports car. Harley Davidson has recently

wheeled vehicles are making a comeback, and they're looking to hit the big time.

Three-wheelers flourish in Europe, Japan, India and Asia, but they have almost disappeared from U.S. roads. The three-wheeled, seven-seat Davis of 1947-49 looked like any big post-War American car, except for its single front wheel. But the company went bust. One reason is that Americans are prejudiced in favor of four-wheeled vehicles. In our minds, four wheels are the defining feature of an automobile. Anything with less than four wheels is either a motorcycle or an indefinable something else. Another deep-set belief is that three-wheelers tip over easily on turns.

A properly engineered threewheeled vehicle should not tip over or have any other odd handling characteristics. Some three-wheelers tip over less easily than any four-wheeled car. What's important here is that the vehicle must have a wide track and a low center of gravity close to the twowheeled end. As for handling, a couple of the three-wheelers in this article make you think you're driving a racing car. Very few four-wheelers can compete with them.

Three-wheelers with squared off



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bodywork do look weird. From some angles, the single wheel is hidden and one end of the car seems to be levitating.

One happy side effect of our prejudice for four wheels is that legislators have made it the law: If it has four wheels, it's an automobile. Anything with less than four is legally a motorcycle. This means insurance for three-wheelers is drastically less expensive. In New Jersey, for example, a 16-year-old driver on the biggest bike might only pay \$215 a year for insurance,



purchased Trihawk and is studying the feasibility of substituting Harley's V-Twin for the Citroen Four, which would make the Trihawk a modern Morgan.

Another California firm, Badsey Bullet USA Inc., P.O. Box 9275, Anaheim, Calif. 92802, is on the verge of producing a three-wheeler that combines racing and motorcycle technology in one three-wheeled package.

two-seater with a Yamaha 1,200-cc engine positioned Batmobile-style between the driver and the passenger. The center section is a wind tunnel that cools the engine and produces some of the suction effect that keeps race cars on the ground.

The Bullet rides on two small front wheels that steer and a big rear driving wheel. The combined widths of the front wheels approximately equal the rear wheel's width. According to inventor Bill Badsey, this patented wheel

fect that stabilizes and centers the Bullet on the road. The sum of all these technologies is amazing performance: zero to 60 in 4.6 seconds and a top speed over 150 mph are claimed (a prototype was clocked at 167 mph in South Africa, but keep it under your hat). Gas consumption is better than 55 mpg in more normal driving. For \$16,900, you can stroll right on out to the edge in the Badsey Bullet.

Back in the staid world of commuter (Please turn to page 154)



Reliant van and sedans blend real car looks with 70-mpg economy. Rogers Rascal microvan is assembled of parts from 15 countries!

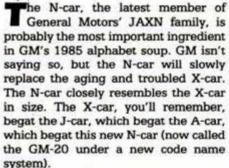




GM's VARIATIONS ON A THEME

How many ways can you slice one platform? Multiply the answer by five divisions.

BY MICHAEL LAMM, West Coast Editor, AND DANIEL CHARLES ROSS, Detroit Editor



For 1985, Oldsmobile will drop its Omega X-car and will introduce the Calais in its place. Pontiac will discontinue the Phoenix X-car and introduce its own version of the GM-20, called the Grand Am. Buick, meanwhile, will begin offering the Somerset Regal GM-20 alongside the X-car Skylark, which has been selling well in '84. The Skylark will slowly fade from the scene late in 1985.

All three versions of the GM-20 will bow this month, first as coupes, then soon afterward as four-door sedans. Toward 1987-88, the GM-20 platform will be the basis for Oldsmobile's rumored 2+2 sport convertible. Maybe. Olds hasn't yet decided.

These variations, including those from sister divisions, will follow the Xcar/A-car layout of front-wheel drive, MacPherson-strut front suspension, semi-independent trailing arm/twistbeam rear axle with coil springs, and unitized body. The GM-20 springs more directly from the A-car than the X, but all three share engines, powertrains, suspension parts and even some inner body structure. (The X-car won't disappear completely in 1985. Chevrolet will continue to offer the X as the Citation II until its 1987 L-car, or GM-25, is ready.)



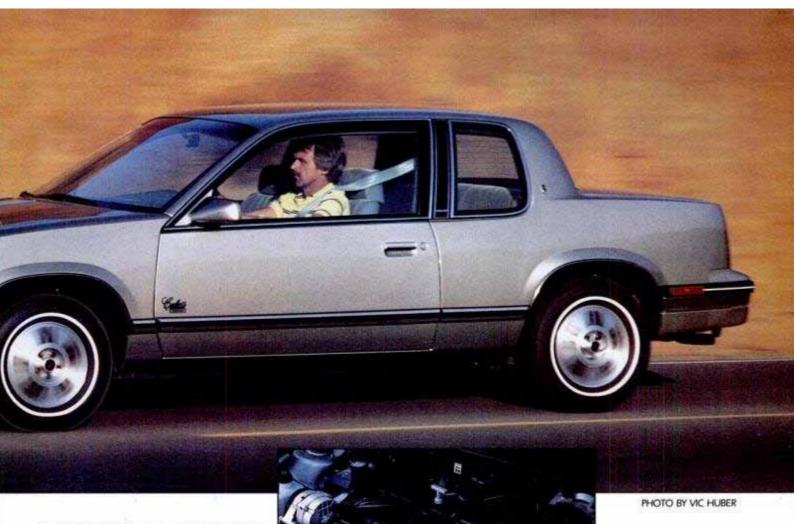
GM-20 performance is adequate from both engines: the Pontiac-supplied, 2.5-liter Iron Duke Four and the optional 3.0-liter port-injected V6. This new Buick-built V6 is a sweet-running engine that runs and sounds just like an inline Six. It has that same incomparably steady, smooth staccato beat. The slightly open-throated exhaust note of an Olds Calais Supreme we drove sounded great.

Trouble is, you'll be able to get the V6 only with the Turbo Hydra-Matic 125C transaxle. This four-speed overdrive automatic makes for an easy-driving powertrain, but it means that acceleration with the V6 automatic is roughly equal to that of the Four with a five-speed manual.

While the GM-20's basic chassis and suspension carry over from the A-cars, there's one major difference: no separate rubber-bushed subframe up front. Rather, the powertrain cradle is welded solid to the main unibody and has







longitudinal rails that run back under the floorpan. The welded-up platform causes a tiny bit of ride harshness, but it also gives a stiffer, more rigid structure for better handling.

The GM-20's ride tends to be a little noisier than the A-car or even the X-car. While it handles better than the A-car, it still understeers. Understeer gives way to oversteer when you lift off the throttle during hard cornering or braking—common conditions on slippery roads and in emergencies.

Driving the Olds version

The V6 Olds Calais Supreme we drove had the optional F-41 sport suspension which, at \$35 or so, has to be one of the greatest bargains going. RPO F-41 makes the Calais steer, track and respond quite a bit better than the standard suspension, and the small sacrifice in ride isn't enough to detract. The advantages of the F-41 suspension far outweigh the little added jiggliness.

Those advantages include 14:1 rackand-pinion steering instead of the standard 16:1, 205/70R13 tires rather than the conventional 185/80R13s, a 24-mm front stabilizer bar as opposed to a 22mm standard, harder grommets and bushings, different strut and shock valving plus a rear stabilizer bar (the standard rear suspension has none).

dubbed

GM's interior designers have done a commendable job with the seats and instrument panel. It's a very comfortable car. There's an amazing amount of

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Oldsmobile's version of the GM-20 (above) is

Somerset Regal and Pon-

tiac Grand Am will share

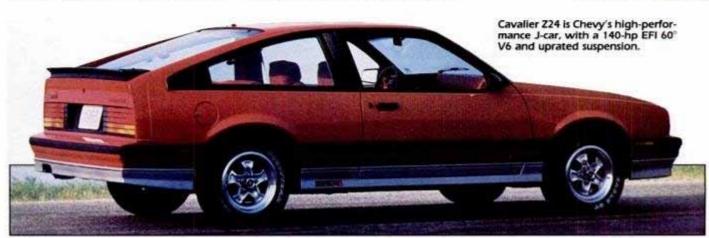
Buick supplies the portinjected, 3.0-liter V6

same

powerplant (left).

Calais.

silhouette.



DETROIT

FORD'S FOREIGN



For those who think Europe gets the best cars, Ford is importing Merkur, its rear-drive sedan that's designed and built in Germany.

BY DANIEL CHARLES ROSS DETROIT EDITOR AND NORMAN MAYERSOHN ASSISTANT AUTO EDITOR



Sunroof is one of the few possible options on the well-equipped, \$16,400 list Merkur.





Five-passenger hatchback has split rear seat and convenient cargo accommodations.



Merkur's turbo Four is set at 15-psi boost, and puts out 170 hp (160 hp with automatic).

POWER PLAY



right up where you're sure to see it:
Front and rear, their new Merkur marque carries identification badges bearing the words "Ford Werke A.G. Köln, Germany." Instead of trying to make customers forget the country of origin for their offshore-built cars, Ford is hooking onto the American infatuation for Eurosedans. This fast-growing segment of the market has been on a steady upward beam in recent years and seems just about recession-proof.

Designed and developed in Germany, and sold in Europe since 1982, the Merkur XR4Ti (Sierra in the home market) is a high-spirited three-door coupe with a 2.3-liter turbo Four underhood. Ford's commitment to the Merkur as an all-around driver's machine shows in its rear-wheel-drive design. Ford's opinion, shared by other performance-car builders, is that roadholding is best when steering and driving force is divided between two sets of tires.

From the beginning, the car was built with both fast driving and the American market in mind. But most European imports, particularly those brought to market by American manufacturers, suffer from mechanical anemia, so by the time they land on our shores, they fall far short of their original potential. Ford went to great lengths to preserve the European character of this model, and it shows.

One place where they actually improved the U.S. version is the power-plant. Replacing the 2.8-liter V6 of the Euro version is a 15 psi-boosted 170-hp Four (160 hp with automatic transmission). The smaller Four makes equivalent horsepower to the European engine, and far more than would an emissions-certified V6. And, as is the fashion on the Continent, the suspension is rather compliant, with plenty of body roll. But the tires always stay firmly in contact with the road so the car will corner comfortably and fast.

Aerodynamic advances

The Merkur's shape is a further offshoot of the Probe show cars and, with a Cd figure of .32, is a few steps beyond the aero-styled T-bird. Some of the



Highest tech yet: Comtech touch-screen control panel option for the Mark VII.

devices that contribute to this great reading for a five-passenger sedan are subtle, like plastic body side-cladding. Others are radical—the bilevel rear wing comes directly from the Euro version, and helps cut lift and drag by trapping turbulent airflow between the wing layers.

Inside, the Merkur is loaded with the kinds of clever details we've come to expect of Japan's best offerings. Below the Grundig radio are convenient popout storage racks for four tape cassettes, and the trunk section features an elastic cargo net hooked to the floor for secure package stowing. The rear seat is a split folding design, and the package tray behind it removes quickly for full hatchback storage capacity.

New marque for Ford

The XR4Ti is the first U.S.-bound model in a complete new line of cars that will be sold through 800 franchised Merkur dealers. As delivered, it will be a fully equipped vehicle with only a short list of options to be added on top of the projected \$16,400 price. The performance, size and price place the Merkur squarely in the hotly contested territory of BMW, Saab, Audi and Volvo.

Our initial driving impressions tell us that the Merkur ought to be a leading contender right away, and the genuine

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LOOKING UNDER THE HOOD:



ANTILOCK BRAKES: FORD'S FIRST

o company lawyers block safetyrelated systems that are not required by law for fear of litigation? They certainly didn't at Ford, where the '85 Continental and Mark VII will have the first four-wheel antiskid disc brake system on an American car.

However, the lawyers also got in their licks, including the fact that Ford won't call it an "antiskid" system. The approved term is "antilock," which means that Ford doesn't claim it prevents skids, only that it prevents wheel lockup on hard braking. Yes, the whole idea is to prevent skids, but don't tell that to the Ford counselors—they get big bucks to come up with things like this.

Legal influence also is apparent in the design. Of course it's fail-safe, so you have normal braking even if the antilock system dies. It also has two control computers, one to back up the other, which should prove that good intentions won out over cost savings if the subject ever comes up in court.

Ford buys the basic system from Teves, a European brake manufacturer—everything but brackets, wiring harness and power relays. Teves reportedly is obligated to pay any warranty costs, and there's probably a clause or two in the contract about lawsuits.

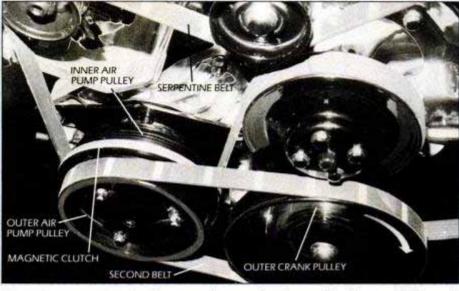
Fully hydraulic system

The antiskid, sorry, antilock system is integrated into a fully hydraulic power braking system (it has no vacuum booster) that is pressurized by an electric pump on the hydraulic booster. An accumulator atop the assembly stores enough pressure for up to 15 power-assisted stops in case of pump failure.

There's an electromagnetic sensor at each wheel. A toothed ring attached to the rotor spins past the sensor, continuously breaking the magnetic field, to signal the computers. A bank of six hydraulic solenoid valves on the side of the master cylinder also is wired to the computers to control the three brake lines. There are two valves for each front wheel, and one pair for both rear wheels. One valve in each pair is normally open, the other normally closed.

The master cylinder is a dual design, but because there are separate circuits

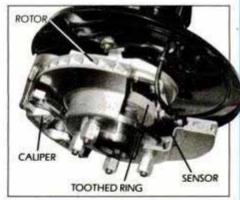
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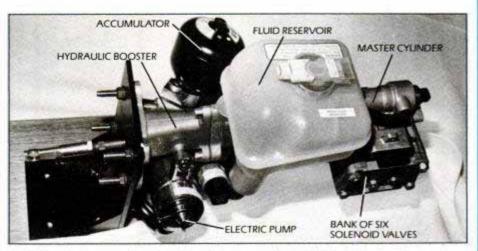
Mustang's two-speed belt drive turns all accessories (except the air pump) half speed.



Merkur's turbo Four Isn't Intercooled, but part of the air delivery plumbing sports cooling fins. This might allow future racers to install intercoolers and still meet "factory trim" rules.



Antilock brakes use speed sensors on each wheel to warn computer of impending skid.



Antilock system uses six solenoid valves to retain or bleed off brake line pressure.



adds a little spice to its economy mix.

BY DANIEL CHARLES ROSS, Detroit Editor

Alliance drop-top, AMC's first since 1968, gets a new 77-hp, 1.7-liter Four, too.

merican Motors' first convertible passenger car since the 1968 Rebel will go a long way to change AMC's conservative image. With the help of Renault, the company is also introducing a pair of entirely new French-designed engines, one gas and one turbodiesel.

Both AMC/Renault's new gasoline engine and its new soft-topper are combined in the 1985 Alliance. Power is supplied by the Renault F-engine, a 1.7-liter overhead-cam Four with 77 hp at 5,000 rpm and a peak torque of 96 lb.-ft. at 3,000 rpm. This engine will be standard equipment in the Alliance Limited sedan and convertible and Encore GS models. It's optional in other Alliance/Encore models and helps offset the terrible power shortage Alliance/Encore models have suffered since their introduction. The pending 1.4-liter turbocharged Alliance ought to eliminate this problem once and for all.

Bendix single-point fuel injection replaces the Bosch LU multipoint units used on last year's 1.4-liter Four, still

the standard powerplant in most Alliance/Encore models.

Convertible collaboration

The Alliance convertible is a welldone piece of work-a design AMC/ Renault developed in conjunction with the convertible experts at American Sunroof Corp. (ASC). The collaboration produced a special subassembly line at the Kenosha, Wis., assembly plant where U.S. Alliances are built, with little deviation from normal manufacturing techniques.

After the roof, B- and C-pillars are amputated, reinforcements are attached to the A-pillar and to a variety of body sections. Torsional rigidity appeared to be up to the task during our test drive. The new top is power-operated and has a color-coordinated boot and zip-out rear window. The trunk can be opened and closed without difficulty when the top is down and boot is installed, however, some of the trunk space has been sacrificed to the sun Overwhelmingly successful Cherokee series

cases. But, we were happy to trade that trunk room for wide open space over the passenger compartment. Power windows are available as an option on the Alliance convertible.

For the Encore line, the GS model has been upgraded with the 1.7-liter Four, five-speed manual transaxle, 14-in. aluminum wheels and performance tires, a

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god-perhaps too much for large suit- now has a French-built turbodiesel option.

LOOKING UNDER THE HOOD:

AMC/RENAULT'S TWO NEW ENGINES

s the new 1.7-liter four-cylinder for the '85 Alliance the strongest Four in the industry? AMC chief powertrain engineer Dan Hittler concedes its 77 horses from 105 cubes isn't tuning-tothe-hairy-edge, but claims its durability is beyond anything he's tested.

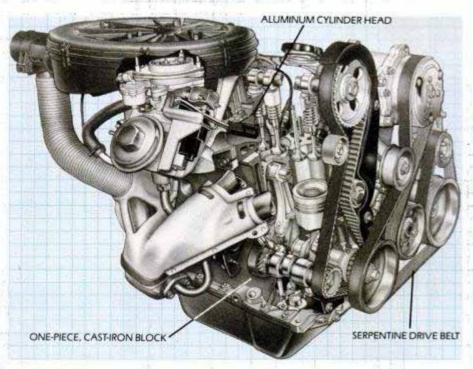
The engine is built by Renault in France (production soon will switch to Mexico) and "dressed" with accessories in the United States. It is the first one AMC has had that passes the company's 1,000-hour dyno test (500 hours at peak horses, 500 at peak torque) and comes back ready for more. "We tore down the engine at 1,000 hours," Hittler says. "The parts looked just nicely broken in, so we reassembled it with the same parts and found we could run it for 300 hours more." The standard 1.4-liter engine barely makes 1,000 hours and the 2.5-liter Jeep engine falls a bit short, he admits.

The 1,000-hour test, also used by Renault, is more severe than typical tests by U.S. manufacturers because domestic engines have traditionally been big on cubic inches and loafed along, nowhere near peak horsepower or torque. All that is changing, Hittler says, because, in general, engines have been downsized even more than the cars have.

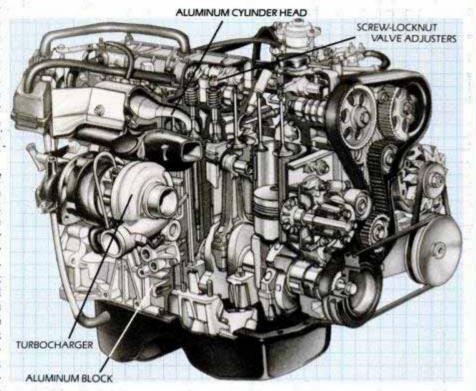
Although dyno testing of some small U.S. engines has been upgraded to as high as 800 hours, all are below the 1,000 mark and many are still tested for as few as 200 hours, Hittler says. He adds that other dyno testing does not come near the percentage of peak operation in AMC procedures.

The dyno test isn't absolute proof that an engine will last long because operating conditions, maintenance and build quality are also factors that figure into the equation. However, Hittler says, the 1.7 was engineered both for gas and diesel-not as a conversionso the basic design is strong. The block is one-piece cast iron, not the usual Renault wet-sleeve type, so it deflects less. After its infamous 20,000-mile engines of the '50s and '60s, Renault learned to build in durability with wetsleeve designs, so with the rigid block it can do even better. The crank is a fivemain-bearing design. The layout of the

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AMC's torture-tested 1.7-liter gasoline engine might be the toughest new Four made.



The all-aluminum 2.1 turbodiesel for Cherokee/Wagoneer makes 85 hp with intercooling.

LOOKING UNDER THE HOOD:



CHRYSLER TACKLES THE DETAILS

ost of the engineering work Chrysler did for 1985 was to correct a variety of customer objections and headaches.

The 1985 four- and five-speed manual gearboxes should no longer suffer the shifting difficulties of previous years. The problem occurred because as many as three forks had to move back and forth along a single rail. Any looseness between a fork and the rail could easily cause the fork to cock against a synchronizer and bind. A double-rail design is being introduced for 1985 that holds the forks in better alignment. Also, all the forks have been beefed up to reduce deflection.

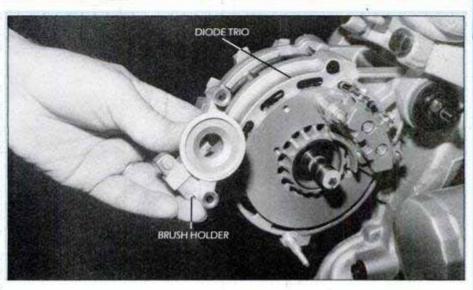
The 2.2-liter four-cylinder engine gets some rework to reduce engine compartment vibrations and noises. The most significant change is the solid mounting of the air-conditioning compressor to the engine, using a shallow, very rigid bracket instead of the large one with rubber bushings. Previously, the bracket and compressor were subject to engine shaking forces that created a droning sound, particularly at idle.

The air intake ductwork, a source of noise when inrushing air causes it to vibrate, is a new blow-molded design. It's much more rigid than the pre-1985 type, so it will vibrate less.

The carburetor has been the bane of Chrysler's existence since emissions controls stiffened, almost causing a 1.3 million-car recall for stalling. Factory fixes for driveability problems have had limited success. The answer for Chrysler is fuel injection, which is being phased in across the board on the 2.2 Four by the next model year.

But there is still a year to go and many hundreds of thousands of carburetor customers. So Chrysler has attended to one of the remaining headaches: driveability and poor hot restarts with gasoline containing alcohol additives (particularly methanol). The 2.2's fuel lines were rerouted to move them farther away from hot spots in the engine compartment, and a fuel reservoir was installed near the carburetor. This reservoir separates out vapor, helping to ensure a supply of liquid fuel

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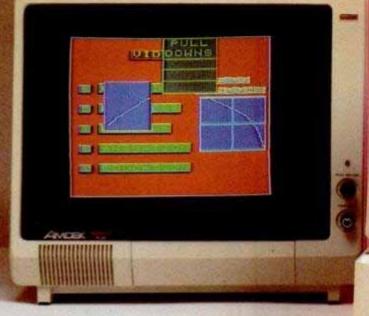


Chrysler leads the way in ease-of-repair advancements with a new alternator design (above). Routine failure items—brushes and diodes—can be serviced by removing a plastic cover. Unbolting the alternator from the engine is unnecessary. Voltage regulators have been eliminated on EFI-equipped Fours and replaced by two engine computer modules. Balky shifting on the four- and five-speed manual gear-boxes has been fixed by a double rall design for shift forks to keep them in better alignment (left). Forks have been strengthened to resist deflection, too. Onboard computer diagnostics are now part of the carbureted 2.2 Four engine package. A special Chrysler digital readout instrument (lower left) pinpoints trouble. Starting prob-lems caused by gasoline with alcohol additives have been cured by rerouting fuel lines away from underhood hot spots and installing a vapor separator (below) to keep liquid gasoline flowing into the carburetor.





Buying A Real Computer Monitor



Amdek Color-I Plus (above) is currently the topselling computer monitor for full-color display. The Apple III monitor (with the Apple IIe computer, right) is a 12-inch green phosphor monochrome unit that is particularly suited for text and word-processing work.



If your computer has been sharing the family's TV set, it's time to get it a monitor of its own. Computer and video game images will be sharper and easier on your eyes.

BY WALTER SALM; Photo by Layman/Newman

f you're using your computer hooked up to the family TV set, you've already discovered that this arrangement is far from ideal. For one thing, it upsets television viewing for family members who'd rather watch M*A*S*H reruns than Microsoft BASIC, WordStar or VisiCalc. It also gives you less-than-ideal screen display of text, graphics and games because a TV set is designed to pluck programs off the airwaves, not for high-precision computer screening.

A television receiver has a lot of tuning and demodulating circuitry that's simply not needed in a computer or video monitor. Also, because a direct-connect monitor receives a much cleaner signal than an off-the-air program, the monitor is theoretically capable of producing much sharper images on the screen. Monitor makers have capitalized on this ability by designing units that do, indeed, produce images that are cleaner and sharper.

The signal that goes from the computer to the monitor's input is clean, unhampered video. It can come in one of several flavors, but the most common are called composite and R-G-B. There's also pure monochrome, in some cases called TTL, such as produced by the IBM monochrome graphics board.

Monochrome and/or composite color signals usually come out of the computer in a good old RCA-type phono jack—the same kind of receptacle that's on the back of your stereo receiver. An R-G-B signal—separate TV primary color signals for red, green and blue—comes out in a multiple-pin connector. The most frequent kind is a nine-pin D-type, which looks an awful lot like the connector on an Atari-type joystick.

What you see on the screen with these various types of systems varies from type to type. For instance, on monochrome monitors, you'll see either green or



amber text on a black background. An R-G-B monitor and a composite monitor both produce full-color images on the screen, the only discernible difference being one of image sharpness and clarity. The R-G-B monitor will clearly have an advantage here, or will be said to have higher resolution.

Why the different kinds of color signals? It's the old tradeoff of cost vs. quality. R-G-B gives much sharper images than composite if the monitor is up to it. But the needed computer circuits and the monitor are more expensive. This sharpness is called resolution. The more lines of resolution a monitor can produce, the sharper the image. The fly in the ointment is that most R-G-B monitors are much more expensive than composite video color displays and will not work with all computers.

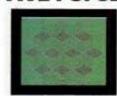
The monitor's improvement over a conventional TV set depends on several design features: the way the picture tube is constructed, the quality of the components used in the circuits and the design of the circuits themselves, both in the monitor and computer. But

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COMPARING FIVE POPULAR MONITORS



Amdek Color-I Plus is a low-res color set good for games and some graphics, poor with text.



The green monochrome hi-res Apple III monitor works well with text and mono graphics.



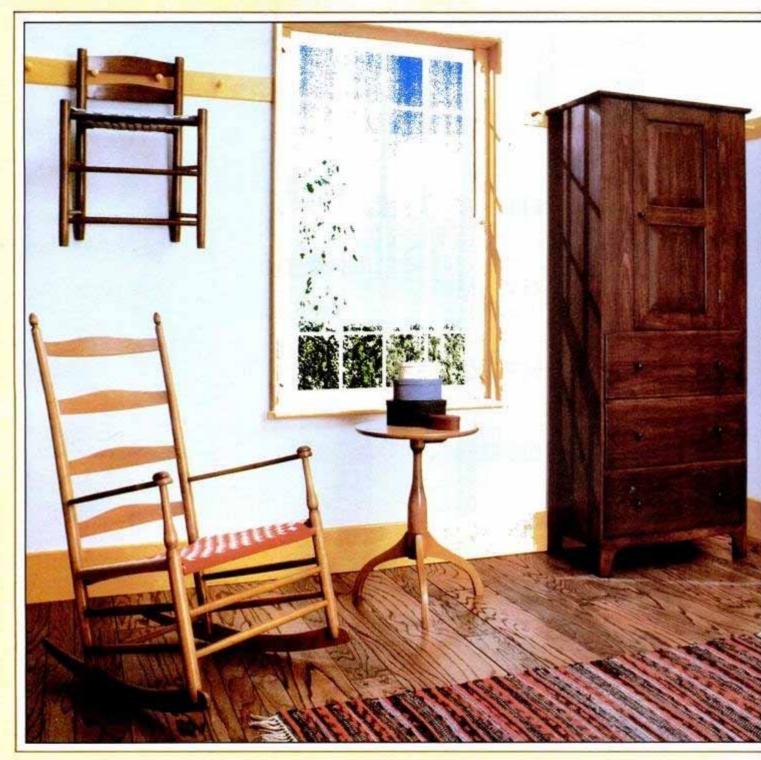
Zenith ZVM-133 is a hi-res R-G-B color monitor with many controls to zero in on good picture.



Zenith ZVM-122 is a top-selling hi-res monochrome monitor, especially good for business use.



PGS HX-12 is a hi-res R-G-B color monitor which is especially popular with IBM computer owners.



CABINET BOTTOM



Detail shows joint of front leg, side and glue block. Bottom support is rabbeted to accept bottom.

MITERED DOOR FRAME



Door frame members join by mortises and tenons. Frame parts have partial miters at joints where panels meet.

DOOR FASTENER



The door fastener consists of a turned maple pull (background) and a maple latch secured by a wedge.



DRAWER ASSEMBLY



Drawer back and side (right) are joined by dovetails. Note side is tapered from top to bottom.

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Create A Room In The Shaker Tradition

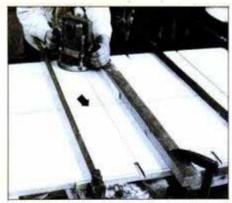
From cabinet to moldings, we show you how to reproduce the functional simplicity of a Shaker room.

superb craftsmanship, ingenuity and a sense of design are much admired in Shaker furniture. Here, we show how to recreate the simple appeal of a Shaker room. The Shakers, an American communal sect, live by strict guidelines. At their height in the 1850s, there were about 6,000 Shaker members. After the Civil War, their population declined. Today, only a handful of Shakers exist. While some of the religious aspects of their life hold little appeal for us today, Shaker architecture, furniture and household accessories are quite popular.

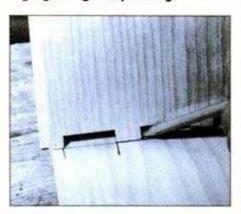
PM's room reflects the Shaker belief in functional simplicity. The plain but well-proportioned baseboard molding, peg rail, door and window surrounds in the photo are adapted from those in the North family residence, built in 1818 in Mount Lebanon, N.Y. This was the site of the first Shaker community founded in 1787, and the central headquarters of the church. The medium-yellow finish on the woodwork is similar to that in the interior of a Shaker brick dwelling built in 1830 in Hancock, Mass. The yellow paint is covered with a coating of shellac for protection.

Peg rails are distinctive features of almost all Shaker rooms. They were placed at different heights with varying numbers of pegs to hold hats, coats, extra chairs or to suspend almost everything in a room while the floor was thoroughly cleaned. For construction details on the woodwork see page 109.

In keeping with their sense of cleanliness and order, the Shakers used many storage cabinets, both free-standing and built-in. The cabinet detailed here is based on one from Mount Lebanon. As in PM's example, many free-standing cabinets were finished in a



1 To rout the cabinet sides for dovetall and regular dadoes, clamp sides together back edge to back edge (arrow). Strips on front edges guard against splintering.



Using a very sharp pencil and the cut dovetall pins in the drawer front as a template, carefully mark the dovetails in the sides of the cabinet drawers.

reddish stain covered with shellac. Built-in cabinets were painted the same color as the woodwork in the room. Today, as then, these cabinets can be used in the dining room, kitchen, bedroom or other room where storage space is needed.

Shaker communities sold many objects to the outside world. Perhaps best known are the chairs, simplified versions of the slat-back chairs common in America in Pilgrim days. The Shakers reduced the turned members to an extreme, functional delicacy. At a factory in Mount Lebanon, chairs were sold to outsiders. The slat-back rocker and the low-back chair shown here are assembled from kits based on the Mount Lebanon pattern. The smaller chair was used most often in the communal dining halls.

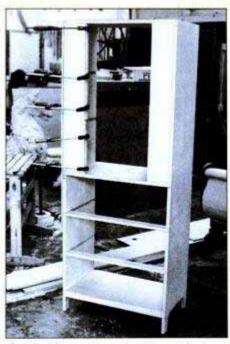
Chair seats were made of rush, splint, cane or, most commonly, tightly woven cotton tape, which came in many

Cabinet design and construction, and molding con-struction: Raiston Furniture Reproductions

Rocking chair and low-back chair kits, rag rug, oval nesting boxes and rail pegs: Shaker Workshops, Box PM 1028, Concord, Mass. 01742.

Shaker table, tin candleholder, Cohasset Colonials, Box 514JX, Ship St., Cohasset Harbor, Mass. 02025.

Color photos: Harry Hartman Studios Room stylist: Gabe Herrick Technical art: Eugene Thompson



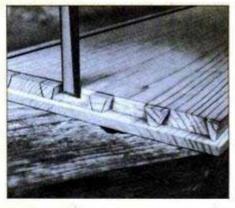
2 After the main parts of the cabinet are glued together, glue the front pieces flanking the door. Use wood strips to cushion the cabinet from the clamp jaws.

color combinations. Tape fit perfectly into the Shaker tradition, as it was inexpensive, comfortable and attractive. Finishes varied from thin yellow or red stains to a shiny clear or dark-brown shellac.

As in the chairs, the Shaker table is a result of a standard form reduced to its simplest extreme. Tables, like the round one in the color photograph, were used as candlestands and next to looms for holding weaving equipment. (For more information on kit furniture, see page 108.)

The wooden sconce in the color photo again exemplifies the plain and simple design philosophy of the Shakers. The sconce has large holes that allow it to be hung from peg rails in whatever room candlelight might be needed.

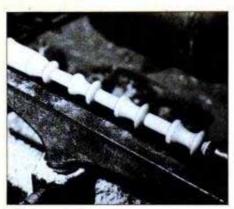
The fabrication of boxes, often oval in shape, was another important industry for the Shakers. Simple in design and well made, they have been popular because of their beauty and function. The boxes were often painted blue, red



3 After cutting out the shape of the dovetall pins in the drawer fronts, use a sharp chisel to remove waste between pins. A wooden mallet propels the chisel.



5 After cutting the dovetalls in the drawer sides, use a sharp chisel to remove the waste. Note: Scribe lines have been penciled in to clarify the photograph.



Drawer pulls are turned on a lathe. Turn a maximum of four pulls at a time to avoid vibration. Three pulls can be turned with greater comfort and less risk.

MATERIALS LIST-SHAKER CABINET

Key No. Size and description (use)

34 × 2814 × 7534" O.A. pine (wide boards

tongue and grooved; back) 1/4 × 17½ × 75¾" pine (wide boards edge-B glued; side)

D

34 × 514 × 3614° pine (front panel) 34 × 171/2 × 2814° pine (top) 34 × 34 × 1814° pine (quarter round; side E1

trim) E2

trim)

44 × 44 × 30½" pine (front trim)

45 × 16 × 28¾" pine (shelf)

46 × 16¾ × 28¾" pine (shelf)

47 × 16¾ × 28¾" pine (shelf)

48 × 12 × 28¾" pine (upper drawer rail)

48 × 1½ × 1½ × 14½" pine (lower drawer rail)

48 × 1½ × 1½ × 16" pine (bottom support)

1 34 × 16 × 26" pine (bottom)
4 1 × 1 × 44" pine (glue block)
2 34 × 34 × 44" pine (front foot)
2 34 × 3 × 17" pine (rail, door end)

1 1/4 × 31/4 × 17" pine (rail, door center) 2 1/4 × 3 × 361/4" pine (door stile)

2 ½ × 11½ × 14¼" pine (panel) 3 ¾ × 10¼ × 28" pine (drawer front) Q

1/2 × 9 × 271/2" pine (drawer back)

6 10 × 16½" pine; taper from 716 at up w 9/16" at bottom (drawer side)

3 ½ × 16½ × 27" pine (drawer bottom)

6 15/16"-dia. × 17/2" maple (drawer pull)

1 15/16"-dia. × 2½" maple (door pull)

1 ¼ × 1½ × 2" maple (door latch)

1 ¼ × ½ × 1½" maple (door latch wedge)

2 2" tight pin but hinge

9 1½" No. 10 flathead screw 10 × 161/2" pine; taper from 5/16" at top to

VI V2

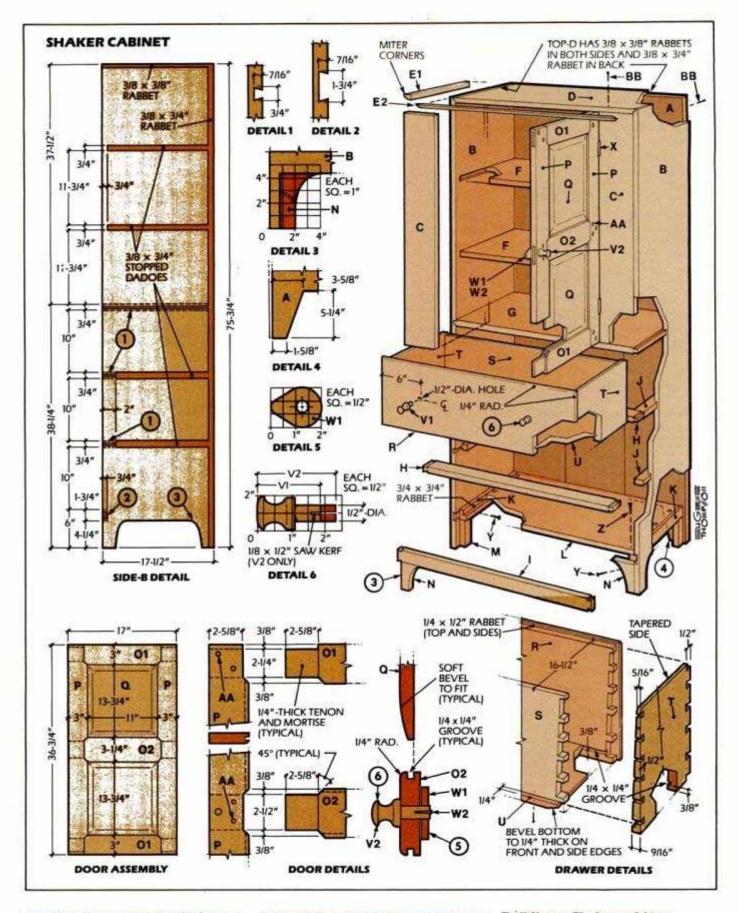
W2

Y

8 1¼" No. 10 flathead screw 6 1¼" No. 10 flathead screw

Z AA 13 ¼"-dia. × ¾" dowel pegs BB * 2" finishing nails

Misc: 80-, 120- and 240-grit abrasive, carpenter's glue, stain, varnish *As required



or yellow. Later, they were simply covered with shellac. The boxes came in nests of up to 12.

Curtains were often used in sleeping rooms. However, windows in other rooms were usually left bare. Shaker law forbade red, checked, striped or flowered curtains. A single piece of plain white cotton or linen was simply hung over the lower half of the window.

There were very few restrictions on the type of rugs used, other than a ban on realistic imagery. Rugs were woven, braided, sewn or hooked. Many were as colorful as the rag rug shown here.

-Gilbert Tapley Vincent

Building a Shaker cabinet

The Shaker cabinet shown in the color photo is built of clear white pine, except for the back piece, which can be knotty, and the drawer pulls and door knob and latch, which are maple. The pine is nominally 1 in.thick. The actual measure is ³/₄ in. or ¹³/₁₆ in., depending

on your source. Because 3/4 in. is the most common thickness, it's used in the materials list (page 106). The bottom support and drawer backs, sides and bottoms are of other thicknesses.

Begin work by cutting the sides (B, see materials list) to size and cutting the feet out at the bottom (see detail 3 in the drawing on page 107). Use a single board for each side if possible, or glue up boards if necessary.

Mark the dovetail dadoes for the upper two drawer rails (H) and bottom cabinet shelf (G). Mark the regular dadoes for the two remaining shelves (F) and the drawer sides (J).

To rout the dadoes, clamp the two cabinet sides together, back edge to back edge. In this way, both sides can be routed with the same setup. Because a ³/₄-in. dovetail bit is not common, use a ¹/₂-in. bit and make two passes. Don't change the fence, just add a ¹/₄-in.-thick shim to the fence for the second pass. It's also a good idea to clamp a small strip along the front edges to avoid splintering (see photo 1 on page 106).

Next, cut to length the top (D), the three shelves (F, G) and all three drawer rails (H, I). Rabbet the top and sides and cut the dovetails on the rails and on the bottom shelf. Hold the bottom rail in place against the front edge of each side piece and mark the dovetail. Remove waste with a dovetail or backsaw and a chisel.

Cut and rabbet the bottom supports (K) and cut the bottom (L) to size. Before assembly, sand all pieces with 80-grit abrasive. Screw the bottom supports to the sides with 13/4-in. No. 10 flathead screws. Glue the rails and shelves to the sides, nail on the top with 2-in. finishing nails and screw in the bottom with 11/4-in. No. 10 flathead screws. Check for square and let the cabinet dry.

When the glue is dry, cut the pieces (C) that flank the door. Sand them with 80-grit abrasive, glue them to the sides and nail with 2-in. finishing nails from above and below. Cut and nail in the drawer slides. They are about ½ in. shorter than the space of the cabinet side they occupy so that, as the sides shrink, the slides won't push out the rails or the back. Cut the front feet (N). Glue and screw them in place with 1¾-in. No. 10 flathead wood screws.

Cut the back boards (A) to size, cut tongues and grooves in them and nail them in place. It's a good idea to reinforce all four feet with glue blocks (M). Finally, cut the crown molding (E1 and E2). Sand the outside of the cupboard with 80-grit abrasive and nail the trim in place.

Constructing the door

Next work on the cabinet door. Cut the door rails (O1 and O2) and door stiles (P). Cut ¹/₄ × ¹/₄-in. grooves in these members for the door panels (Q). Mark, bore and chisel out mortises in the stiles. Mark and cut the tenons. Mark and cut partial miters at points where frame members join (see door details on the drawing).

Dry-fit the door frame together. Then, disassemble and rout the inside edges of the frame members with a ¹/₄in. rounding-over bit.

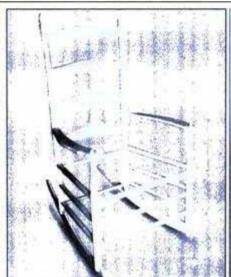
Cut and slightly bevel the panels (Q) with a plane and 80-grit abrasive. Glue the door together, panel bevels facing out. Glue the mortise and tenon joints only—panels are never glued. Make sure the door is square and flat. Let it

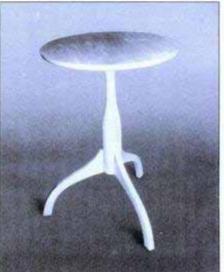
dry. Then, bore and peg the joints with dowels (AA). Sand the frame.

Constructing the drawers

Cut the drawer fronts (R). Rabbet the side and top edges for a ¹/₄ × ¹/₄-in. lip. The drawer sides (T) on this piece are beveled from ⁵/₁₆ in. thick at the top to ⁹/₁₆ in. thick at the bottom. This adds strength to the lower portion where the bottom groove is cut, without making the drawer excessively heavy.

An efficient way of making the drawer sides is to resaw a 10 × 16¹/₂-in. board of nominal ⁵/₄ in. thickness (actual measure is 1 or 1¹/₁₆ in.) using a band saw, to get two side pieces tapered as





Shaker Furniture From Kits

Three furniture pieces in our Shaker room were made from kits: the slat-back rocker, the low-back chair and the round Shaker table. Kits such as these provide an affordable way for anyone to own a quality piece of furniture.

The kits come complete with furniture parts, tapes for chairs in colors that you specify, sandpaper, glue, fasteners and stain. Be certain to check the parts list to make sure your kit is complete before you begin assembly. Also, read the instructions carefully before you begin. All parts of the furniture shown are rock maple. The parts come already sanded, but I resanded each part with 150-grit abrasive to ensure a smooth finish.

The chair kits come with preassembled backs which make assembly as easy as possible. First, dry-assemble the chair to familiarize yourself with the assembly sequence. Some of the tenons may have swollen slightly from absorbed moisture and must be sanded lightly.

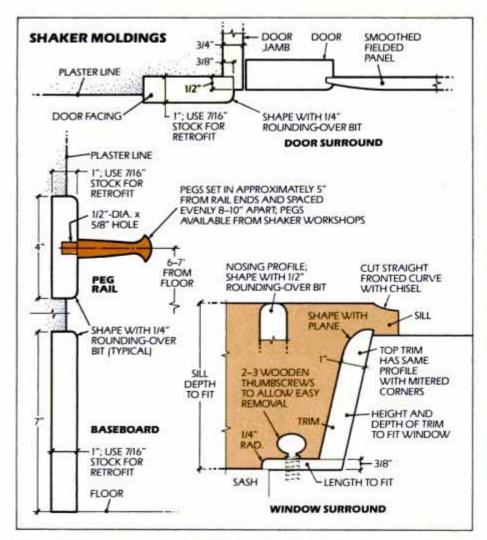
Next, apply glue to the mortises and assemble the chair using a hammer and a protective wood block. Before the glue sets, make certain that all chair legs rest evenly on a flat surface. If necessary, twist the chair frame slightly. Allow the glue to dry overnight. The rocker is shown (left, above) at this stage. Then finish-sand, stain and finish the chair as desired. The purchaser supplies the topcoat finish. I used varnish followed by a protective coat of paste wax.

Clear instructions are provided for weaving the chair seat with cotton canvas chair tapes. Chair tapes are available in 5/s-in. and 1-in. widths in a wide variety of colors. Chair taping is a simple, but tedious, operation. A first-timer could weave the rocker seat in two to three hours.

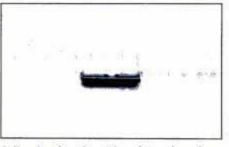
The round Shaker table (right, above), also known as a candle stand, was assembled in less than 30 minutes. Simply screw the cleat to the post and attach the tabletop to the cleat. Then, glue the legs into the dovetail joints milled into the post bottom.

The slat-back rocker (\$128 postpaid) and the low-back chair (\$63.75 postpaid) are made by Shaker Workshops, Box PM1028, Concord, Mass. 01742 (catalog: 50 cents). They are also available assembled and finished: rocker, \$270; low-back chair, \$120. Shipping is extra.

The Shaker table (\$54 postpaid) is available from Cohasset Colonials, Box 514 JX, Ship St., Cohasset Harbor, Mass. 02025 (catalog: \$1). Both companies have a variety of Shaker kit furniture and accessories.—J.T.







A line level and a string determine placement for a peg (or chair) rail. With a helper, run the string across the wall. When bubble is centered (above), mark string ends.

needed. Since the beveled sides may not be exactly interchangeable, it is a good idea to number the pieces for each drawer and to mark the sides left and right. Groove the sides and front for the drawer bottom.

To make dovetails, use a marking gauge set at 1/2 in. Scribe both ends of each drawer side for dovetails. Scribe the fronts and backs by holding the side in place on them.

Although, in most hand made furniture, dovetailing was done by eye, the Shaker pieces have a regularity that suggests a pattern was carefully made and used to mark out all the dovetails. This is especially true for the front dovetails. Use a dovetail saw or small backsaw to cut. Then, chisel out the dovetails on the fronts and backs (see photo 3).

Mark out the sides using the respective fronts and backs as a pattern (photo 4). Then, cut and chisel.

Round over the front edges of the drawer fronts with a 1/4-in. roundingover bit, sand all pieces and glue. Check for square.

Cut the drawer bottoms (U) to size, leaving an extra ¼ in. sticking out the back of the drawers to allow for future shrinkage of the bottom. Bevel with a plane and sand. The bottoms are held in place with 2 or 3 nails driven up through the bottoms into the backs of the drawers.

Before finishing, fit the hinges (X) for the door, turn the drawer and door pulls (V1 and V2) and shape the cabinet latch (W1, see detail 5). The hinges are 2-in., tight-pin, steel butt hinges from a hardware store. Originals were cast hinges. However, now these cost about \$30 per pair.

For ease in finishing, bore the drawers and door for the pulls after the finishing is done. Sand the completed piece with 120-grit abrasive. A fairly acceptable finish can be had by using a pigmented oil stain, sanding with 220-grit abrasive and dusting, followed by applying one or two coats of white (clear) shellac or varnish.

A much better finish will result if a red mahogany penetrating stain is used under the shellac. In this case, we used Benwood Interior Stain No. 237-23 (Phillipine mahogany) with 70 units of red universal tinting color added per quart. Benwood is made by Benjamin Moore and Co., 51 Chestnut Ridge Rd., Montvale, N.J. 07645.

Apply two coats of the mixture followed by one coat of shellac. Rub the shellac with 2/0 steel wool and wax with a good paste wax.

-William Ralston

How to make shaker molding

Shaker baseboard moldings and door surrounds are quite simple, as shown in the drawings (above, left). In retrofit applications use ⁷/₁₆-in.-thick straight pine shaped with a router and a ¹/₄-in. rounding-over bit.

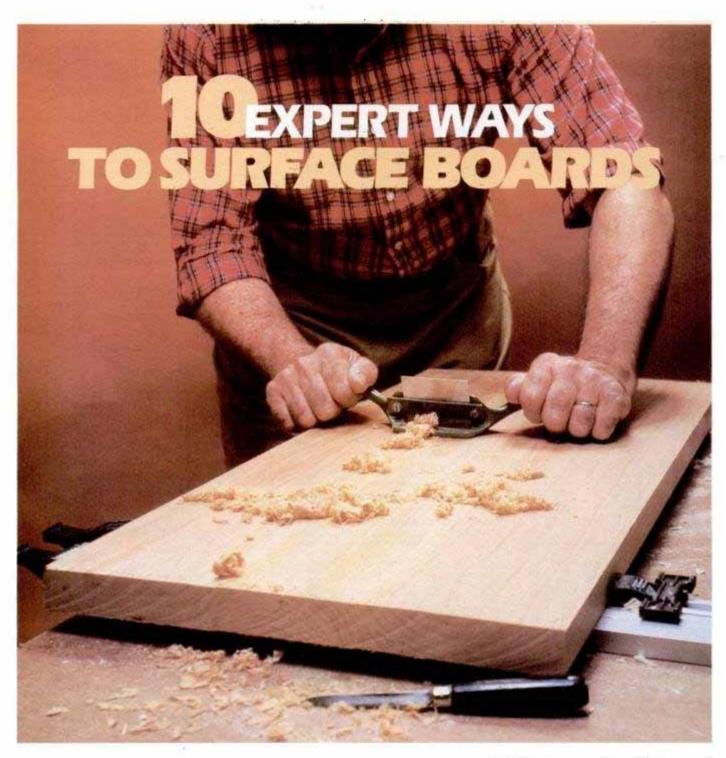
Peg rails for holding shelving, candleholders and other accessories, although simple in design and construction, are quite functional. You can turn the pegs on a lathe or purchase them.

Shaker window surrounds are somewhat unusual. The window trim is beveled (about 15°) as shown in the drawing. The window sash is kept in raised or closed position by a facing that is screwed into the window frame by two or three wooden thumbscrews on each side of the window.

To duplicate the thumbscrew setup, you'll need a 1/2-in. wood screw box and tap. Cut a wooden blank about 1 × 1 × 4 in. Turn a shank for the screw threads about 1/2 in. dia. × 11/2 in. long on a lathe. Begin shaping the thumb part by turning a 1-in.-dia. ball. There will be waste on both ends of the blank.

Next, thread the screw in the screw box. Create flat surfaces in the thumb area by putting the blank in a vise and using a coping saw to cut off two sides of the ball. Saw off the waste ends. Tap the window trim and frame to accept the thumbscrew.

To produce a finish similar to an authentic finish, we used Benjamin Moore Tone latex satin finish base enamel YL 9. On top of this, we applied two more coats of full-strength orange shellac.



Getting stock smooth and flat can be a time-consuming and frustrating chore. Here are 10 clever solutions, each of which makes use of a different shop tool.

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hen a woodworking project like a table, desk or cabinet calls for wide, solid-lumber panels, your chance of getting single boards to do the job is almost nonexistent. And even if you could find them, the chance that the boards are flat is just as slim. Usually, you have to edge-join a number of boards to arrive at the required widths.

Ideally, you should be able to glue up the proper number of flat and true boards and then merely finish-sand the piece to complete it. But in reality it doesn't work that way. The boards are bound to have defects that are compounded once they are joined.

Such faults as cup (a crosswise warp), bow (a lengthwise warp) and

 Cabinet scraper—The cabinet scraper is an ideal tool for final surfacing of any assembly. It removes little stock and yields a smoother surface than sanding.

twist (a diagonal warp) will be present to one degree or another. Sometimes a combination of these faults occur in a single board. The stock may also come in varying thicknesses, not only between different boards but also within a single board. All will require surfacing to obtain smooth and flat stock.

Surfacing options

Depending on the amount of material that has to be removed and the equipment you have in your shop, surfacing can be done with hand tools, portable power tools and stationary shop equip-



Jack plane—To surface wide panels by hand, first make rough diagonal cuts with a Jack plane. Follow with end-for-end cuts made in the direction of the wood grain.



 Jointer plane—If individual boards—or components of a larger assembly—are particularly warped, smooth with a long jointer plane before parts are glued together.



4. Belt sander—When the grain direction varies across a wide panel, use a belt sander for surfacing. It works by abrasion instead of cutting, so it won't chip the surface.



 Power plane—This tool is used most often for planing door edges, but it works well for rough surfacing, too. Direct it diagonally across the stock to remove high spots.



6. Jointer—A properly adjusted and sharpened jointer flattens and smooths narrow boards in one operation. You should remove only 1/14 in. of stock—or less—per pass.



7. Planer—A planer quickly removes stock from wide boards and creates a uniform thickness. It's nearly indispensable if you want to work with rough-sawn hardwood.



8. Router—Use a router with the Jig shown to flatten deeply worn or gouged surfaces. The cut is made to a uniform depth from above using a 1/4-in.-dia. straight cutter.



 Circular saw—Make repeated kerf cuts with saw and sliding jig to remove stock from rough assemblies and to act as depth guide marks for hand planing later.



10. Radial-arm saw—A rotary planer attachment for a radial-arm saw has a cut depth capacity of 1/6 in. The cutter unit is fixed and stock passes underneath.

ment. A cabinet scraper, jack plane and jointer plane are all good tools for light surfacing, especially when they are properly sharpened. A belt sander—followed by an orbital finishing sander—is also a good surfacing choice when removal requirements are thin.

But if a board or assembly is especially warped, heavier duty equipment makes more sense. A router and a circular saw, when used in conjunction with easy-to-build jigs, can make short work of flattening any large panel, as can a rotary planer attachment in a radial-arm saw. And, a jointer and a thickness planer can mill boards smooth and flat before assembly, which drastically reduces the surfacing time once the panel is glued up.

Preparation

Regardless of the surfacing method you choose, there are certain things you can do prior to assembly in order to minimize the distortion. First, you should arrange your component boards so that the flattest possible surface is obtained before assembly. If boards are bowed, make it a policy to butt the edges with opposing curves together so the inherent stresses in one board will tend to neutralize those in the other and keep the assembly flat.

Also, if boards are cupped, you can avoid cumulative warp by inverting alternate boards so that an end view of the grouping will reveal a shallow upand-down wave pattern instead of one deep curve (see page 113). Another

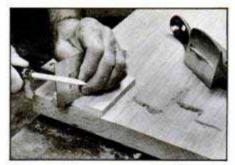
way to effectively reduce warp is to rip the defective board or boards into narrower pieces and then edge-join these smaller boards into a larger slab. While this may seem like extra work, the time required is significantly less than surfacing a severely distorted panel, especially if you're using hand tools.

Finish surfacing

Once you have your stock flat and relatively smooth, finish-sanding is required when using any method except the cabinet scraper. This is best done with a progression from coarse (80-grit) through fine (180- to 220-grit) sandpaper. Each grit should remove scratches from the previous abrasive until no scratches are noticeable to touch or eye.

1 Cabinet scraper

This tool makes a very fine cut and is ideal when the stock requires only minimal surfacing, such as flattening wood fibers along a joint line. It also works well for removing previous tool marks like planer ripples. For wide panels, it is best used in a tool handle. When properly sharpened it produces extremely thin shavings. The tool can be used across the grain, but the finish passes should always be with the grain.



When a cabinet scraper cuts powdery shavings like those above, it's time to resharpen. To do so, pull a burnisher over each edge 4 or 5 times at a 10 to 15° angle.

2 Jack plane

A jack plane can remove stock quickly, and with practice it's simple to control. But it does have two basic requirements: The plane iron must be very sharp, and the tool should never be worked against the grain.



One clever way to find high spots on a wide panel before hand surfacing is to rub a straight stick—with carbon paper taped to its bottom edge—over the workpiece.

First, find the high spots on the slab by using either a metal straightedge or the carbon paper trick shown below. Then make the initial cuts diagonally to remove the highest spots. Finish up by making continuous full strokes from one end to the other with the blade adjusted for a fine cut.



When using a bench plane to surface a wide panel, begin by making diagonal strokes to chop down high spots. Finish with strokes that match the direction of the wood grain.

READING WOOD GRAIN

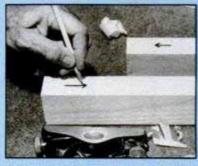
If you plan on surfacing with a cutting tool such as a hand plane, jointer or planer, the cut should always be made with the grain, that is, in the uphill direction of the grain. Cutting against the grain will tear out rough pockets of wood and mar the board's surface.

The best way to read the grain is to view the side edge of the board. Sometimes the pattern will not be clear, especially in light-colored soft woods. In such cases, rip one edge of the stock with a planer blade in your saw. This smooth cut should clearly expose the pattern.

Proper grain alignment is particularly crucial when joining boards into a wider assembly. The grain in all boards should run in the same direction so that surfacing can be done as if the assembly was one board with a uniform pattern.



Side view shows board grain running uphill, left to right, and planing in same direction. If cut was made right to left, surface would be gouged.



Before assembly, mark grain direction on each board. Align all marks in same direction. If you can't read grain by eye, plane a light test shaving.



Sometimes, a board's grain direction changes. If such stock must be used, surface with a belt or finishing sander instead of a hand plane.

3 Jointer plane

Jointer planes, sometimes called trying planes, are the ancestor of today's power shop jointers. They are available in steel or wood models and come in a variety of lengths: 20, 22 and 24 in. for steel planes and up to 26 in. long for some wood planes.

Their extreme sole length allows them to smooth stock easily without following the minor ups and downs in



If you don't have a planer and are building a wide panel from rough stock, assemble the top in sections first, then use a jointer plane to smooth sections before final joining.

the surface like shorter planes would do. Because of this, they are effective for surfacing both individual boards and rough subassemblies—like the ones shown below—before they are joined into wider assemblies.

They are used in basically the same way as jack planes, but their length does limit their usefulness to longer stock. (For more information about hand planes in general, see Workshop Minicourse on page 62.)



Once sections are planed to the same approximate thickness, join them with glue and dowels. The closer the sections are to matching, the less work required later.

4 Belt sander

This tool is better for surfacing wide assemblies than narrow individual boards and is the tool of choice when the grain direction alternates from end to end within a panel or one of the component boards. It works by abrasion instead of cutting so there is no risk of chipping the surface. The tool, however, is very powerful and can dig deep depressions in stock if it is not kept moving continually. Even a slight hesitation in one spot can cause damage.

For initial surfacing on rough assem-

blies, the tool does require some finesse. Use an 80-grit belt and hold it firmly in both hands. Apply more downward pressure when the sander is in contact with the high spots, and release the pressure so it will glide over the low spots. Once the panel is basically flat, install a 120-grit belt and apply equal pressure across the entire surface.

Be careful when you reach the ends of a panel because this machine will quickly grind away the edge. When you are done, switch to a finishing sander and work through a progression of coarse to fine grits (120 to 220) until the surface is free of all scratches.

5 Power plane

For rough surfacing, a power plane performs well. It does not, however, yield a ready-to-sand surface because the cutters are narrow and the tool base is relatively short. It must be followed with a hand plane or belt sander for best results.

After making diagonal cuts to knock over the high spots, direct the tool in the direction of the grain. Begin at one edge and make continuous passes from endto-end, barely lapping each cut.

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Another way to find high spots is to wedge a pencil into a hole in a small block, then slide the block across a straight board at 2-in. Intervals along the panel's surface.



When belt sanding at the end of a panel, apply greater downward pressure at the rear of the tool and lift the front slightly to prevent rounding over the edge.



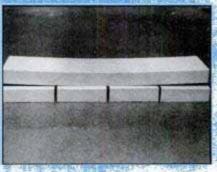
A power plane removes stock quickly but can be difficult to control. Keep depth of cut shallow and begin working diagonally. Then, plane lengthwise in grain direction.

THREE SIMPLE WAYS TO JOIN BOARDS

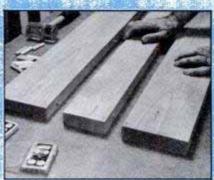
There are several ways to edge-join boards to make up wider assemblies. If the finished slab will be subject to stresses, such as a workbench or kitchen countertop, a dowel-reinforced joint is suggested. But when the joint line won't be stressed as much, the nail/pin method can be used. These serve to keep slightly warped boards aligned during clamping. They do not add much strength to the joint. If your stock is flat and smooth before assembly, aliphatic resin glue is all that's required. It becomes tacky when exposed to air for five minutes and provides enough grab to keep boards from sliding out of alignment when clamped. To make all edges straight and square before assembly, use a power jointer or hand jointer plane.



Alternate the cup direction of the boards before assembly (top), or the finished panel will have a deep cup (bottom) once it is joined. The straight board in the middle is shown for reference.



A cupped board also can be partially straightened prior to assembly by ripping it into narrower boards which will lie flatter. The boards above were cut from the same piece of stock.



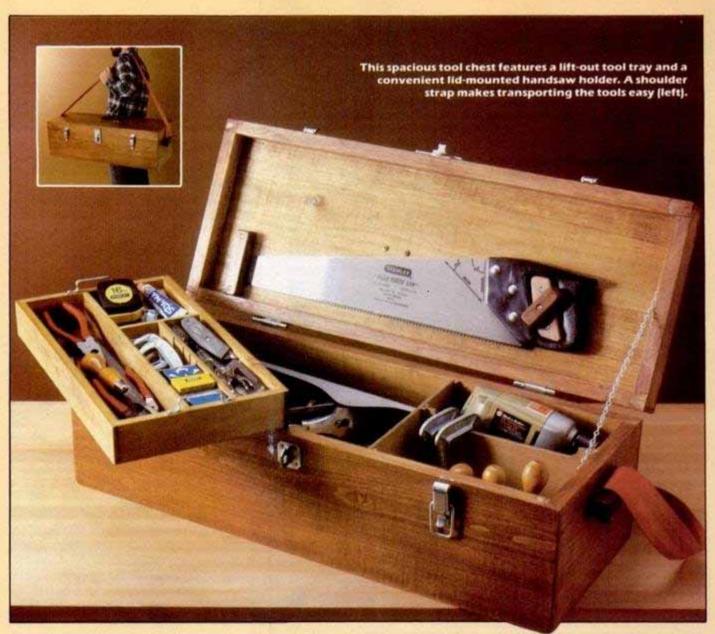
 To join stock with dowels, bore %-indeep holes every 12 in. in both boards. Use dowel centers for accuracy. Insert a 1%-in.long dowel in each hole.



2. Make pins from 4d finishing nails by cutting off heads. Bore pilot holes in one board and insert blunt end of pins. Glue board edges and clamp together.



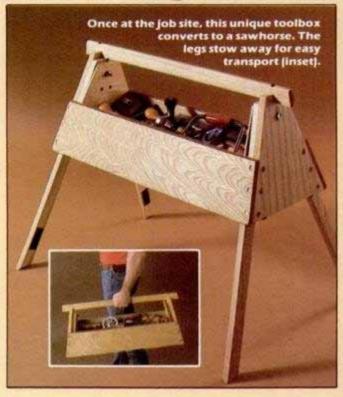
8. Edge-gluing is all that's required to join straight flat boards. Use a thin layer of allphatic glue on edges, let it set for 5 minutes and clamp boards together.



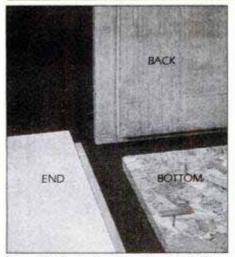
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Treat yourself and your tools to one of our designs. Build the carry-all tool chest or the sawhorse toolbox.

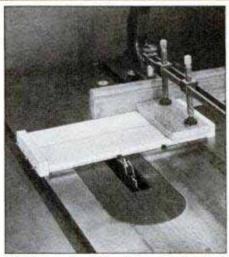
A carpenter's toolbox must protect and house all the basic hand tools, yet be compact enough to be carried to the job site. Unfortunately, most store-bought toolboxes are either too big or too small. Here are plans for building two toolboxes that combine adequate storage with portability. And both designs can be altered easily to accommodate your tool collection and work requirements. The carry-all tool chest is an updated version of the boxes used by house builders around the turn of the century. The sawhorse toolbox is an open box with legs that stow underneath.



CARRY-ALL TOOL CHEST



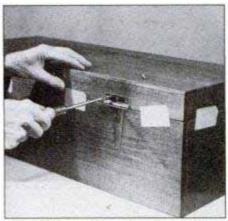
Assemble the tool chest with rabbet joints. Note that the back is rabbeted on two edges to receive the bottom and tool chest end. Rabbet the end on bottom edge only.



This time-saving setup allows you to dado both tool tray end pieces simultaneously. Nall wood blocks across both ends to prevent shifting and to ensure alignment.



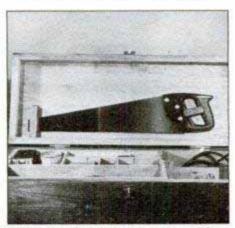
After assembling the tool chest, screw bottom panel in place. Use wedges to obtain more pressure from nylon band clamp.



Attach T-hinges about 4½-in. from each end of the toolbox. Use several pieces of masking tape to keep toolbox lid in place.



Make shoulder strap from seat-belt material. To prevent the strap from fraying, heat-seal ends with a soldering gun.



The handsaw holder feature was saved from the original tool chest design. Custom-cut handle block and turnbutton to fit saw.

This is an updated version of a carpenter's tool chest which was popular more than 90 years ago. The original was much larger and, therefore, less portable than our scaled-down model.

The chest is dimensioned to give the maximum tool storage without sacrificing portability. The measurements can be altered easily to accommodate your specific needs. The tool chest length is generally determined by what size handsaw is stored in the lid. The chest shown houses a 20-in. saw.

Assembly

Build the chest from ³/₄-in. poplar. Pine or cypress would also be suitable. Note that the lift-out tool tray parts are

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resawed to 5/16- and 1/2-in. thick. Also keep in mind that the tool chest is assembled as a solid box, then the lid is cut from the chest on a table saw.

Start by cutting the chest top, ends, bottom, front and back. Form the 11½-in.-wide top by edge-gluing two boards together. Be certain to cut the front, back and end pieces 9¾ in. wide to allow for the ⅓ in. of wood removed by the saw blade when the lid is cut.

After sawing the chest parts to size, cut the rabbet joints, as shown, using a router and a rabbeting bit. Rabbet the tool chest front and back on three edges, the end pieces on the bottom edge and the top on all four edges. Next, assemble the box with glue and 11/4-in. finishing nails. Allow the glue to dry overnight, then sand all sides of the box smooth using a belt and finishing sander.

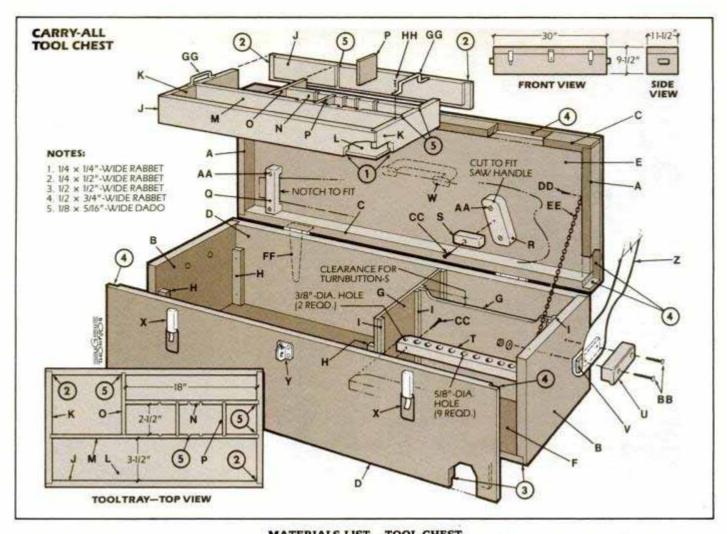
Cutting off the lid

Set the table saw fence for a 2-in.wide cut. It's important that the saw blade and fence be perfectly parallel. Otherwise, the start and finish point of the cut will not meet evenly.

Start cutting with the chest standing on end and the top against the fence. Cut the end and then saw through the front. Cut the other end and, finally, through the back. Caution: Always cut clear through each side; never roll the box back onto the saw blade. On the final cut that frees the lid from the box, use a stick to push the lid beyond the spinning saw blade. Now, place the lid on the chest and check for any wobbling or unevenness. Knock down any high spots with a sanding block and 80-grit abrasive paper.

Next, make the two removable interior partitions from 1/4-in. plywood. Note that one partition is cut down to provide clearance for the turnbutton which holds the handsaw in place.

Cut the pieces needed to make the lift-out tool tray. Arrange the tray dividers to accommodate your tools. Then, nail four corner posts inside the chest to



			N	IAII	ERIALS LIST—TOOL CHEST			
Key	No.	Size and description (use)	K	2	1/2 × 21/4 × 93/4" poplar (tray end)	V	2	1/4 × 1 × 4" hardboard (strap cleat)
A	2	3/4 × 13/4 × 11" poplar (lid end)	L	1	1/4 × 93/8 × 175/8" lauan plywood (tray	W	1	plastic luggage handle
B	2	3/4 × 71/2 × 11" poplar (chest end)			bottom)	x	2	11/4 × 31/2" pull-down chest latch
C	2	3/4 × 13/4 × 30" poplar (lid front and	M	1	1/16 × 2 ×173/4" poplar (divider)	Y	1	31/2" latching safety hasp
		back)	N	1	5/1s × 2 × 111/4" poplar (divider)	2	1	2 × 70" nylon seat belt strap
D	2	3/4 × 71/2 × 30" poplar (chest front and	0	1	%s × 2 × 5%s" poplar (divider)	AA	4	11/4" No. 6 fh screw
		back)	P	2	% × 2 × 23/4" hardboard (adjustable	BB	4	1/4"-dia. × 21/2" fh bolt, washer and
E	1	3/4 × 111/2 × 30" poplar (top)			divider)			nut
F	1	1/16 × 11 × 291/2" flake board (bottom)	Q	1	3/4 × 1 × 4" poplar (saw blade	CC	3	13/4" No. 10 fh screw
G	2	1/4 × 65/8 × 97/8" lauan plywood (divider)			holder)	DD	2	3/4" No. 8 rh screw
H	4	1/2 × 3/4 × 43/4" poplar (corner post)	R	1	11/8 × 11/8 × 4" poplar (handle block)	EE	1	12" chain
1	6	5/16 × 5/16 × 7" poplar (cleat)	S	1	% × 1 × 21/2" poplar (turnbutton)	FF	2	4" T-hinge
J	2	1/2 × 21/4 × 181/4" poplar (tray front and	T	1	$^{3}4 \times 1^{1}4 \times 9^{1}2^{\circ}$ poplar (tool rack)	GG	2	1/16 × 1/2 × 5" steel (tray handle)
		back)	U	2	1 × 11/4 × 4" oak (handle)	HH	4	1/2" No. 6 rh screw

support the tool tray. Now, custom-cut the three parts that form the holder for your handsaw. Screw each part to the lid underside while holding the handsaw in position.

Finish-sand and stain all wood surfaces. Next, install the two 4-in. Thinges about 4¹/₂ in. from each end. If you build a chest more than 36 in. long,

add a third, middle hinge. Now, screw the chain lid support in place. Install a safety latching hasp and two chest latches.

Next, make the 2-in.-wide shoulder strap from automobile seat-belt material, available at most auto parts stores and auto seat cover shops. To install the strap, first cut two oak handles for each end of the chest. Then, wrap the strap around a ¹/₄-in. hardboard spacer and bolt through the handle, belt and spacer. To complement the shoulder strap, add a 5-in. luggage handle to the top, center of the lid.

Finish all wood surfaces, inside and out, with three coats of polyurethane varnish.—Walter E. Burton

EQUIPPING A BASIC TOOLBOX

Every homeowner should have a wellequipped toolbox for tackling home repair and maintenance chores. But how do you know if your toolbox is adequately stocked?

Listed below are the tools needed for a basic toolbox. These tools are not intended to cover every possible situation, but they will handle most minor repairs. And remember, quality tools are a good investment, so buy the best you can afford. The basic tool kit should contain:
16-oz. claw hammer
3-in. standard screwdriver
6-in. standard screwdriver
No. 1 pt. Phillips screwdriver
No. 2 pt. Phillips screwdriver
16-ft. steel measuring tape
8½ or 10-pt. combination handsaw
6-in. adjustable wrench
slip-joint pliers
combination square

hacksaw utility knife two 4-in. C-clamps 1¹/₄-in. putty knife small ripping bar nail set electric drill and drill bits

Think of the basic toolbox as a foundation from which to build your tool collection. Then, as your skills and interests grow, you can add to it.—J.T.

SAWHORSE TOOLBOX

This cleverly designed project combines a compact toolbox and a sturdy sawhorse in one portable package. Four hardwood legs are stored neatly in the shallow cavity under the toolbox. To set up the sawhorse, slide the legs into the channels built in the toolbox ends.

Build the toolbox from ash-veneer plywood and ash hardwood. The 29-in.-long toolbox is shown with 26-in. legs—the longest legs this length box will accommodate. As a sawhorse, it stands at a comfortable working height of 25 in. For a lower working height, simply cut shorter legs. To obtain a higher sawhorse, you'll have to make the toolbox longer to store the legs.

The drawing also shows plans for making an optional canvas dust cover. When not in use, roll up the cover and tuck it into the box.

Cutting procedure

Study the technical drawing and materials list carefully before starting. This project requires cutting several compound angles.

Start by crosscutting a 12-in.-wide piece of ³/₄-in. ash-veneer plywood. Next, recut this piece to 10³/₄ in. wide on a table saw with the blade set at 11°. Then, lay out and cut the triangular-shaped end pieces from this board using a portable circular saw. Cut the ends slightly oversized to allow for trimming to the precise angles on the table saw.

Now, with the table saw blade set at 4° and the miter gauge set at 21°, cut one edge of each end piece. Be sure to hold the wider, bottom edge of the ends against the miter gauge. Orient the 4° bevel so that the inside face of the end is slightly wider than the outside surface. Turn the piece over, inside surface up, and cut the other edge. Change to a ¹/₄-in.-wide dado blade set to 11° and cut a ¹/₄-in.-deep dado on the inside face of each end piece. These dadoes hold the toolbox bottom.

Next, make the four legs 2 in. longer than needed. The angled leg ends will be cut later. Lay out the two ³/₄-in. plywood spacers that are sandwided between the toolbox ends and the ¹/₄-in. plywood leg guides. These triangular-shaped spacers form a channel for the legs. Cut the spacers using the miter gauge set at 21°, but adjust the saw blade to a perpendicular position and cut the edges square. Then, screw one spacer to the inside face of each end.

Note that the top 2 in. of each spacer is beveled about 7°. This allows tightening the leg clamping bolts to prevent the legs from slipping out when the sawhorse is lifted. To make these beveled cuts, first clamp or screw an 8-in.

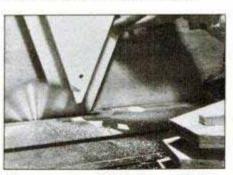
wide auxiliary plywood fence to the table saw fence to help stabilize the workpiece and prevent tipping. Next, position the fence so that the blade removes about 1/4 in. of the spacers' thickness, and make the two cuts.

Now, set the saw blade to 21° and rip the toolbox sides from 1/2-in. plywood. Readjust the saw blade to 4° and use the miter gauge set at 11° to cross-cut the sides. Next, reverse the 11° angle on the miter gauge and move the gauge to the other side of the saw blade. Crosscut the other end of both sides.

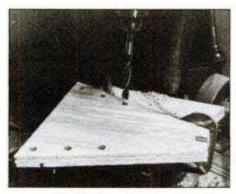
Use a ¹/₄-in.-wide dado blade tilted 21° to groove the side pieces for accepting the toolbox bottom. These grooves must align with the dadoes cut earlier in



Cut the toolbox ends 1-in. oversized with a portable circular saw. Use a fine-tooth saw blade to prevent splintering the veneer. Move to table saw for final trimming.



Trim spacer tops with blade set at 7°. Note that an auxiliary fence is clamped to the saw fence to stabilize workpiece.



Bore 1/2-in.-dia. holes in the toolbox ends to accept hardwood dowels. The dowels provide solid wood for driving in screws.

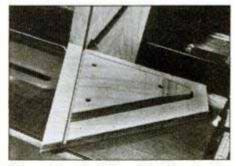
the end pieces. Now, tilt the dado blade 4°, set the miter gauge to 11° and dado the side pieces at each end to accept the ¹/₄-in. plywood leg guides.

Cut a ³/₄ × ³/₄-in. notch in the top of each end piece for installing the handle. Then, cut the ¹/₄-in. plywood toolbox bottom. Notch the bottom's four corners to allow the legs to pass through. Next, temporarily assemble the toolbox and mark the screw-hole locations in the sides. Also, mark the end pieces for boring ¹/₂-in.-dia. dowel holes opposite each screw. The ¹/₂-in.-dia. × ¹¹/₁₆-in. dowels are glued into the ends to provide solid wood for driving in screws.

Next, cut the two 1/4-in. plywood leg guides which screw to the spacers.



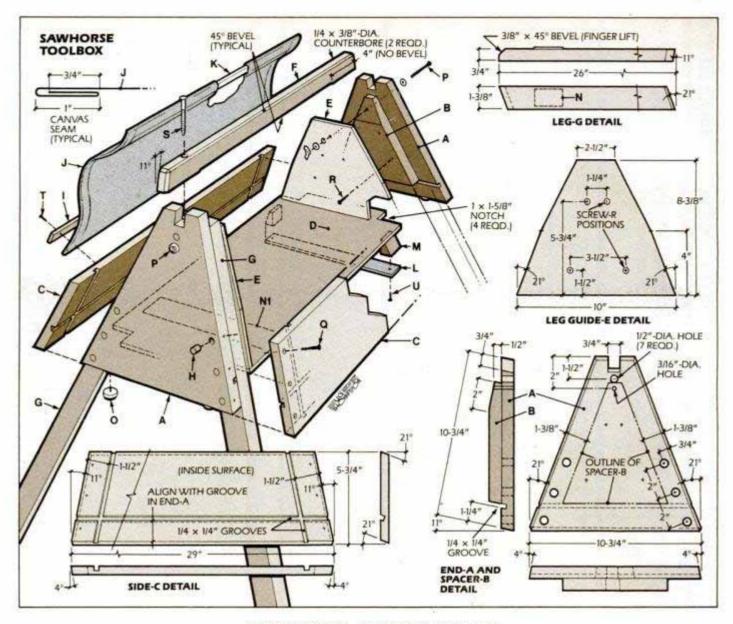
Trim the edges of each end piece with the blade angled 4° and miter gauge set at 21°. Orient the 4° bevels so that the inside surface is wider than the outside face.



When cutting the 1/4-in.-wide dadoes for the toolbox bottom, be certain that dadoes align in the corners of the box (arrow).

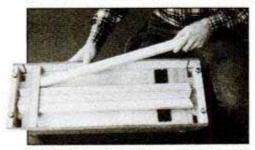


Partially assembled toolbox is shown with the left leg guide screwed to end. Right leg guide stands in dado cut in box side.



MATERIALS LIST—SAWHORSE TOOLBOX

Vou	No.	Size and description (use)	P	2010	3/4 × 13/2 × 29" ash (handle)	1941	94	1 × 21/2" Velcro fastener (leg strip)
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A	2	3/4 × 11"*-wide × 12"* ash veneer ply-	G	4	34 × 13/4 × 26" ash (leg)	NI	1	2 × 9" Velcro fastener (box strip)
		wood (end)	H	14	1/2"-dia. × 11/1e" hardwood dowel	0	4	3/4"-dia. furniture glide
B	2	3/4 × 9"*-wide × 11"* ash veneer ply-	1	1	1/4 × 3/4 × 231/4" ash (cover retain-	P	2	3/16"-dia. × 21/2" fh machine screw, wing
		wood (spacer)			er)			nut, finish washer and lockwasher
C	2	1/2 × 53/4 × 29" ash veneer plywood	J	1	161/2 × 251/2" canvas (dust cover)	0	12	11/2" No. 10 fh screw
		(side)	K	1	1/4 × 1/2 × 21" steel (weight strip)	R	8	11/4" No. 8 fh screw
D	1	1/4 × 11* × 30"* ash veneer plywood	L	1	1/s × 11/4 × 109/16" aluminum (leg re-	S	2	21/4" No. 12 fh screw
		(bottom)		10.75	tainer)	T	5	1/2" No. 6 fh screw
E	2	1/4 × 83/5 × 10" ash veneer plywood (leg	M	2	3/4 × 1 × 1 1/2" poplar (mounting	U	2	1/2" No. 6 rh screw
		guide)			block)	*App	proxi	mate dimension; trim to fit.



The four legs store neatly on the bottom of the toolbox. They're held by Velcro strips at one end and a retainer strap at the other.

Prepare for final assembly by finishsanding all parts.

Screw and glue a side to one end. Then, add the bottom and the second



An optional canvas dustcover protects tools from sawdust and dirt. A steel weight sewn in the hem holds the cover in position.

end. Position the leg guides in the dadoes and screw the second side in place. Screw the leg guides to the spacers. Next, bore a 3/16-in.-dia. hole

for the leg clamping bolt through each end, spacer and leg guide. Now, cut the handle and mount it to the toolbox.

Crosscut the hardwood legs with the saw blade set at 11° and the miter gauge set to 21°. Cut one end of all legs, then move the miter gauge to the other side of the saw blade and cut the remaining ends. Now, glue Velcro fastener strips to the inside surface of each leg and to the underside of the toolbox bottom. Be sure that the Velcro on the toolbox aligns with the Velcro on the legs. Screw the aluminum leg retainer to the toolbox bottom to hold the leg ends that don't receive Velcro. Finally, finish the toolbox with several coats of Watco Danish oil.—Joseph M. Wilson

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the "high-speed decelerator," Robinson describes the device as "basically, a slack line."

Dwindling velocity, no recoil

"I wear a full body harness attached to 1/8-inch wire," Robinson explains. "As I'm hanging there (from a 20th-story balcony), the line is hanging below me. It comes back up to a ratchet wheel." As he falls, the ratchet goes into action, playing out the line. Just as Robinson's body exerts the slightest tension on the wire, the ratchet reverses and lets him down at a dwindling velocity with no perceptible recoil.

In the finished film, the shot looks too real to be a stunt. Robinson's fall is photographed from Reynolds' point of view on the balcony. There is no camera cutaway until the last 20 feet of the drop. In most film falls, the camera has to cut away long before the body hits the ground to keep the theater-goer from seeing the mats and airbags piled up to take the impact out of the fall. The only sign of stunt rigging in Robinson's fall is a gleam of sunlight that strikes the wire. That was captured in the photo on page 85, but it didn't show in the movie.

No fall guy has been able to touch Dar Robinson's 311-foot drop from a helicopter done for a 1970s commercial, but many have tried—and one died in the attempt. In 1980, stuntman A.J. Bakunas attempted a 327-foot fall in the movie *Steel*. Bakunas used an air-bag arrangement, but it collapsed under his weight, killing the stuntman. Possibly reflecting on such mishaps, Robinson sees a day coming when stuntmen won't use airbags for scenes where descenders and accelerators can do the job.

Special effects designer

Behind every truly great stunt coordinator there's more than just equipment. There's the special effects designer. For Firestarter, the Stephen King tale of a girl with the power to set anything afire with a glance, special effects artists Mike Wood and Jeff Jarvis came up with several ways of torching stunt people—safely.

"Utmost in our mind is safety," Jarvis emphasizes. "We don't want anybody hurt, no matter what, especially working on a show with a little girl (Drew Barrymore). Coming out of what happened in *Twilight Zone*, everyone is extremely conscious of what could happen."

Using state-of-the-art materials developed for firefighters and race car drivers, Wood and Jarvis thinned down the fire-retardant suits stunt people wear under their costumes from 3/s inch to about 1/s inch in thickness. The suit's outer layer is Kevlar, a flexible fabric so durable that the Army is using it to make experimental protective helmets for infantrymen.

"Then, there's a layer of Insulite, an insulating material almost like neoprene in texture but nothing like it in construction," Jarvis notes. "Under that, they wear a layer of Nomex or FR2 cotton treated with a fire retardant." That inner layer helps absorb perspiration. If a stuntman sweats inside the heavy insulation, he can get a "transfer burn," which is just as dangerous as a direct burn from a flame.

On fire for film

Using their new fire duds, customfitted on each stunt person, Jarvis and Wood were able to achieve one minute, 45 seconds of full burn before heat transfer began. That was plenty of time for the *Firestarter* shots, all of which lasted less than a minute.

Each stunt person wore a rigid Pyrex face-plate before being ignited. "The rule of thumb was that once you covered his face, you had three minutes to set the man on fire, let him do his dance and put him out and get the faceplate off," Jarvis says. The stand-ins had tiny air bottles tucked beneath their suits, but Jarvis and Wood rigged the stunt so that the air bottles weren't needed until the last seconds. That reduced the chances of feeding air to the flames.

"We developed (air) pockets in the suits so the man actually didn't go on the air bottle until the very last second," Jarvis says.

For a scene in which Heather Locklear (Drew Barrymore's screen mother) wore a cooking mitt which burst into flame on her hand, the special effects men treated the glove with a fire retardant and applied lighter fluid. They hid a tiny electronic igniter in the glove and ran lead wires to an off-camera neon transformer about half the size of a car battery. The wires were encased in a hard plastic shell and the transformer created a spark between them, setting off the lighter fluid.

Flipping the set

Perhaps less spectacular than a fire but no less difficult to produce was a colossal stunt for 2010, the sequel to 2001, A Space Odyssey. Stunt artists wearing harnesses padded with lambs' wool flew about the Russian spacecraft Leonov as it left Jupiter's orbit. Actually, the entire set, mounted on gimbals, rotated 90°, bouncing stuntmen and props off the walls.

Flipping the 2010 set was made



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difficult not just by virtue of bodies and props flying around, but also by the sheer mass of the set. The rectangular arrangement, almost three stories tall, was constructed of lightweight metals. The motorized and geared rocking shaft on which the set twirled could be moved at speeds varying at the director's discretion. Still, it took a fair-sized crew just to man the brakes and hang onto anchoring cables to keep the Leonov set from lurching over, rather than turning smoothly.

Actors get involved

There's plenty of work for stunt professionals, but many actors and actresses today choose to do at least some of their own gags. Generally, movie companies discourage big-ticket attractions from getting involved, but there's no holding back some stars from getting a hand in. While Harrison Ford was taking his licks on the *Indiana Jones* set, Michael Douglas and Kathleen Turner pitched in on the stunts for *Romancing* The Stone.

For a mudslide scene, the two allowed themselves to be covered in stage slime and then drenched in a reported 100 gallons of water. And Turner served as a gymnast in a stunt scene where she had to swing by rope across a lagoon, a la Tarzan.

Not since the days of Steve McQueen has a performer taken on the deadliest stunts in a film. McQueen jumped moving railroad cars, took motorcycle spills and leaped ramps in rigged cars for two decades. Even so, the stunts performed in McQueen's day were mild compared with the maniacal "gags" pulled off today.

Thus, Jeff Bridges and James Woods took back seats to stunt coordinators in the shooting of a Sunset Boulevard chicken race in the film Against All Odds. The script simply read: "chase on Sunset Boulevard." Stunt coordinator Gary Davis plotted it—Bridges would be in a red Porsche, Woods in a black Ferrari.

"We storyboarded it shot for shot," Davis recalls. "On location, I used toy cars to plot out the scene. Without those, there probably would have been accidents." In 1980, stuntwoman Heidi Von Beltz was paralyzed in a head-on crash during a car chase on the set of The Cannonball Run.

Avoiding a collision

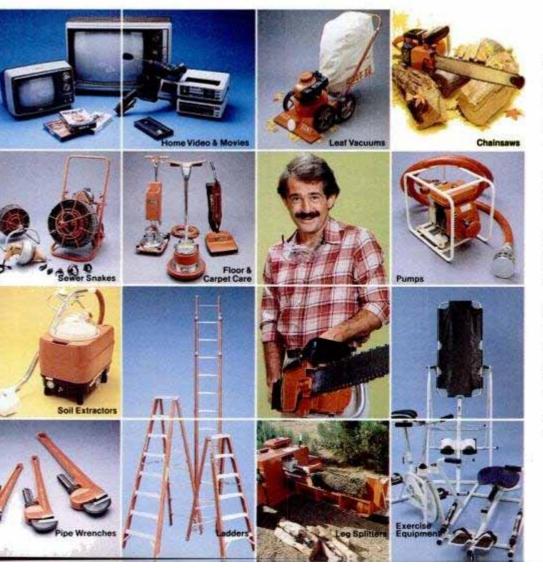
For Against All Odds, each stunt driver was told exactly how fast to drive and at what precise point to swerve to avoid a collision. Pickup trucks are usually used to carry the cameras for such scenes, but a Porsche Turbo Carrera—

its back seats removed to hold the equipment—was used because of its exceptional handling.

With Sunset Boulevard blocked off on a July Fourth weekend, the four-mile race was shot in half-mile to threequarter mile runs. Davis handled the red Porsche and driver Carey Loftin wheeled the black Ferrari. "At our slowest we were going 80. We got close to 100, but never held it for very long," Davis says.

And although the camera-bearing Porsche—with two cameras mounted on the front, one on the side and two facing backward—was used for most of the chase, it couldn't be used in the medium shots of Bridges and Woods shouting at each other as they passed one another. The filmmakers discovered the cars' shiny finishes reflected the camera car. So, Davis drove along-side Bridges with a cameraman seated behind him. The three-and-a-half minute finished scene contains almost 100 separate shots.

They don't give an Oscar for stunts, and some in Hollywood say the six-figure salaries paid to the best gagriggers is reward enough. But, as Steve McQueen once told an interviewer: "The stunts make a film really big. Whoever does the stunts—he's the real star."



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FLIGHT AROUND THE WORLD

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end—one pulling, the other pushing. The two pilots who will share these cramped quarters for as much as two weeks are Dick Rutan, Burt's brother, and Jeana Yeager, holder of several records of her own. The two will take turns at the controls, one navigating while the other sleeps. Just trading positions will require the agility of a circus acrobat.

The key to the Voyager's unorthodox configuration lies in the deft blending of



Voyager team: Designer Burt Rutan (left) and copilots Jeana Yeager and Dick Rutan.

low drag, light weight and little power—all designed to produce maximum range on minimum fuel.

Constructed of featherlight plastic composites, the craft has an empty weight of only 1,858 pounds, yet will be filled with 1,489 gallons of fuel weighing nearly 9,000 pounds. Thus, it will carry almost five times its own weight in fuel. The fuel will be stored in 16 separate compartments in the wings, fuselage and tail booms.

The flight will not be fast. At an average speed of less than 100 mph, it may take 12 to 14 days, depending on wind conditions. The two engines are needed to lift the tremendous fuel load at takeoff, but as part of this weight is burned off, the front engine will be shut down and its prop feathered to save fuel. At this stage, flying on its rear engine alone, the craft will need less than 25 hp to sustain it.

Although its exact course is not yet known, the flight will start and end at Edwards Air Force Base in California, following a great circle route diagonally across the equator to pass under Africa and Australia.

Maximum altitude will be 12,000 feet to save the weight of oxygen equipment and a pressurized cabin. The crew wants weather radar to avoid the threat of thunderstorms, but even though it weighs only 18 pounds, it may have to be sacrificed—so critical is the weight factor to the flight's success.

The Voyager has been under development for more than three years at the Rutan Aircraft Factory in Mojave, Calif. It's taken a long time to get it right. Now comes the crucial test—a perilous, grueling journey no man has ever made before.

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be in the shallow parts of the rapids. Our guides told us they would take us through the safer, deeper sections. We'd been given a list of dos and another of don'ts. All this time, our other two guides, who would lead us through unquiet waters, had been inflating the boats. There would be one for every member of the group.

Smooth water warmup

Then, suddenly, it was launch time. Everyone slid an orange torpedo into the flat, lazy current of the Klamath. The boats, a good size when hefting around their 20 pounds on land, seemed to shrink into puny nothingness in all this water. Eager to plunge ahead, we were all haunted by the uneasiness of the unknown. Fifteen orange torpedos fired into the Klamath. Our heads were full of paddling instructions and boat handling techniques. We were ready, we thought.

Our flotilla could best be described as comical, maybe even hysterical. First-time paddlers, eager to make a good impression on the guides and each other, revved up their paddling arms to about 7,000 rpm. Some boats spun around in circles, others rocked back and forth over the same piece of water as if to stake out a claim. Still others drifted slowly away, as if to secede from the group, their paddles producing a random effect or none at all.

Gradually, the group got its act together. The guides broke us into three subgroups. We had to practice lining up single file—the formation used when attacking the rapids—close behind the guide, follow-the-leader style. Unfortunately, we still looked like a bunch of helicopters in distress.

But skills develop quickly with inflatable kayaks, and it began to take less effort and concentration to make the boats do what we wanted them to. Hard-shell kayaks, by comparison, are very tippy and require a longer training period. One fundamental maneuver you need to know with a hard-shell is the Eskimo Roll. When your kayak tips over, you remain in the craft and continue to roll it underwater in a 360° movement until you pop back out of the water, still seated in the boat—tricky, but neat.

Positioning the inflatable seat in the kayak determines the boat's riding characteristics. A slightly forward position keeps the bow down and makes the kayak easier to control, but the boat tends to plow in the waves. Moving the seat back sacrifices some control in favor of a more exciting ride. The bow comes up and you ride over the waves. Riding a big wave with your seat well (Please turn to page 126)

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back makes your boat shoot out of the water at a 45° angle. It's called "The Big Ride," and there's not much, except maybe a roller coaster, that can compare to it, so we're told.

On the brink

We're still in the gentle flatwater current. On this type of water, one can tuck in with the rest of the group or drift off alone. Little or no evidence of civilization intrudes upon our river world. The river's doing all the work and ... what's that sound?

Rapids!

This is it, the moment of truth. Everybody into a single line behind the guide. Nerves tighten and we brace ourselves. The current increases. Paddle like crazy to keep the bow pointed in the right direction. Blobs of spray fire up at us like anti-aircraft flak. Are we going to get sucked down an endless whirlpool, into some black hole in the river? Will our plastic toys be torn to shreds?

We float through the Class 1 rapid little more than a few riffles and a touch of whitewater—without incident. It's a stretch any 10-year-old in an inner tube can float through with no sweat. Still, we make it, and we're jubilant.

Here comes a second set. Whoosh! We're through. Another rush, another high.

If you've ever climbed a mountain, you know the exhilaration you get when reaching the top. Then, it's all over. Running an inflatable kayak over whitewater gives you the same exhilaration. Only you get it a lot more often—and with a lot less work.

All of a sudden we're back in flatwater, and two torpedoers are going at each other in a massive water fight. Two more join in with their paddles. The activity is not discouraged by the guides. We're all here to have fun.

The entire group is more relaxed, now that we have a couple of sets of rapids under our belts, but we still feel that special excitement. It permeates the entire trip. It's the constant anticipation of what lies around the next bend in the river. In this case, it's a Class 2 rapid.

Rapids generally are rated Class 1 through 6 to denote degree of difficulty. Class 1 is the easiest. You'd have to look twice to see that it really is a rapid. Classes 2 and 3 have increased turbulence, larger waves and the rapids sections are longer. Class 4 and higher rapids require more technical skill because you must maneuver your boat to get through. There may be several rocks you have to navigate around, while the easier class rapids generally are a straight shot through.

The current is picking up now, much faster than before. We're getting sideways. Got to hit the waves straight on. One person washes out, and a guide is right there to help him back in his boat. We're really getting the feel of bouncing along in the waves. You have to move fast to keep this thing straight. Uh, oh. I stick the paddle into the upstream side of the current. The paddle acts as an anchor and the current whips the kayak around. I paddle like crazy and make it through the rapids—backward.

There are easier ways to do this—rafting, for instance. You would hardly feel water like this in a big six- or eightman raft. But rafting the rapids is passive. Sure, you have to shift your weight around some, but the thrill is nowhere near that of piloting your own craft—especially one as responsive and sensitive as our kayak. Rafting is like getting driven around the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in a bus.

Several more rapids and we reach what is called the rerun area. This is usually the biggest water of the day, and today is no exception. We stop and climb the rocks back to the head of the rapids for another ride down—a rerun.

We rerun the big water 10 times. I get my boat completely airborne a couple of times and I get it to launch straight up like a Saturn rocket a couple of times. I dump five times out of the 10. Each time, a guide is right there.

A wall of water

The trip ends with a big finish—the biggest rapids of all. One look at this Class 4 section puts my heart back in my throat. Sure, it's scary. If it wasn't, it wouldn't be fun. The waves look to be about 10-footers. I get my seat back in the boat for The Big Ride. And I get one. A wave catches me in a forward pass. Now it's the water's turn to have some fun. I get out of shape and head straight for a wall.

We were told that rocks and walls have a natural cushion of water coming off them. And the rocks are rounded from eons of polishing by the river. The secret is to lean toward a force coming at you whether it be a strong wave or rock or wall. This technique takes the best advantage of the cushion of water, and you will bounce off the obstruction.

I panic, of course, and lean away from the wall. Wrong. This depresses the far side of the boat. The water cushion flowing off the wall catches the uplifted near side of the kayak and spins me into the water. I'm under for a second in the seething currents, and have to be rescued. I wonder if I should quit now. I don't.

What I do instead is what most of the others do: sign up in advance for another Torpedo Run next year.



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Econ 101

Needless to say, we were flattered. We knew that ESCORT had an impressive reputation, but we never expected to see it "bootlegged" into other countries and sold at such a premium. But the laws of supply and demand are not so easy to ignore. When there is a strong need for a product, there is an equally strong incentive for an enterprising capitalist to fill that need. And apparently, that's just what happened.

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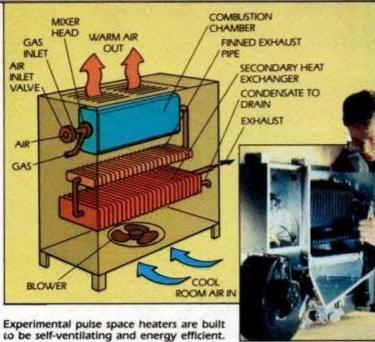


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Fusion goes on particle beam

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Pulse on energy developments

Electric space heaters cost a lot to run and gas models require a good deal of ventilation. The perfect solution may come on the market in a few years: the pulse space heater. The American Gas Association is working with 12 prototypes to see if they merit marketing. A gas-air mixture ignited within a combustion chamber creates a pressure pulse that closes air and gas inlet valves, and ejects the combustion products. The resulting pressure drop draws in more air and gas which is ignited by residual flames and heat. Flue gases are forced out in the process, making a pulse space heater self-ventilating, and, therefore, highly desirable for home use.

INVENTIONS

The Worm Turns

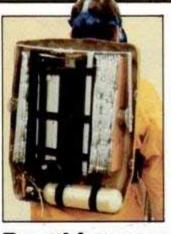
First came the wheel, then the screw and later the worm drive, which united the first two inventions to create a rotating machine. The worm drive has served mankind for about 2,000 years. But now the Maxamam Corporation is introducing the Squirm Drive. It resembles a worm drive, but instead of ripping at the screw with brass teeth to transmit power from the wheel, the



Squirm Drive's ball bearings replace the bronze teeth used in traditional worm drive rigs.

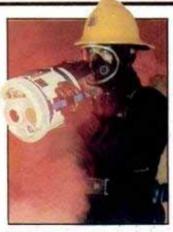
Squirm Drive nudges it gently with lubricated ball bearings. The resulting reduction of friction gives added life to the driving mechanism and increases its over-all efficiency. Inventor George Bracket says his Squirm Drive will be used in power turbines, big motors and other large machines.

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Breathing easy Hot video

The Bureau of Mines is testing a new rescue breathing apparatus. The closed-circuit unit provides breathing air for two hours and will cut by half the weight carried on the backs of mining rescue workers. The device uses a gill filtering system to keep the air Positive pressure keeps the dirty mine air out of the apparatus.



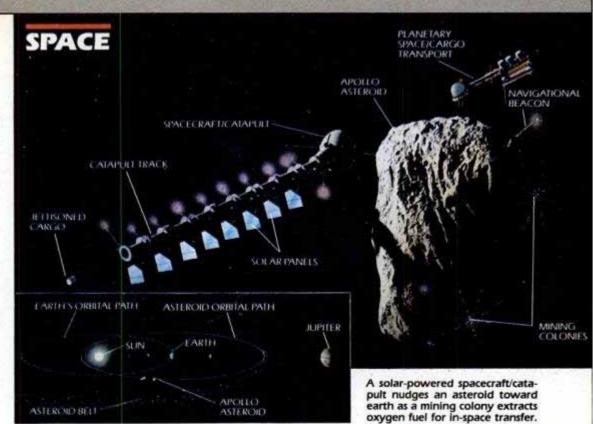
The English Electrical Valve Company, Ltd. has developed a new infrared camera for firefighters. In a smokey blaze, firefighters can use the camera to find their way through a room to a victim or to the source of the blaze. After the fire is extinguished. investigators can look at video recordings to help determine what started the blaze.

Mining Asteroids

On the NASA drawing board is a plan to visit within two decades a large asteroid, perhaps one of a handful of Apollo Objects that cross earth's orbit. The mission would have two goals: extracting gold, silver, platinum and other precious metals; as well as oxygen from water for fuel. And determining how future missions could break up the very largest asteroids that might threaten to smash into the earth. While scientists are charting new asteroids and studying their geological composition, aeronautical engineers are working on the design of spacecraft to perform the tasks involved. The velocities needed to reach some Apollo Objects are lower than those needed to reach

the moon. But travel time to the nearest objects may be up to three years. For robots or for astronauts with advanced recycling life support systems, that may not be a problem. In fact, many spaceflight theorists predict we'll put men on asteroids before we set them down on Mars.

Since more than one-third of the weight brought into orbit by a moonbound Saturn rocket is for oxygen propellant, the dearest commodity astronaut miners will seek is oxygen-



ART BY BRIAN SULLIVAN

bearing water. Thus, factories to convert an asteroid's contents to rocket fuel may become big business with the arrival of 21st century space travel. A planetary space/cargo transport could be used to pick up fuel and transfer it to a space station or a docking ship. Meanwhile, a spacecraft/catapult could gently nudge the asteroid toward earth over a three-year period. The catapult would heat pebbles from the asteroid and expel the exhaust as a propellant.



Road control

Chrysler cars of 1988 will be equipped with switches that will be mounted on the steering hub just below the driver's line of sight. The switches will allow drivers to operate electric door locks, lights, wipers and other controls easily. The car's computers will use low current information pulses requiring less wiring and less power to run the controls.



Electronic acid test

The Battelle Memorial Institute in Columbus, Ohio has devised a new electronic acid rain detector. Mounted on a 150-ft. tower above a forest, the instrument samples air for sulfur content. Field measurements already have shown higher sulfur deposition above forests than over crops and grass. Such information helps pinpoint acid rain sources. It also allows foresters to decide whether acid rain collected on the ground will continue to fall or subside. This helps to determine whether to treat trees that absorb the rain. Such treatment is expensive and complicated to perform, and foresters try to avoid treatment wherever possible. Prototype acid rain detectors went into operation in the Midwest this summer.



Cut corners

England's new StreetKing suction sweeper has a selling point much like many household vacuum cleaners: It gets into corners. With a 13 ft. turning radius, the StreetKing can make a clean sweep over 215,000 sq. ft of street per hour and has the capacity to carry 52 cu. ft. of rubbish in its hopper. Sanitation engineers should pick up on this.

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE



When it rains . . .

The Israelis, who know how to make a desert bloom, have come up with a seeding method that can wring 25 percent more rain out of certain types of clouds. With the new method, a plane flies into a thermal updraft below the cloud and fires silver iodide pellets into the air. The pellets are swept into the cloud by the upward turbulence and

form ice crystals. As the ice crystals get large and heavy, they fall down toward earth and melt, making rain.

The silver lodide-firing rig on a plane wing shoots pellets into a cloud to form rain drops.

ROBOTICS That touch of class

Factories that shy away from using robots do so for two big reasons, cost aside. First, robots are klutzes and can't do many delicate jobs. Second, most robots have hands and fingers designed to perform just one task. Panasonic Industrial Company recently introduced a new line of robots that overcome both problems. A multi-axis robot arm has such a light touch that we saw one pick up a glass of wine



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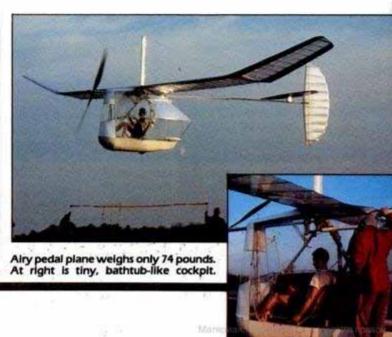
The multi-axis robot arm can hoist a wine glass, without a spill.

AVIATION

Pedal power makes another try

The elusive British-sponsored Kremer Prize for man-powered flight may have finally been won by a group of aeronautical engineering students at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Their frail-looking, pedal-driven monoplane, called the Monarch after its similarity to a butterfly, recently flew the mandatory 1,500-meter (4,921-foot) triangular course in two minutes, 49 seconds for an average speed of just over 21 mph.

The Monarch is a hybrid design, permitted under the latest provisions of the Kremer rules. It combines pedal power with a slight assist from a small battery-run electric motor. The foot pedals and motor are both geared to a common shaft that drives a large-bladed prop mounted in front of the cockpit. An earlier attempt to capture the prize by Dr. Paul MacCready's Bionic Bat (page 71, Feb. '84) was disallowed for allegedly using too much electric power. If the Monarch's claim stands up, the M.I.T. students will be \$30,000 richer.



Wings of the future

The U.S. Air Force is always dreaming up exotic new shapes for future aircraft. The two concepts shown here, both for long-range strategic bombers, are straight out of the 21st century.

The plane above right has a swiveling wing that swings crosswise for low-speed landings and takeoffs. For high-speed flight, the wing retracts into the top of the fuselage (center) to reduce drag and the plane cruises solely on lift produced by its broad, flat underbelly.

The other design features forward-swept wings and canards for improved lift and maneuverability. Both concepts were developed by Rockwell International.



GIs get back an old friend

Remember the old Browning Automatic Rifle of World War II? Now, for the first time since the BAR was abandoned, the Army and Marines are adopting a similar weapon. Called the MINIMI, it's light enough to be handheld, yet fires up to 1,000 5.56mm rounds a min-

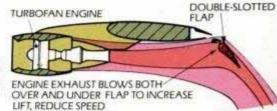
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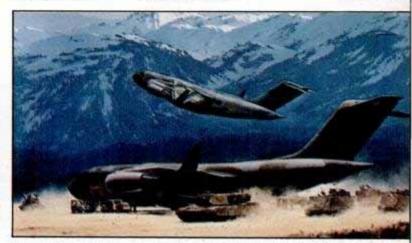
New BAR replacement can be fired from hip or on a tripod with scope sight.

Getting cargo where it counts

The problem with giant military cargo planes like the C-5A is that they require long runways and can't deliver supplies directly to frontline battle areas. Now, the C-17, a new STOL-type transport, can drop an 86-ton payload—almost as much as a C-5A's—into airstrips as short as 3,000 feet. Its secret lies in its blown wing. Exhaust from its four powerful turbofan engines is blown over and against huge double-slotted flaps, increasing low-speed lift to shorten landing and takeoff distance. Developed by McDonnell Douglas, the C-17 can thus fly troops, tanks and other heavy equipment right into battle.

Engine exhaust is blown through slotted flaps to add lift and to permit shortfield operation.





New C-17 can deliver a mechanized force right to the front lines.

Frozen bird to go

Earlier this year, the Marine Corps' newest jump jet, the Harrier II, went through two months of harrowing weather. It faced 60-below temperatures, 46 mph winds and layers of ice formed on its wings. It all happened in a McDonnel Douglas test hangar in St. Louis. The Marines say the new Harriers will be deployed later this year.



McDonnell Douglas Harrier II undergoes severe weather test.

BUYING A REAL COMPUTER MONITOR

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even the best of the high-resolution color monitors reviewed here fall down badly when it comes to reproducing text-words and letters used in writing programs, doing spreadsheets or word processing.

If you're planning to do a lot of business-type work, you're much better off getting a monochrome monitor, which typically has high resolution. If you also plan to do color bar charts, play some computer games and otherwise find that you need a color monitor, you might want to get two monitors and connect them to the computer through a selector switch, an inexpensive item available in most computer stores. Some computers may have two monitor outputs. If you have such a machine, you can forget about buying a selector switch, and simply connect both your monochrome and color monitors.

Monitor controls

Controls are another thing that you'll find much different on a monitor than on a regular television set. Naturally, there's no channel selector. While some monitors have a built-in speaker and audio amplifier for playing games, the majority don't have this feature. It's something like watching a silent movie. The Atari and Commodore computers have an audio channel output which will give you sound if you buy a monitor with a built-in speaker and amplifier. Both of these computers use a five-pin DIN (European) connector. To use a

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** Discontinued, but generally still available on store shelves. New replacement models are marked "**."

** New models have optional swivel base; may coexist on store shelves with previous series for a time.

(R) No glare shield needed; improved black mask CRT is said to reduce screen glare.

(C) Requires special color graphics display plug-in card in computer to double number of horizontal scan lines available from some third-party manufacturers.

(Gr) Color monitor has Green-only selector switch for viewing text as green on dark background.

(J) Inverse video switch to reverse white and black elements—provides black text on green or amber background.

(M) Metal case, said to prevent magnetic contamination of computer disks by monitor's operation.

(L) "Loop-thru" provides video output jack for connecting several monitors to the same video source.

(Ph) Has long-persistence phosphor screen for reduced flicker in interlaced operation, which provides extra-high resolution.



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monitor, you'll have to get an adapter with RCA-type jacks on it. This costs about \$5.

Some monitors are really bare bones when it comes to controls. This article is being written using a high-resolution R-G-B monitor from Princeton Graphic Systems, and it has an extraordinarily Spartan set of controls. On the front are two knobs labeled PULL-ON and BRIGHT. That's it. Others, such as the Zenith hires color monitor, have enough controls and knobs to operate a Space Shuttle.

Many of the names in the monitor business are unfamiliar. Others carry the well-known brand names of TV sets. Most TV manufacturers, in fact, have some kind of monitor for sale or are getting them ready for the market.

Options

There are also the component television systems-separate monitor, separate tuner, separate sound system-put together the way a component stereo system is hooked up. And some socalled monitor-quality TV receivers have a separate jack field in the back so you can bypass the tuning section and use just the video. This is especially good for watching videotapes and discs, but isn't all that great for computer use. The reasons: Screen size is usually much too big and chances are you'd want to keep the unit where you do your TV viewing-possibly not the same place you use your computer.

Screen size, by the way, doesn't follow the rule that more is better. The hest screen size for a monitor for closein work is 12 inches diagonal measure, whether it's monochrome or color. This is because most computing is done with your eyes approximately 18 to 20 inches from the screen. If you plan to use the monitor for a lot of game play, then 13 inches is an ideal size. If you think that one inch doesn't make much difference, please take our word for it.

There are a couple of other things to look for in monochrome monitors. We don't call them black-and-white any more (white text on a black background). A screen with green phosphor (green letters on a black background) is popular because it's very legible and causes less eyestrain. Amber screens are also gaining in popularity, and are just about the only kind you can buy in Europe

Some monitors have a windowscreen-like mesh attached to the front. This is an antiglare shield, and it's very effective in eliminating annoying reflections. It's available on both monochrome and color monitors, or can be added later. The one problem with antiglare shields: They're hard to clean. Some of the newer models have an antiglare mask right behind the screen's faceplate.

How much?

What should you spend on a monitor? Monochrome models range from \$99 to about \$250, and color models retail from \$300 to \$700. If you prefer, you can spend thousands of dollars on a color monitor for special scientific uses, but it's not likely that you'll find such units in your department or computer store. Here's a rundown of some of the more popular monitors you'll find in the

Amdek Color-I Plus-This is probably the biggest-selling color monitor on the market because it will run with just about anything that calls itself a computer. Color-I has no sound. Color-I Plus has an audio channel and speaker and sells for about \$300. While Amdek is replacing this and all of its other color units with its new line of color monitors. you'll find this best-buy on dealers' shelves for a while.

Commodore C-1701—This is a runaway best-seller in stores that handle the Commodore line, but it's often out of stock. It will operate from any computer's composite output, and for the money, the picture quality is generally better than a lot of its rivals. While the list price is \$300, it's frequently packaged as part of discounted all-Commodore systems.

Princeton Graphic Systems HX-12-An enormously popular hi-res R-G-B set for the IBM PC and its clones, you'll see it in lots of computer advertising photos. At \$695, it's priced about the same as other R-G-B sets. Operation is almost too simple. The only accessible controls are ON/OFF and BRIGHTNESS. This kind of ties your hands, but the colors and resolution were excellent in all our tests.

Sakata SC-100—A price leader item for under \$300 in many discount specialty stores, this color monitor is rapidly approaching the Amdek in sales in some areas. The reason is the price, and picture quality that's as good as others in its price range.

Zenith ZVM-133 and ZVM-122-Top-selling monochrome monitors for text work, the two models have green and amber screens at retail prices of \$149 and \$169. Zenith's ZVM-135 at \$599 is a real all-purpose workhorse of a high-res color monitor. It also has a green-screen switch which lets you view text in green on black background, but this feature doesn't add an awful lot of clarity to the text. We like the straight white-on-black better for this kind of

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German lineage will make it all the more desirable to buyers in that league. There are some rough edges to be smoothed, certainly, but this is the most undiluted European import for sale in the American market right now.

The rest of the 1985 story at Ford Motor Co. is about refinement. New cars are few, and changes to carry-over models are limited to new fascias, taillights and some instrument cluster modifications. There are, however, a few nuggets of gold among the routine changes this fall.

Escort/Lynx and EXP continue virtually unchanged from '85. Reverse gear has been moved from the next-to-first position and placed to the right of the third-fourth slot on the four-speed manual, below the fifth position on the five-speed. Lynx drops its five-door, LTS, RS and Turbo RS models.

The Mustang Turbo GT (the 145-hp version) is dropped, too. Five-liter Mustang GTs get different gear ratios, and transmissions are improved in shifting effort and throw distance. Mustang GTs also receive an SVO-inspired front fascia and integral air dam, and standard P225/60VR15 unidirectional Eagle GT tires with the gatorback tread design. SVO models get 16-inch, 50-series gatorbacks.

Higher performance

The Tempo/Topaz models are upgraded with a higher performance 2.3liter Four. This fuel-injected high swirl combustion powerplant has a new cylinder head, freer breathing and a 3.73 final drive for a tangible increase in the fun factor. We drove it, and we like it a lot. The GLX model gets a sport instrument cluster, and standard equipment now includes power steering, tilt wheel and a 15.2-gallon fuel tank (up from 14).

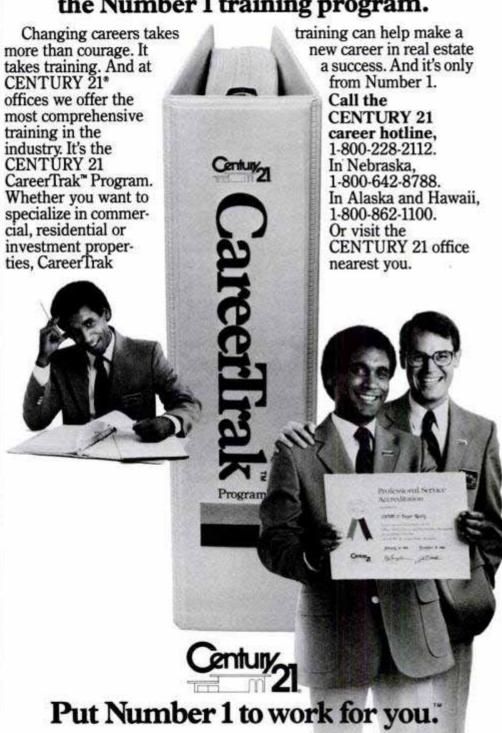
Ford's LTD LX is a top-performing four-door family sedan. Standard power train is Ford's HO 5.0-liter EFI V8 with four-speed automatic overdrive and 3.27 Traction-Lok rear axle.

Mark VII buyers will have the option to select an infrared-actuated, touch-screen, CRT control panel to tune the radio and adjust the interior heating/ventilation systems. Known as the Comtech system, this futuristic device will first show up in a test run of 50 cars, then be generally available after the first of the year. Reported tab will be near \$3,000, so start saving.

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for each front wheel, it only serves the front disc brakes. Hydraulic pressure for the single rear brake line comes off the hydraulic booster.

When deceleration reaches a certain level (at least 1.4 Gs), the computers go to work. If they find a wheel slowing down significantly more than the others, they first close the normally open solenoid valve to that wheel, trapping whatever hydraulic pressure is in the lines, but preventing further pressure. If the wheel now starts to pick up speed, or if the others slow down to its speed, the solenoid valve opens again and normal braking is restored.

If the speeds don't equalize, the computers open the normally closed solenoid valve, bleeding off hydraulic pressure in the line. The computers can pulse the solenoids as required—four to 10 times per second—to keep a wheel from locking up.

You feel nothing in normal braking, but if you mash the brakes on a wet surface, inducing lockup, you can feel the pulsating hydraulic pressure in the system through the pedal. You realize the wheels aren't skidding because you can still steer the car.

A fail-safe system isn't just a lawyer's demand—it's good engineering practice. Both computers monitor all the wiring and sensors continuously, and check the solenoid valves instantaneously without operating them. The computers, which share the same housing, even check up on each other. If they find something wrong, they turn on a dashboard warning light and bypass the antilock system.

When the antilock system is out of service, there's still normal power-assisted braking. The only exception is if the electric pump circuit fails. In that case, you not only lose the power assist but, because of the configuration of the system (with the master cylinder feeding only the front brakes), after you exhaust the accumulator, you lose the rear brakes as well. Of course, if the master cylinder goes, you could still have rear brakes, which would be a plus.

Some 15 years ago, Ford installed a vacuum-operated antilock system on some rear brakes. Several years later, Ford tried a hydraulic system. These primitive systems didn't catch on, but the idea was revived when precise electronic controls became available.

Two-speed accessory drive

The 1985 "gas guzzler" tax has brought some creative engineering to Ford's high-output four-barrel 302 V8. To get this engine up to 21 mpg, and avoid a huge per-car tax, Ford not only

installed roller tappets (like Chrysler) but a two-speed accessory drive system. During normal operation (above 900 rpm, coolant temperature under 236° F, and blower on the lower speeds), all belt-driven accessories except the air pump run at half speed, reducing the loads on the engine.

The two-speed setup features two pulleys on the end of the crankshaft. The small inner pulley is half the diameter of the outer one and rides on a one-way clutch. A multigroove serpentine belt wraps around this inner pulley and all the accessories including the air pump, which also has two pulleys and an electromagnetic clutch much like that used to engage an air-conditioning compressor.

A second belt wraps around the large outer crankshaft pulley and the outer pulley of the air pump. When the crankshaft turns, the large outer crank pulley drives the outer pulley of the air pump at full speed.

Simultaneously, the smaller inner pulley drives all the other accessories at half speed. Although its serpentine belt goes around the inner pulley on the air pump, this inner pulley merely freewheels like an idler pulley.

When engine speed drops below 900 rpm, the engine runs hot or blower speed goes up (indicating heater or air conditioning usage) and the engine computer engages the electromagnetic clutch.

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This complex system boosts economy by only 0.4 mpg, the same as the roller tappets. Installing so much expensive equipment for a total of 0.8 mpg seems like overkill, but all the easy mileage boosters have already been used.

TV screen

A 3 × 6-in. television picture tube, part of a \$3,000 option, will be installed in the dashboards of some 1985½ Lincoln Continentals after a 50-car trial run this fall (see Ford's Foreign Power Play, page 96). Ford will be on the heels of Buick, which will have the boob tube out a bit earlier.

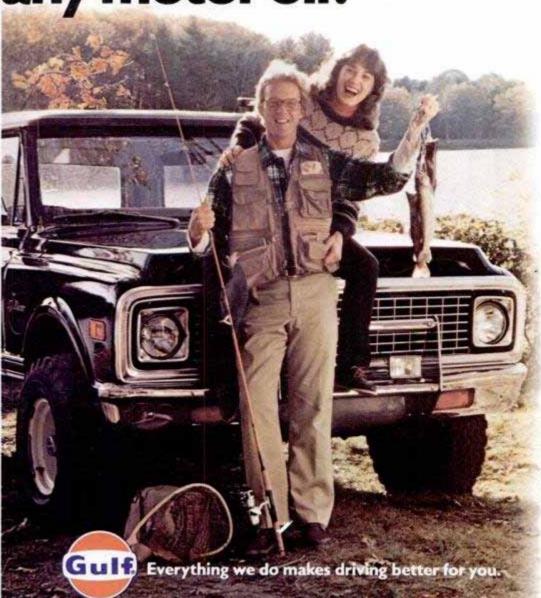
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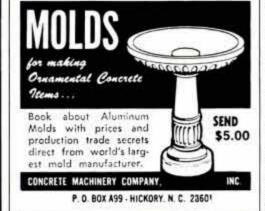
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Air bags

The U.S. government is ordering 50,000 Tempos with a driver-only air bag in the steering wheel, much like the Mercedes-Benz type. So Ford will make it standard for the Feds and offer it to fleets. But it's not even available as an option for the public-yet.

Any of four crash sensors (one on the radiator support, one in each of the front side members and a fourth on the cowl) can deploy the system. They're calibrated to discriminate between minor impacts and the serious stuff.

Like the antilock brakes, the air bags rely on an on-board computer that constantly monitors the entire system. If it detects a fault, it disarms the air bag so it can't deploy, and turns on a dashboard light when the driver switches on the ignition. The light flashes a certain number of times (or glows steadily) to pinpoint the fault.

The Merkur

The Merkur that Ford is importing from Germany has the high-tech Eurolook, but its powertrain is basically Thunderbird—a 2.3-liter turbo Four. In the Merkur, this engine gets a watercooled center bearing on the turbocharger. There's no intercooler radiator in this turbo installation, but one castaluminum section of the pressure-side plumbing has built-in cooling fans. Reportedly, this feature is included to allow future racers to use real intercoolers while still living up to the spirit of "factory-equipped" trim.

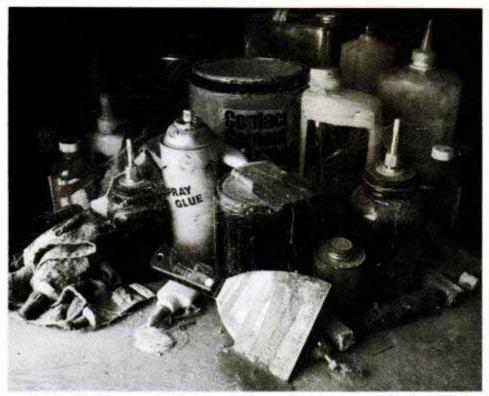
The engine mounts are a neat European design that combines rubber for fore-aft and side-to-side control and a fluid-filled diaphragm chamber with calibrated orifices for vertical control. The mounts control engine vibration so well that at idle you feel nothing from the steering wheel. You have to put your hand on the transmission shift lever to realize that the vibration really isn't gone, just well-damped. A simpler version of this mount also will go into the T-Bird.

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Renault news

The Renault half of the partnership continues to offer the 18i Sportwagon and two Fuego models, the 1.6-liter turbocharged Four and the 2.2-liter normally aspirated Four that was introduced several months ago. The real Renault news this year is the intercooled aluminum 2.1-liter turbodiesel Four that the French are supplying for the Cherokees.

The oil-burner is expected to deliver 28 mpg, and produces 85 hp at 3,750 rpm with 132 lb.-ft. of torque at 2,750 rpm. The air is forced in by a Garrett T-2 turbo with integral wastegate. Fuel is monitored by a water separator, integral with a fuel-line filter and heater. A battery blanket and block heater for cold-weather operation are options.

The turbodiesel has quite the feel of AMC's own 2.5-liter gasoline Four. We found driving the turbocharged Cherokee less satisfying than we'd anticipated, though. The turbo power comes on smoothly and without the hard charge of some installations, but power is still lacking despite the addition of an air-to-air intercooler. The GM-supplied V6 is still the way to go for economy-bedamned power.

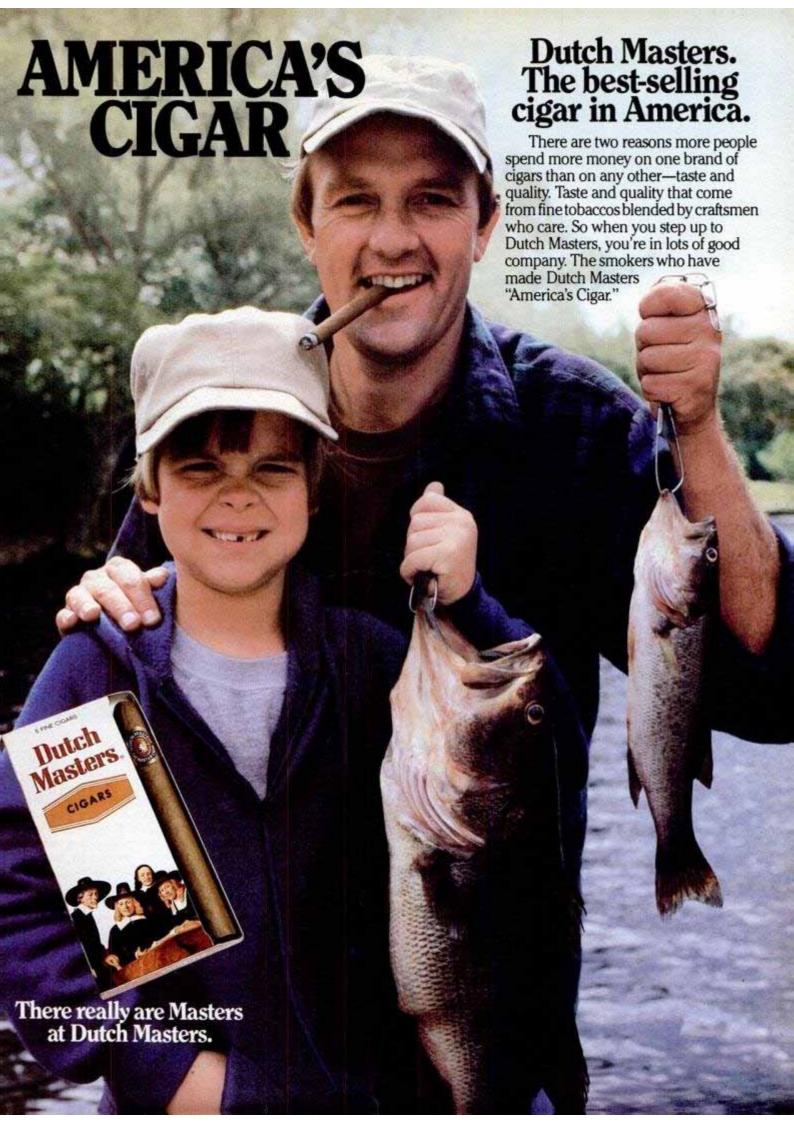
A five-speed manual transmission is standard with the turbodiesel, and that's truly the only way to buy the new engine. The automatic-transmission version is extremely slow, taking several seconds to spool up to boost from a standing start.

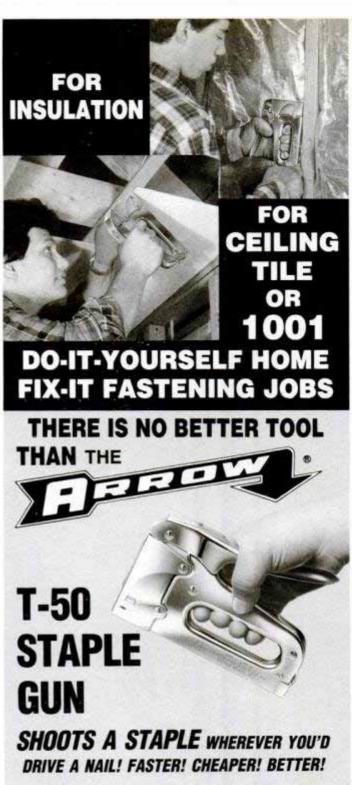
Other Cherokee improvements are minimal—it's pretty tough to improve a vehicle that's had such a successful first year. AMC sold 30,000 more Cherokees than it thought it would even build.

Those changes include a Laredo trim package for two- and four-door models, addition of the Systems Sentry fluid-monitoring device to the Cherokee line (the device was introduced last year on Alliance/Encore) and the wing-back rocker/recliner seats from those cars. Systems Sentry is not available on Cherokees with turbo, 3.31 axle ratio or limited-slip differential, however, because those items aren't tooled for sensor installation to monitor their fluid levels. Cherokees also get Alliance/Encore's infrared remote control door lock/unlock system.

AMC also will add "shift-on-the-fly" capability to the Selec-Trac full-time four-wheel-drive system, previously only available on the part-time Command-Trac version.

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block and cylinder head fluid passages contributes to superior lubricant and coolant flow and performance, key factors in longevity, Hittler says. Engine cooling, he adds, is close to a wet-sleeve engine, which is normally far better in this area.

The cooling system is fully pressurized, including the overflow reservoir, which is exposed to atmospheric pressure in a standard system. This keeps oxygen out of the coolant, reducing corrosion in the aluminum cylinder head.

The cooling system setup also is used on the 1.4-liter engine, which continues as the standard powerplant. The 1.4 also has received some other cooling system improvements, which it needed badly because the water pump is located at the top of the engine. The top location means that a neglected coolant leak can allow the fluid level to drop below the pump, almost stopping circulation in the system. The result: The engine will overheat and may even blow a head gasket.

So, for 1985, AMC has redesigned the system to eliminate nine connections, resulting in fewer potential leak points, and improved clamping of the 17 remaining connections.

The Jeep line also gets a significant powertrain change a 2.1-liter Renault turbodiesel rated at 85 horses at just 3,750 rpm, and peak torque of 132 lb.-ft. at 2,750 rpm. The torque curve is almost flat, even through 4,200 rpm, so the engine is very flexible.

The turbodiesel is a mix of high-tech and old-fashioned ideas that die hard. The head and block are both aluminum, rare for a diesel.

The engine, an overhead-camshaft design, uses the Garrett AiResearch T-2 turbo, a lightweight version that reduces low-end lag. The turbo also has an air-to-air intercooler, a heat exchanger that uses outside air to cool down intake air after it has been compressed. Cooling down the compressed air increases its density so, in effect, more air flows into the cylinders for better performance. The '84 Mustang SVO engine was the first American intercooled turbo

In addition to a conventional wastegate, the turbodiesel is protected according to coolant temperature by a thermal valve in a coolant hose. Turbo boost pressure normally flows from the intake manifold through the thermal valve and to the injection pump, where it moves a metering valve to increase fuel flow with turbo boost.

When coolant temperature in the hose hits about 235° F., the thermal valve closes the boost line and vents the line to the injection pump. This cuts fuel flow, slowing the turbo process to protect the engine. Yet, this same engine has solid valve lifters with screw-locknut adjusters on the rocker arms. Renault still doesn't accept hydraulic lifters because of the higher rate of oil contamination with the diesel.

AMC's full-time four-wheel-drive system on Eagle and Jeep gets a significant change for '85-shifting on the fly between 2wd and 4wd, previously available only on parttime 4wd systems. The change didn't cost AMC a cent. In fact, AMC saved money in the process because the capability was there all along.

Previously, AMC had a disconnect at the front axle, where a dog clutch joined or separated halves of the right axle shaft. With the dog clutch off, the front differential was motionless in 2wd, which improved fuel economy by about 0.5 mpg. However, because of the dog clutch, the vehicle had to be stopped to shift between 2wd and 4wd.

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to the carb. The 2.2 carburetor system also gets some onboard computer diagnostics to make troubleshooting easier. You can't get the trouble codes from a pulsing light on the dashboard, as on fuel-injected Chrysler products and other makes, but a mechanic can pull them out with a special digital readout instru-

Chrysler has eliminated voltage regulators as part of a redesign of the charging system on fuel-injected fourcylinders. The regulator functions are now shared by circuits in the two engine computer modules. Chrysler claims the design is bulletproof-even if you hot-wire or ground a charging system terminal, you won't blow computer circuits. This was a must, for one of the side effects of putting the regulator function into the computer is that voltage regulation is now covered by the same five-year or 50,000-mile warranty as the computer, not the 12month/12,000-mile charging system warranty.

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Increasing mpg

In 1985, a gas guzzler law says any models that don't deliver at least 21 mpg will be hit with a huge tax. So, some heavy engineering effort was expended to juice up the 318-cu.-in. V8's mileage. The combustion chambers were redesigned so they wrap around the valves to form a shroud, which causes the incoming fuel mixture to swirl rapidly. This is called a fast-burn design and it reduces the octane requirement of the engine. Chrysler was then able to raise the compression ratio from 8.4:1 to 9.0:1, to improve mileage. These modifications, which include new pistons, also increase horsepower from 130 to 140 and torque from 235 to 265 lb.-ft. The 318 also gets roller tappets for reduced engine friction, another mileage improver.

To make sure it would go over the 21 mpg hump, Chrysler picked up a technique from GM: the use of 5W-30 oil. This oil, which is sold only in the snowbelt to help winter starting, is lighter than 10W-40, so it also reduces engine friction enough to improve mileage by 0.2 mpg. It doesn't make sense to use such a lightweight oil in the real world (except for harsh winters) and although the car manufacturers officially have to recommend it, their engineers would really rather you didn't look too hard for it.

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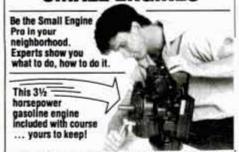
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The carryover models

The engineering news we all wanted to hear from Chevrolet this year was tuned port injection (TPI). This refers to GM's extraordinary 5.7-liter V8 power pumper under the hood of the 1985 Corvette. At 240 hp, Chevy asserts a 10 percent increase in ponies over the '84 Cross-Fire throttle body-injected 350. Torque is up, too, from 290 to 330 lb.-ft. And all this with a claimed 11 percent increase in fuel economy.

Tuned intake runners produce more power at lower rpm. Fuel injectors are mounted in the manifold base plate, and a computer calculates precisely how long the injectors are open based on signals it receives from a hot-wire mass airflow sensor mounted in the intake ducting. How hot is it? The golf shirts Chevy personnel wore at the press meeting bore a Corvette logo and the words Life Begins at 150 (mph!).

Chevy's downsized van

The Chevrolet Astro van is among the General's most interesting new models. Chevy calls it the in-between van because it's smaller than conventional vans but larger than the Chrysler T-van and like-sized minivans.

Astro can be had in '85 with a choice of two engines: a standard 90-hp 2.5liter fuel-injected Four, and an optional 4.3-liter V6 pumping 155 hp.

Astro, a conventional front-engine/ rear-drive van, will have a standard four-speed manual transmission. A five-speed manual and a four-speed

automatic transmission are optional.

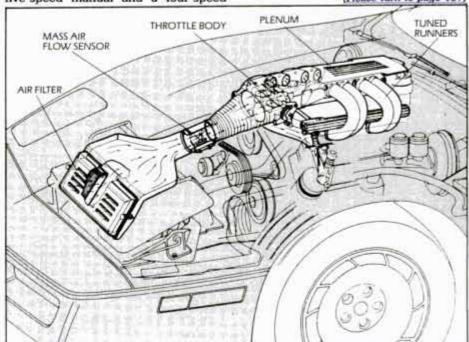
In the Camaro stable, the IROC-Z joins the Z28 as a performance model. You can choose from the 190-hp L69 four-barrel 5.0-liter 305-cu.in. V8 with five-speed manual, or the 215-hp LB9 TPI version with a four-speed automatic. The standard Z28 motivator remains Chevy's LG4 5.0-liter Eight of 165 hp, now tame by comparison.

The J-cars are getting massaged this year as never before. The Cavalier will be available this year in an exciting Z24 model, in notchback and hatchback two-door coupes. It's powered by an LB6 2.8-liter V6 rated at 125 hp at 4,800 rpm and 155 lb.-ft. of torque at 3,600 rpm.

The Z24 is as aggressive visually as it is physically, with flared rocker panels, rally wheels, special front end and digital instrumentation. Because GM has retained 1984 J-car production deep into '85 to bolster its CAFE ratings, the Z24 won't debut until spring.

The Celebrity lineup is unchanged for 1985. The 130-hp 2.8-liter multiport-injected (MFI) V6 replaces last year's carbureted HO V6 engine.

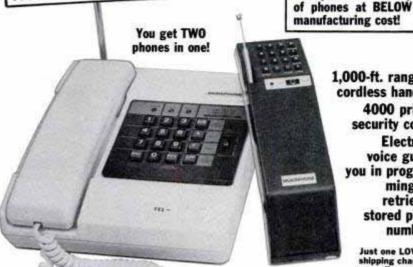
Chevy showed the new Isuzu-built Spectrum at its press meeting this year, but we weren't permitted to drive it because it wasn't representative of "production intent." Spectrum will be available at East Coast Chevy dealers this winter as a four-door sedan or three-door hatchback sitting atop a 94.5-in. wheelbase. With an overall length of 158.9 in., it's only 1/10-in. off the Toyota Tercel. It's powered by a 1.5-liter Four coupled to a five-speed manual transmission. Suggested EPA figures are 45 city/60 highway for the gas motor, and an amazing 55 city/72 (Please turn to page 157)



Tuned-port injection system as used on Corvette. Injectors are at the base of the runners.

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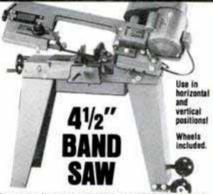
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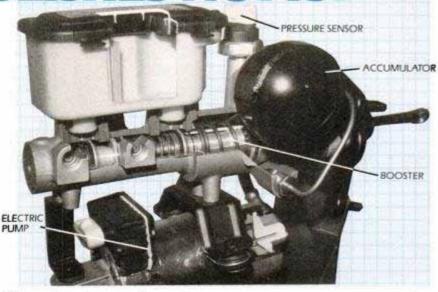
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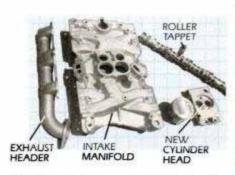
Chevy engines

Chevy has yet another spinoff from its 30-year-old small block V8—a 263-cube (4.3-liter) 90° V6. It has an even-firing crankshaft, throttle-body fuel injection, plus J-shaped intake ports and combustion chamber modifications that cause the incoming air and fuel to swirl and mix well, resulting in a fast burn of the mixture for greater efficiency. The engine produces 130 horses, compared with 110 for the 229 (3.8-liter) odd-firing V6 it replaces.

Chevy will also be making other GM divisions' cars run faster in 1985. The 2.8-liter Chevy V6, which will go into the Pontiac Fiero and the Cadillac, Chevy and Olds J-cars, will be available with individual-port fuel injection in 1985. Along with a tuned intake manifold, this boosts output from 112 to 125 (Please turn to page 157)



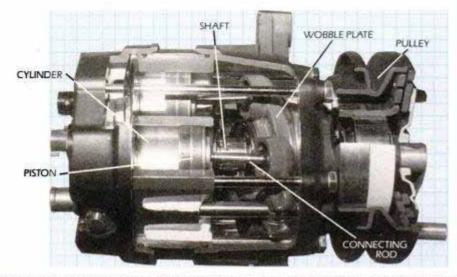
All-hydraulic brake system for rear-drive cars has no vacuum boost. Pump generates 650 psi.



Olds V8s get roller tappets, stainless headers, new combustion chambers and manifold.



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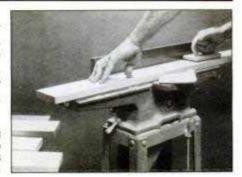
6 Jointer

If you are considering buying a 4-in. jointer (like the one shown) only to joint board edges, keep in mind that the tool also can be a valuable surfacing aid. Although its capacity is small, many projects like cabinet door rails and stiles and table aprons are frequently no wider than 4 in.

To use the machine, just slide the

board along the bed and over the cutters taking off 1/16 in .-- or less-stock per pass until the board is flat. Be sure to cut with the grain and always use a rubber faced push block in your rear hand to keep your fingers away from the moving cutters.

The jointer is ideal for truing board edges prior to joining, but it can also be used to surface narrow stock. Be sure to feed boards so that cut is with-not against-grain.



Planer

To begin with, keep in mind that a thickness planer is designed to smooth boards, but not necessarily to flatten them. This is because the feed rollers that draw the stock into the cutters tend to flatten out any warped board before it's cut. A uniform shaving is taken off the entire surface, not just the high

spots. When the board emerges from the other side it will revert back to its original shape, the warp still intact.

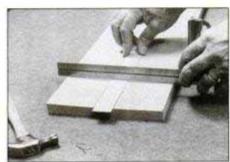
A good way to avoid the problem is shown below. When the tool is used in this manner, it will smooth and flatten stock at the same time. And, it can be used either for individual boards or for subassemblies that are to be joined into wider panels later.



Cupped board above is typical of stock normally available to woodworkers. It can be flattened by hand, with a wide jointer or with a thickness planer as shown below.



Hardwoods, like maple above, are not flattened by feed rollers. Push board through with convex side of cup pointing up, then turn board over and push through again.



Softwood stock, like pine above, will be flattened by rollers. To avoid this, nail shim into cup hollow, even with board edges. Use short brads that clear path of cutters.



Run board through planer again with shim in place. Shim prevents rollers from flattening board so proper stock is removed. Then, turn board over and plane other side.

Router

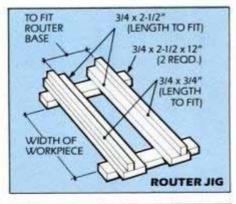
To use your router as a surfacing tool, you must first build the jig shown at right. This can be made from scrap wood but all parts must be straight and flat. The width of the jig between the top cleats should match the width of your router base, and the distance between the lower jig boards should be just slightly wider than the workpiece.

Once the jig is built, nail a support

strip to both sides of the workpiece, letting each extend about 6 in. beyond both ends. Position these strips so that their top edges align perfectly.

Then, with a 3/4-in.-dia. carbidetipped straight cutter in the router, begin cutting. When each pass is complete, slide the jig over 5/8 in. and make another cut until the whole surface is smooth and flat. Finish up with a hand plane or belt sander.

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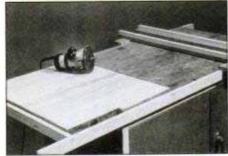




Before using any method to flatten old surfaces, including the router and jig shown here, remove or sink imbedded nails and other impediments that could harm tools.



Nail level guide strip to each side of top, then build jig. Measure down from jig to find lowest point. Adjust bit projection to cut slightly deeper than the low point.



Start router and push through Jig. Make passes about 5/6 in. apart, sliding jig along as you go. Half-finished surface above shows difference between old and new.

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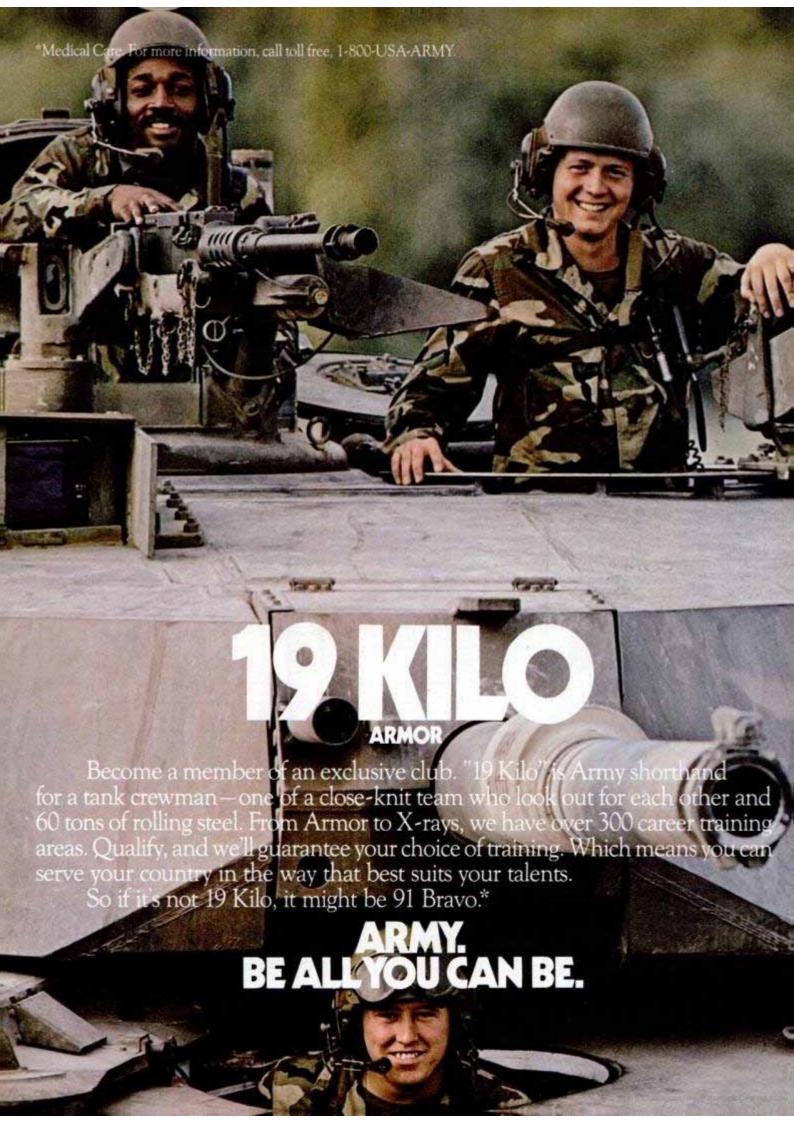
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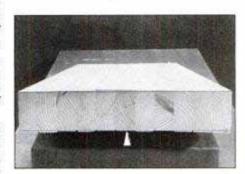


Circular saw

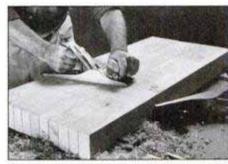
The key to surfacing all stock is to set up a milling arrangement that will cut to the same depth relative to a true horizontal plane, not to the surface that is being milled. In the router method, shown on page 150, this was accomplished with a wood jig that moved along two guide strips on the sides of the slab. The same technique is used to turn a circular saw into a surfacing tool. The jig is built in the same way, but with the dimensions altered so the top cleats are spaced to match the width of the saw's shoe.

As before, nail the guide strips to the slab so their top edges are parallel and so the strips extend 6 in. beyond both ends of the workpiece. Place the jig onto the strips and slide it up and down the slab to determine what the low point of the surface is relative to the jig. Set the

saw blade depth to just graze this low point. Then, start kerf-cutting the surface. Move the jig about 1/2 in. between cuts. When the surface is all cut, remove the jig and plane across the grain to chip off the waste. Plane with the grain for final surfacing.



Saw kerf-cutting is a good choice for surfacing wide soft wood assemblies like fir bench top, above. First step is to mark both ends square to find the approximate cut depth.



Shave waste to bottom of saw kerfs using hand plane across grain. Then, plane with grain to remove tool marks. Surface will be smooth, flat and straight.



Install level guide strips on each side of top and build jig similar to one shown for router. Start saw and push through jig making all successive cuts about 1/2 in. apart.

Radial-arm saw

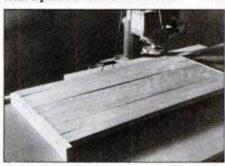
To use your radial-arm saw as a surfacing machine requires a rotary planer attachment. The one shown here is from the Sears Tool Catalog. Its cutting head has three carbide-tipped blades and is attached directly to the saw arbor. It can surface widths twice the length of the saw arm and lengths equal to one-half the length of the saw table. To surface longer panels, add tempo-



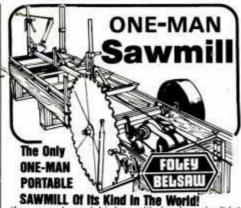
Rotary planer attachment for radial-arm saw has three carbide-tipped cutters with a cut depth of approximately 1/e in. Sears model shown is only for 5/e-in.-dia. arbors.

rary extension tables to the sides of your saw table.

Add support strips and adjust the cutter height so the blades will graze the lowest part of the slab. Position the cutter at the rip fence and lock in place. Then feed the work under the cutter from left to right, advancing the yoke outward after each pass until the slab is completely surfaced. The tool does leave marks that will have to be removed with a plane or belt sander later.

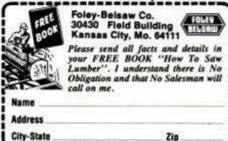


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and suburban cars, Zoe Inc., of 1722 Kettering St., Irvine, Calif. 92714, is poised (pending EPA approval) to introduce two of the most popular European three-wheelers. Reliant Motors of Tamworth, England, has been manufacturing three-wheeled cars since 1938. Zoe will distribute three Reliant vehicles: a two-door, four-seater; the same in hatchback; and a van. All three incorporate an 850-cc engine with one front and two rear wheels. The English version has a top speed of about 80 mph,



Ford's Cockpit show car features a motor scooter engine and tandem seats for two.

goes from zero to 40 in 12 seconds and gets up to 70 mpg. Inside, it's roomy enough for four adults and has a regular automobile dashboard and instrumentation. Reliants will sell for around

Ligier, of Vichy, France, is best known in this country for their Formula One grand prix race cars. They also manufacture the most popular line of three-wheelers on the Continent. Zoe plans to market a line of five vehicles with 125-cc engines that can go up to 50 mph and get 100 mpg. The passenger version will include a two-seater hardtop plus a sand and surf canvas-top model. They also will distribute three models of a three-wheeled mini delivery truck (the Paris Post Office uses thousands of them). The Ligier line will sell for \$3,500 to \$4,000. Zoe is presently reassembling the Ligier and Reliant lines with new bodies, plus engine modifications that meet EPA standards for motorcycles.

Rogers Inter Auto of Vancouver, British Columbia, has introduced a prototype of their Rogers Rascal. The Rascal is a three-wheeled microvan assembled out of components from 15 nations. With an 852-cc, rear-mounted Polish Fiat engine, the Rascal can do 75 mph and gets up to 60 mpg. It seats two adults and five bags of groceries or two adults plus two children, provided neither child is larger than 21/2 grocery bags. The body is made of energy-

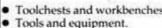
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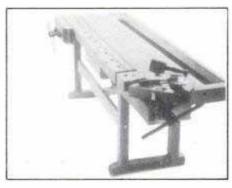
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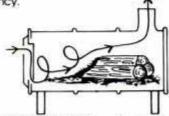
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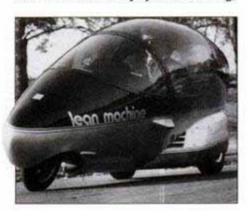
3-WHEELERS ARE BACK!

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absorbing plastic to withstand some of the shock of a collision. The Rascal will be marketed for around \$5,000.

Finally, Detroit has been experimenting with some three-wheeled designs. Ford's Cockpit city car has two tandem seats. The combination of advanced aerodynamics and a 200-cc Piaggio engine gives it better than 95 mpg in city driving. The hydraulic-mounted canopy provides exit and entry in tight city parking. The Cockpit show car was designed to be practical and get the best possible fuel economy.

General Motors' Lean Machine is an experimental three-wheeler that does what no car but all motorcycles do: It leans into a curve. Using a combination of hand and foot controls, the driver tilts his cab and the front wheel into the turn. The engine and the rear two wheels stay horizontal to the ground. Foot pedals control the amount of lean and handlebars steer the front wheel. In the Lean Machine, you feel you're in touch with the raw physics of driving,



GM's experimental Lean Machine is a singleseater with a cab that leans into corners.

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GM POLISHES ITS ACT

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or 130 (depending on the model). In the Celebrity and Citation, the 2.8 will rest on motor mounts that combine the conventional rubber cradle with a hydraulic shock absorber.

Other GM engines

Oldsmobile Cadillac and have tweaked their rear-drive V8s to avoid the gas guzzler tax that applies to any car that doesn't get at least 21 mpg. Caddy reworked the cylinder heads of its 4.1-liter V8 to install swirl-type intake ports, reprogrammed the engine control computer and fitted low-rollingresistance tires to raise fuel economy from 20.8 to 21.4 mpg. Olds changed to a new intake manifold with smaller runners for higher fuel-mixture velocity, swirl ports, and a modified combustion chamber with a more centrally located sparkplug to improve combustion on its 5-liter 307 V8. Oldsmobile has also fitted roller tappets for reduced friction. These changes raise fuel economy from 20 to as high as 22 mpg.

Scattered improvements

Several significant '85 GM engineering developments are not under the hood.

Many rear-drivers get a new fully hydraulic power brake system pressurized by an electric pump mounted to the bottom of the master cylinder. A pressure sensor triggers the pump when boost pressure drops below 500 psi, and the pump operates until pressure is up to 650 psi. If the pump fails, the dashboard warning light goes on. A hydraulic accumulator atop the unit provides up to six assisted stops in case of a pump or electrical failure. Although the master cylinder and hydraulic boost cylinder are in line, the master cylinder operates independently, and there's still conventional unassisted braking.

This fall, Buick will street test 100 Rivieras that contain a dashboard computer with a cathode ray tube. Unlike the Lincoln system, to get response to commands you actually have to touch what seems to be the TV screen, but is really a clear switch just forward of the tube. As at Lincoln, functions are currently limited to radio, heater, air conditioning, defroster, day-date-time and trip computations. But functions will be expanded on later models.

Cadillac's Seville Elegante becomes the first U.S. car with a European-type antilaceration windshield. Conventional windshields have two layers of glass sandwiching a plastic layer. This one adds two extra sheets of plastic on the inside to prevent glass shards from entering the passenger space in an accident.

GM VARIATIONS

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Pontiac, Buick and Olds

Most Pontiac offerings other than the Grand Am are carryover models. Fiero gets a long-awaited GT package with aerodynamic modifications and the 2.8-liter multiport-fuel-injection (MFI) V6 standard. A revised instrument graphics treatment is part of the GT package as well. Unfortunately, the new five-speed manual can only be had with the 2.5-liter Tech-IV inline Four. (Tech-IV is the new tag for the old Iron Duke.) For '85, roller hydraulic tappets have been added to the Duke of Tech.

Oldsmobile also carries over many of its models, and adds the corporate 2.8-liter MFI V6 to several car lines including the new Firenza GT. Engine width was reduced a few millimeters by going to a serpentine accessory belt system, permitting the V6 to nestle into the Firenza's front track.

The Olds Ciera becomes a GT for the first time this year. Its standard package includes the Buick 3.8-liter MFI V6 bolted to a four-speed automatic overdrive transmission and dual-outlet exhaust. A firm ride and handling suspension is also part of the deal, as are Goodyear Eagle GT tires.

The rear-drive Cutlass Supreme can be optioned up to become a 442, which replaces last year's Hurst/Olds, but without the Mickey Mouse Lightning Rod triple-stick console shifter. The 442 is powered by Olds' 180-hp 307-cu.-in. V8. With a final drive of 3.73:1, Olds claims a zero to 60 time of nine seconds.

Diesels and Cadillacs

Changes in the 4.3-liter V6 and 5.7liter V8 diesels make them more reliable and better citizens, too.

An electronic control module (ECM) has been added to both engines. This computer adjusts exhaust gas recirculation with input from two sensors to result in better emissions control. Both engines meet federal standards of 1.0 gram NOx per mile of operation. The ECM also monitors injection timing and limits wide open throttle fuel delivery at high elevations, so they'll produce less smoke.

The biggest Cadillac news for 1985 is the introduction of the new C-car Fleetwood 75 Limousine. The front-driver, carrying the standard 4.1-liter digital fuel-injected V8, hauls eight passengers in style and traditional Cadillac luxury. A seven-seater Fleetwood Formal Limousine will debut later.

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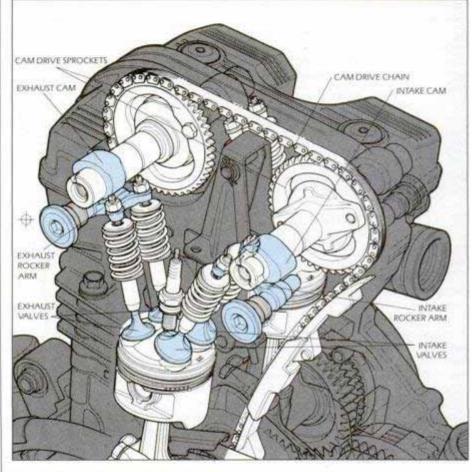
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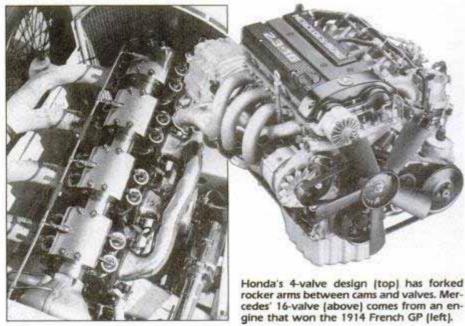
of exhaust valves—in a pent-roof combustion chamber. In most cases, they are operated by double overhead camshafts, one opening the intake valves, the other the exhaust valves.

On modern engines, such as the Saab and Mercedes 16-valve Fours, the cam works directly on an inverted-bucketstyle tappet. This cup is fitted over the valve stem and spring, and the cam lobe bears down right on the hardened top surface. Lash adjustments are handled by shims, either recessed into the top of the tappet, or underneath in the valve retainer. Saab and Mercedes avoid the whole adjustment issue by employing hydraulic tappets.

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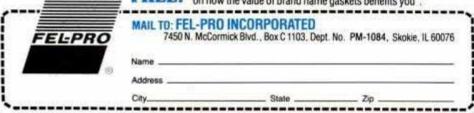
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How long before the four-valve-percylinder craze sweeps over this country? It's happening now, the ground broken years ago by Chevrolet's daring Cosworth Vega limited production run. Those of you with \$54,000 can already buy a V8 Ferrari 308 GTSi Quattro valvole (which means four valve in Italian). Saab's Turbo 16S, an advancement of the current 900, will be here early in '85 and Mercedes' 190 16-valve the next year. Toyota's four-valve-percylinder Corolla is coming on line and has already been shown to the U.S. press. Domestically, Oldsmobile and Chrysler are both working on 16-valve Fours for future production. Jaguar's new AJS Six and the already-awesome Porsche 928 will all be hooking onto the four-valve trend. Ford, Volvo, Maserati and Peugeot each use the design in their competition cars, so we can expect that the lessons they learn on the track may soon trickle down to their consumer cars.

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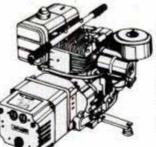
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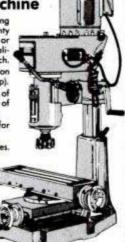
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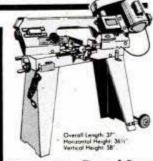
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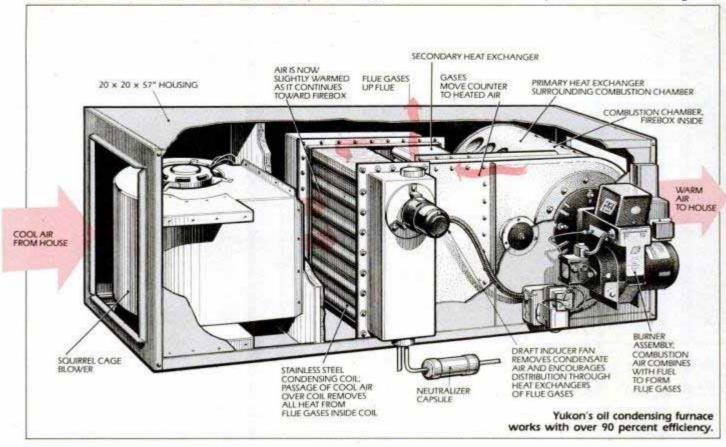
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BY JOHN H. INGERSOLL

his year, those of you who use fuel oil for heating your house have an option you didn't have last year when PM reported on the first high-efficiency furnaces and boilers (see Cut Your Fuel Bills Up to 40%, page 102, Sept. '83). Then we noted that four companies were producing equipment-all fueled by gas-with over 90-percent efficiencies: Amana, Heil-Quaker (also sold by Sears), Hydrotherm and Lennox. Joining that elite group now is GlowCore Corp. However, Yukon Energy Corp. will soon make available a furnacethis one fueled by oil-with over 90percent efficiency.

Yukon's forced warm-air system has a squirrel-cage blower, combustion chamber and heat exchanger which are conventional. Yukon also employed condensing furnace technology (a highly efficient means of releasing latent thermal energy for use) to add the following: a secondary heat exchanger of alloyed stainless steel, a stainless-steel condensing coil and a low-CPM draft inducer fan at the flue opening which removes condensate air and encourages the distribution of flue gases through the exchangers (see drawing above).

Here's how it works: Cooled house air goes to the furnace, passing first over the condensing coil which acts as a third heat exchanger; then through the secondary heat exchanger and finally over the primary heat exchanger which surrounds the combustion chamber. As the air moves through this battery of exchangers, it extracts heat from them. This heated air continues into the furnace bonnet, or discharge plenum, into the ducts and finally into the house through the registers. Gases formed at the burner by combustion of air and fuel travel in the opposite direction of the air that's being heated, from the burner to the flue, where they are discharged.

The pass of cool house air over the condensing coil removes the last bit of heat from the flue gases inside the coil. The vapor condenses and the condensate air is pulled into the flue at a temperature below the dew point (140°F). The slightly warmed air continues over the second exchanger, pulling out some heat, but not enough to condense vapor. Finally, it goes past the primary exchanger.

Since condensate from oil fuel gases tends to be more acidic than flue gases from natural gas, Yukon attaches a neutralizer capsule of calcium carbonate pellets to the condensate evacuation line. This line is usually directed to a floor drain or to a storm sewer, so the neutralizer prevents sewer line damage.

Besides the advantage of reduced fuel consumption, which can be 40 percent, a condensing-mode furnace or boiler does not require a standard furnace flue. Because the flue gas temperature is so low, gases may be directed from the furnace, by means of plastic pipe, through a house wall to the outside.

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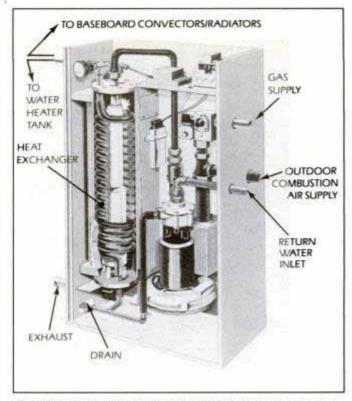
There are, however, at least two basic caveats about these heating systems: You can contemplate a rise, albeit minimal, in the use of electricity. Second, these units usually cost more.

While Yukon is the first U.S. producer of high-efficiency oil-fired furnaces, Flamecor Energy Products Inc. of Canada was the first to install a unit in a U.S. home. Presently, Flamecor's distribution system is only in Canada since the American Society of Mechanical Engineers permits only mild-steel combustion chambers in furnaces sold in the U.S. Flamecor's firebox is stainless steel. You must order directly from the maker (see chart). Flamecor boilers have a domestic hot water heater ready for installation directly below it. Heated water from the boiler is circulated through coils immersed in the domestic hot water tank. Thus, hot tap water and house heat are produced at the same efficiency.

The latest gas, condensing-mode furnace is from GlowCore Corp. The unique feature of this unit is a cylindrical water tank/heat exchanger within the unit that serves as: 1) the heat exchange medium for either hydronic or forced warm-air systems, and 2) the source of heat for domestic hot water.

The heated water in the heat exchanger is in a closed circuit. It heats by circulating water to baseboard convectors (or to a heat transfer coil in a furnace) and through a copper coil in the water heater to heat domestic water, before it returns to the furnace.

Two final notes: While the new Borg-Warner HeatPipe furnace isn't as efficient as condensing units, its initial cost is much lower. And, TRD Corp. is included in the chart below to provide an update on progress of this Rankine-turbine-driven furnace, which needs no electricity.



The heat exchanger in GlowCore's gas boiler warms water that goes to baseboard convectors which heat the house, and to the hot water tank to heat domestic water for home use. As the water cools, it returns to the boiler.

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Flamecor Energy Products Inc. 99 Bruce Crescent Carleton Place, Ont. K7C3T3	Flamecor	Hydronic, forced warm air, or both	Oil, gas or propane	Up to 96% AFUE, although company says that during operation, range is between 90% and 96%	About \$2,500, including duty and difference in U.S. and Canadian exchange rate	Now	System has capability of burning oil, gas or propane. Combustion chamber is made of stainless steel. Buyers must deal directly with Canadian office. Boiler or furnace is delivered with domestic hot water heater.
GlowCore Corp 700 Liverpool Dr. Valley City, Ohio 44280	GlowCore	Hydronic or forced warm air	Gas	Over 90% AFUE, according to GlowCore; exact percentage not certified at press time	About \$2,000	Now available in Midwest; working toward national distribution	Both boiler and furnace also provide heat for domestic hot water. Thus both house heat and hot water at the tap benefit from high efficiency.
TRD Corp. 5181 W. 161st St. Cleveland, Ohio 44142	TRD	Forced warm air	Gas	83.9% seasonal (based on Honeywell's H-Flame modeling program)	No estimate yet	Estimate 1987-88 delivery	Modest 83.9% efficiency, but system uses no electricity, thus saving power in addition to conserving heat loss. Done with Rankine turbine, which turns with vapor pressure produced by gas-heated fluid (see Cut Your Fuel Bills—Up To 40%, Sept. '83, page 102).
Yukon Energy Corp. 9890 N.E. Highway 65 Minneapolis, Minn. 55434	Ultima-EX95	Forced warm air	Oil, gas	93.5% steady state; company estimates that AFUE will be only slightly less, since off- cycle losses are low	\$2,200 to \$2,500	Estimate fall 1984	Current model is a horizontal unit, one of few on the market. Standard upflow version anticipated for market in 1985.

*AFUE (Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency) expressed in percent is a ratio of: Annual Output Of Useful Energy Delivered To The Heated Space + The Annual Fuel Energy Input To The Furnace (Boiler). The ratio is determined according to Department of Energy furnace test procedures.



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sions tended to grouse a little about a shortage of horsepower. "I have the V6 Wagoneer, but my main complaint," stated a New Mexico researcher, "is that with three or four people plus cargo, the engine has to strain to keep up with traffic, especially on hills."

Chevrolet supplies the optional 2.8-liter V6, and AMC's automatic transmissions are made by Chrysler Corp. Relatively few people in our survey had ordered the V6—only 8 percent—but the majority owned cars with automatics (68.6 percent). The lack of power was formally noted by only 8.8 percent of our respondents, so it's not really that big a thing, and we heard plenty of comments like the following:

"After owning a 1968 CJ-5 for 10 years," commented a New Hampshire electrician, "I was a little leery about going from the V6 to a Four, but I find the Cherokee engine to be very peppy. I've had no trouble, even in passing. The first week I owned it, I drove the Cherokee to the top of Mount Washington. It came through with flying colors. It's also very good in snow."

And an Ohio food service director agreed: "Responsive 2.5-liter Four in the Cherokee has a lot more punch than the 2.0 in the Blazer."

Fuel mileage

Another instance of mild disappointment came when fuel mileage didn't match up to the EPA estimates. They never do, of course, but 15.5 percent of our respondents complained about the size of the gap. The EPA feels that the thriftiest Cherokee should deliver 24/33 mpg city/highway. In our survey, the best figures realized with any engine/ transmission combination came to 20/25. This was with the ohv Four and four-speed manual. The automatic transmission ate up another 3 mpg.

Then, too, a vociferous minority grumbled about slow, inept service and long waits for parts. Just over 37 percent rated dealer service average to poor, and that's not good. Some blamed their dealer's uncaring attitude on the fact that AMC wasn't his main line. "He's mainly a Ford dealer," opined a Texas manufacturer, "and to him Jeeps are a pain."

On the whole, however, most owners sounded more than pleased with their SportWagons. A New York homemaker summed it up: "The Cherokee Pioneer is, I think, the most beautiful 4wd vehicle on the road. Its sharp interior has a modern design that's still warm and comfortable. I was given an excellent trade-in, the dealer was and remains helpful and, as you've guessed by now, I love my Jeep!"



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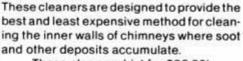
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How To Put A NEW FLUE In An Old Chimney



A liner installed in your chimney can promote combustion and reduce creosote buildup.

BY MARK McCAIN

There are two reasons for installing a new chimney liner: First, chimneys deteriorate as they age. Operation may become inefficient, if not dangerous. Especially in cases where a chimney was not originally lined, installing a liner can be a more practical, economical alternative to rebuilding a chimney. Second, if you plan to hook up a wood stove to a chimney—lined or unlined—that was formerly used to vent a fireplace, you can improve draft and reduce creosote buildup by installing a liner of the same size as the stove's rear vent.

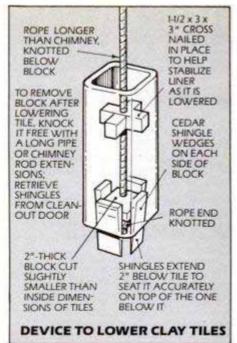
There are three types of flue liners to choose from: clay flue tiles, stainless-

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steel pipe and poured in place refractory cement.

At about \$5 per foot, clay tile can't be beat for economy. The fire-hardened terra-cotta tiles are available with apertures in several standard sizes, usually in 2-ft. lengths. Clay tiles work well only in straight chimneys and can be awkward for homeowners to install.

Stainless-steel pipe is manufactured in rigid sections which work well in straight chimneys, and flexible coils can be snaked through chimneys with bends. Two people can usually install a stainless-steel liner in a day for about \$10 a foot. Expect to lay out an addition-



al \$150 for a rain cap, tees and other essentials. Since stainless steel pipe needs to extend down from the roof only as far as the appliance it serves, it can be a real moneysaver if you're installing a stove on an upper floor. Never substitute galvanized stovepipe for stainless steel when lining a chimney.

The third option is having a molded concrete liner installed by a contractor. Costs vary from \$25 to \$60 a foot. One method involves inserting an inflated tube down the entire length of the chimney and pouring cement slurry around it. After the slurry hardens, the tube is removed, leaving a round or oval flue. Another method for molding a flue involves dumping a putty-like mixture into the existing flue and cranking a vibrating cone up through the passage from the bottom to compact the material. The resulting flue is coated with glaze.

Both molding methods can produce a continuous, well-insulated flue, but the training and skill of contractors vary widely. Royal Edwards, technical director of the National Chimney Sweep Guild, says, "You should ask (your contractor) a lot of questions first, for instance, 'How do you ensure adequate wall thickness throughout the flue?' At every bend, the contractor should break open the chimney to make sure the liner is well positioned. He's flying by the seat of his pants if he does anything else."

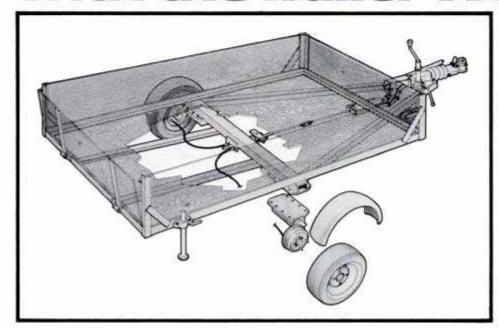
Inspect your chimney

Inspect your chimney carefully before selecting any lining method. A molded liner will strengthen a chimney, but deteriorated sections may be displaced by pressure during installation.

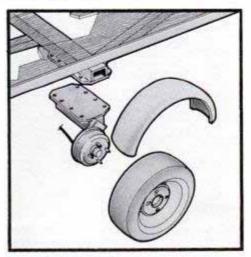
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No liner will save a crumbling chimney. Start your inspection in the basement. Check for cracks, missing mortar, crumbling and loose bricks, creosote leaks and traces of overheating in structural members adjacent to the chimney. You should look for bends, narrow sections and protruding bricks by inserting a mirror through the flue clean-

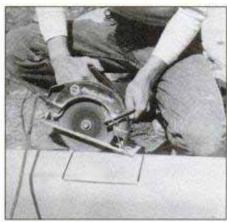
out door and directing it upward on a sunny day.

If you plan to install a clay or stainless-steel liner yourself, first ascertain whether it will fit. Secure a rope to a

INSTALLING CLAY FLUE TILES



Inspect clay flue tiles before purchasing. All the tiles that you select should have identical inside dimensions and should be free of any warps and cracks.



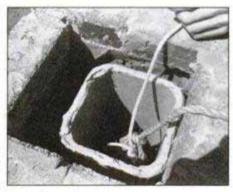
Cut holes in tiles that will align with cleanout and thimbles using masonry-cutting blade. Dimensions of cleanout door frame and thimble diameter determine cutouts.



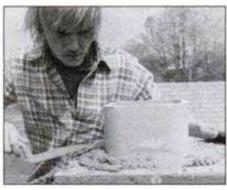
Metal arms of Chimney Tile Aligner tool are slipped inside tile. Outward pressure of arms holds tile as it is lowered. A sharp tug on rope releases the tool.



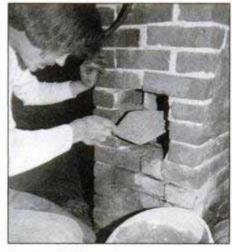
The first tile, precut with a hole for the cleanout, is lowered into a wet concrete bed at base of chimney. The scaffold is from CTA Corp. (See manufacturers list.)



Top edge of each tile is buttered with refractory cement before being lowered. Tiles must seat perfectly on top of one another to create a continuous seal.



A 2 in. deep crown of masonry cement sloping away from flue is created to stabilize liner and prevent rainwater from seeping into chimney where it can cause damage.



For an airtight seal, masonry cement is applied around the cleanout hole in the liner. Then, a cast-iron frame for the cleanout door is mortared into the proper position inside the fireplace.



A galvanized steel thimble for hooking up the stovepipe is inserted into a precut hole in the tile, exactly flush with the inner flue wall. The space around the thimble is then sealed with mortar.

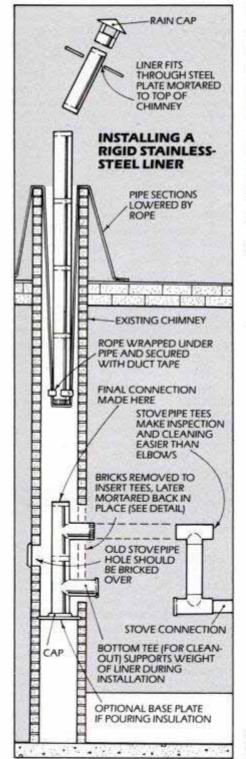


A final brick is tapped into the hole which was broken in the wall for thimble installation. The two layers of brick that surround the thimble protect the wall's wood structural members from intense heat.

liner section (or a weighted can of the same size) and lower it down the chimney. It should reach the chimney base unimpeded. Measure the length of the rope used to lower the can to estimate the amount of liner you need. Measure the inside dimensions of the chimney at both the top and bottom. Draw a diagram of the chimney and show it to a chimney sweep or mason. Ask a building inspector about local regulations and inspection requirements.

Installing a clay tile liner

To install a clay liner, you will need premixed refractory cement and ma-



sonry cement in addition to the tiles themselves. Choose the flue tiles carefully. It is not unusual to pick through a stack to find tiles varying in inside dimensions by as much as ½ in. Choose tiles that are all the same size and free of cracks and warping. Before you start installing tiles, close off any unused stovepipe openings with bricks and mortar.

If you're installing a wood stove in a new location, you'll need to install a thimble—a heavy-gauge steel pipe that leads through the chimney wall into the liner. After deciding on the thimble location, cut through the wall finish

> material in the area and use a hammer and cold chisel to break out enough bricks to accommodate the thimble. Also break into the chimney in any places where internal repairs are necessary and where you must remove obstructions or create an opening for a



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cut a rectangular hole in the tile that will line up with the cleanout door. To make a circle cut for a thimble, first scribe the shape. Bore a series of holes on the scribe line with a masonry bit. Remove the cutout with a masonry chisel and hammer.

Tiles are lowered into the chimney from the top. A simple device that you can make for lowering tiles is shown on the first page of this article. To remove the device from a tile that has been lowered into place, strike the block with a long rod and pull the block back up the chimney. Retrieve the shingles from the bottom cleanout.

You may wish to buy or rent more efficient tools such as the Chimney Tile Aligner, (see top, right photo on page 172) or the Acu-Set tile lining tool which has a pneumatic clamp. The Chimney Tile Aligner costs \$196 postpaid from the manufacturer. The Acu-Set sells for about \$550 and requires a compressor. (See the supplier list at the end of the story.)

Before lowering each tile, butter up the top edges with refractory cement. The first tile is lowered onto a wet bed of masonry cement at the chimney base. Lower the tiles gently. If a tile catches as it's being lowered, haul it back up and try lowering it from a

different side of the chimney. Have a high-wattage lamp at the base of the chimney and inspect the joint of each freshly seated tile.

Tiles and mortar must create a continuous airtight seal. After a tile is in place, use a trowel or wire loop on a stick to smooth the interior of the joint to discourage creosote buildup. Make necessary corrections before continuing. This may require breaking into the chimney wall for access. Be sure to insert the tile precut for the thimble at the right point.

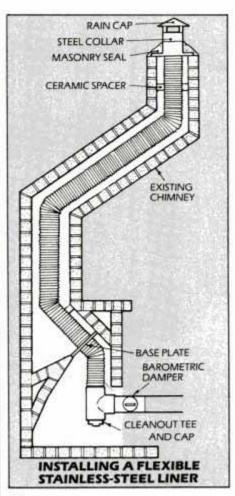
If there are more than 2 in. of space between the liner and the chimney walls, install lateral supports. A good way to improvise supports is to bolt metal studs end to end and jam them into the space around the flue. Never cement tiles directly to the chimney walls. They must be able to expand and contract independently. When all tiles are in place, mortar the cleanout door frame and thimble into place. Finish off the chimney top with a masonry cement crown (wash) sloped to the outside for drainage.

Stainless-steel liner

Stainless-steel liners are available in many different designs. Generally speaking, stainless steel is easier to work with than clay tile and more likely to withstand the intense heat of a chimney fire. No universally accepted standards have been developed for stainless-steel liners, however, so shop for a brand whose maker substantiates performance claims with independent lab test results.

Types of stainless-steel liners differ according to the composition of the material used (indicated by a number in the metallurgical industry's 300 series), the wall thickness and rigidity or flexibility characteristics. Three types of flexible liners are as follows:

- Type 304, or heavy flex, looks like oversized flexible metal electrical conduit. It sells for \$20 to \$30 a foot in coils up to 50-ft. long. It bends easily and can be cut with a hacksaw. Manufacturers' warranties range from 5 to 10 years.
- Type 316, or light flex, resembles clothes dryer vent hose. With much thinner walls than heavy flex, it punctures and tears much more easily. It can be cut with a pocket knife and bends readily. Light flex sells at about half the price of heavy flex. One manufacturer, Z-Flex, offers a five-year limited war-
- Type 321, sold only under the Ventinox name, is made of corrugated stainless steel rolled in a spiral and bound with welds. It comes in straight 20-ft, sections for about \$20 a foot and



carries a 10-year limited warranty. Type 321 is difficult to work with and recommended only for pros.

Rigid pipe is available in 4- to 9-in. diameters for \$6 to \$15 a foot. Most professionals favor 24-gauge or heavier Type 304 rigid stainless-steel liners. With regular cleaning, a Type 304 rigid flue should last 20 years or more with a wood stove.

Rigid stainless-steel liner

Rigid liners are designed for straight chimneys. Order enough sections to make the flue extend at least 7 in. above the chimney with 2-in. overlap at the joints. Start installation by chiseling holes in the chimney walls for tees to connect to each heating appliance the flue will service. Add a tee (not an elbow) at the bottom of the flue to provide a cleanout. Cover the bottom and wall opening of the cleanout tee with caps. Join as many pipe sections as you need for each run between tees before lowering them into the chimney. Joints should be fitted so that an upper section fits inside the one below it. Most brands require three screws at each joint, although some merely snap together.

Loop a rope around the bottom of each run of pipe and secure it with duct tape. Lower the pipe down the chimney. Get a helper to make connections to the tees. If the chimney is much larger than the liner, spacer rings, available at your stove shop, should be used to stabilize the flue.

Attach a rain cap to the top of the flue. If possible, seal the chimney around the flue with a coverplate to keep out rain and improve efficiency. The coverplate should be a little loose around the flue pipe to allow the heated flue to expand freely. Finally, seal around all tees with bricks and mortar. Wait at least two days before using the chimney.

Installing flexible liners

Flexible liners can be snaked down through chimneys that have twists and turns. First, chisel holes through the chimney walls for any tee connections that may be required. Also, remove bricks at turns in the chimney so you can gain access.

If you need a tee at any but the lowest point of the chimney, use the type with a removable snout. Carefully measure from the top of the chimney to the hole for any intermediate tee and attach a measured length of pipe to each side of the tee's vertical section. Butter up each flexible pipe connection with refractory cement. Then, secure the connection with stainless steel screws or, in the case of light flex, nuts and bolts. The fewer connections the better.

Tie a rope to the bottom of the pipe

and remove the snouts of the tees. Feed the pipe into the chimney as a helper below tugs gently on the rope. Wedge masonry spacers between the liner and the chimney walls to maintain at least 1-in. clearance. Fasten the lower end of the pipe to a tee. If you're venting a stove through a fireplace, pull the liner through a custom-cut plate mounted where the damper normally sits when closed. Hook up the snouts to any intermediate tees and seal around them with bricks and mortar. Also seal other openings you may have made to insert spacers.

The chimney cavity around light flex can be filled with noncombustible insulation such as vermiculite, if suggested by the liner maker. However, the pros and cons of insulating are still being debated by professional installers. Many installers also insulate around heavy flex to keep the flue warm so it operates at peak efficiency. If your liner extends only part way down your chimney, seal off the area below the flue with a steel plate cemented into place before insulating.

Level off insulation 2 in. below the chimney top and fill the remainder with masonry cement. Attach the top of flexible pipe to a chimney collar, sloping mortar away from the collar, and slip on a rain cap.

Whether it's clay, steel or cement, a liner makes safety sense when you decide to hook up a wood stove. Without a liner, creosote can cling to bricks, cracks and weak mortar. Once the creosote starts to burn, getting it in hand becomes a major problem. While a flue liner doesn't eliminate chimney fires, it certainly reduces the odds.

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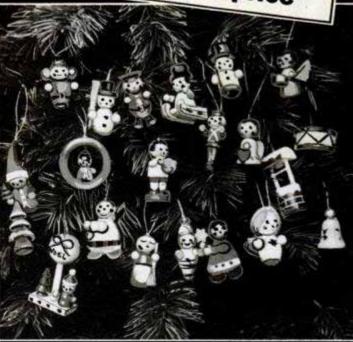
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fired furnaces are conceptually simple. Fuel is pumped at high pressure through a nozzle that atomizes it. A combustion air fan, which is usually run by the same motor as the pump, provides a continual stream of swirling air around the nozzle port.

The fuel-air mixture is ignited by an arc between electrodes mounted near the nozzle. The flame burns inside a clay crock which gets red hot. Heat radiates and convects to the inside walls of a metal heat exchanger. A fan at the bottom of the furnace cabinet draws in cool house air and forces it over the heat exchanger fins. From there, the warm air circulates throughout the house through a network of ducts.

A limit switch turns off the furnace if, for some reason, the heat exchanger gets too hot. A master control unit mounted on the stack senses whether the flame is ignited once the fuel pump is activated and shuts it down if ignition does not occur after about a minute or so to prevent a hazardous condition.

Service procedures

Early fall is the best time to tackle routine maintenance chores on your furnace. Before you start any service procedure, trip the breaker or pull the fuse that controls power to the furnace circuit. Begin with the burner assembly. Disconnect the two fuel lines at the fuel pump. The burner assembly is usually mounted with three large nuts. Remove the top nut last while tightly holding the burner assembly. If the armored power cable connected to the burner assembly is too short to place the burner in a convenient spot for disassembly, disconnect it at one end. Remove the screws that hold the burner support plate in place and remove the burner shroud casting. Clean the soot from these parts with lacquer thinner and a wire brush. Then paint both with quickdrying high-temperature aluminum paint. Caution: Use the thinner and spray paint outdoors in a well-ventilated area.

Wipe the nozzle tip, electrodes and

porcelain insulators clean with a solvent-dampened rag. Use two wrenches to remove the nozzle from the adaptor. Then unscrew the sintered filter, without crushing it. Clean the filter by heating it red hot with a propane torch. The torch will burn off trapped fuel and tar-like contaminants.

Remove the screw insert from the nozzle tip. Soak both parts in a jar of lacquer thinner and scrub them with a stiff brush. Hold the parts up to a strong light. The nozzle port and the tiny grooves of the screw insert should be perfectly clean. Reassemble the nozzle and reinstall it in the adaptor.

If you wish to replace the nozzle, note stampings that indicate mist angle and the flow rate. With periodic cleanings, the nozzle could last 20 years or more.

Inspect the tips of the igniter electrodes. If they are rounded, remove the tips by loosening the setscrews that hold them in place and grind each electrode to a sharp point. After reinstalling the tips on the burner, adjust them to the exact settings recommended in your owner's manual.

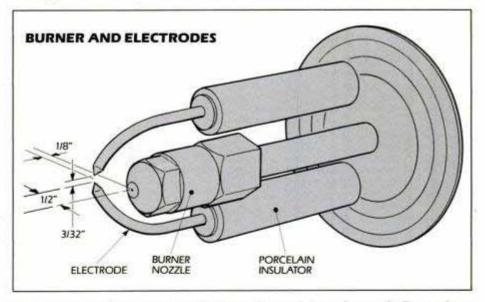
Combustion chamber

Cleaning the combustion chamber is a dirty job. Wear a quality respirator during this task, and place a light inside the combustion chamber. Remove the wire holding the two halves of the clay crock together and take them out of the furnace one at a time. Clean soot and residues from the crock surfaces.

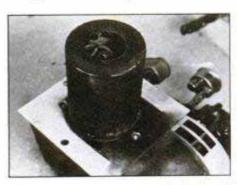
Remove the disc-shaped flame deflector from the top of the chamber along with the soot tray at the top of the outlet flue. Using a putty knife, a wire brush and 80-grit garnet abrasive paper, clean the soot and other residues from the sides of the combustion chamber. A shop vacuum is handy for removing the scrapings.

Use a light and a mirror to inspect the insides of the cleaned combustion chamber. Look closely for holes in the heat exchanger. If you have noticed unpleasant odors around the furnace or in your home when the heat is on, suspect a leaky heat exchanger. If you find any leaks, your furnace is in dangerous condition and should be checked out by a pro.

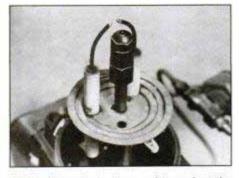
Before reassembling the crock and other chamber parts, clean the outlet flue. Disconnect the stack from the outlet near the top of the furnace and remove as much accumulated residue as you can by hand. Then, vacuum it out. Work the hose deep into both sides



The correct electrode settings are critical if the oil burner is to work properly. Shown above are the gaps that are required for a 112,000-B.T.U. General Electric oil furnace.



Clean soot from burner with wire brush and solvent. Then spray shroud and plate with high-temperature aluminum paint.



Grind electrodes to sharp points and set the gap to the manufacturer's specifications. Clean insulators with lacquer thinner.



Vacuum accessory for cleaning soot from flue heat exchanger can be made from aluminum hose hammered to oval shape.

of the flue. Using a homemade vacuum cleaner accessory can make this operation easier.

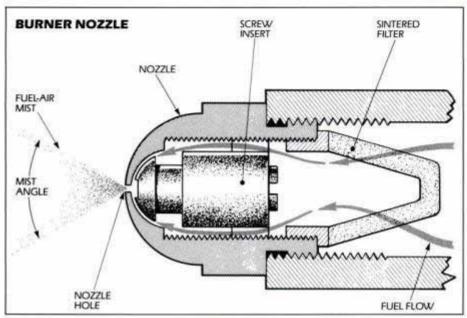
Before reconnecting the stack, check the furnace outlet for cracks and corrosion. If you find some minor defects, clean the outlet with solvent and a wire brush, then lay a bead of refractory cement around the outlet flue before joining the stack pipe to the outlet near the top of the furnace once again.

Restore the cleaned soot tray, flame deflector and crock. Use aircraft wire to bind the crock halves together if the old wire can't be reused. Finally, bolt on the freshly painted burner support plate and reinstall the burner.

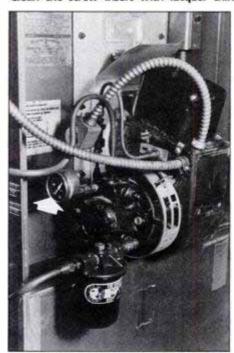
Ignition transformer

Unscrew the base of the ignition transformer and fold back the cover to reveal the terminals. Dust off the terminals and check the secondary circuit with an ohmmeter. If resistance is infinite, replace the transformer. Also check the resistance of each terminal to ground. If your furnace transformer has no grounded center tap, resistance should be infinite. If it is a grounded center-tap unit, resistances should be equal or infinite between tap and terminals. If that is not the case, it means some secondary turns are shorted and the voltage is too low to reliably strike

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Unscrew nozzie from burner. Clean sintered filter by heating with a torch until red hot. Clean the screw insert with lacquer thinner and inspect the passages for blockage.



Adding a pressure gauge (arrow) to existing port in the pump-pressure regulator is an improvement that helps diagnose various problems. Coat gauge nipple threads with sealant to prevent possible fuel leaks.



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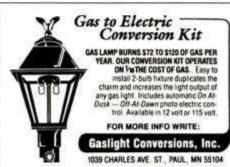
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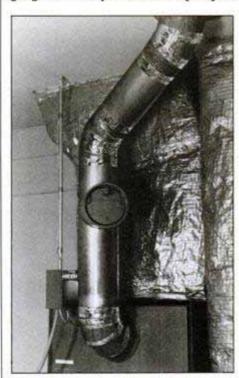
Clean the motor externally with a cloth and mineral spirits. If the motor has oil holes, put a few drops of household oil in each. If there aren't any oil holes, the bearings are sealed and the motor requires no further maintenance.

Remove the pump and the combustion air fan. Clean the fan blades with solvent and repaint them with hightemperature aluminum spray paint. Check the inlet airflow setting and be sure it is set to the manufacturer's specifications.

If your fuel pump is older than 15 years, it's a good idea to replace it. Check your pump for leaks around the shaft seal. If you decide to keep your pump, remove the capscrews and end cover. Clean the screen filter with mineral spirits, then reassemble and reinstall the pump.

If you decide to replace the pump, you have the option of getting a new or rebuilt one. Most often, it pays to spring for a new one. Make sure the part number on the new pump casting is identical or equivalent to the number on the old one. Be sure to ask the salesperson to supply a bypass screw which inserts deep inside the fuel line.

Improve the fuel pump by adding a 0 to 100-psi pressure gauge. With appropriate brass fittings, the gauge can be screwed into a hole in the pump that's sealed with a threaded plug. The gauge will tell you when the pump is



Replace old corroded galvanized flue pipes with new pipes that are made from stainless steel sheets. The joints should be sealed with 3M's metal repair tape.

not operating at the correct pressure which indicates a fuel-line blockage, a nonoperative motor or the need for regulator adjustment.

Another improvement to make is adding an antidribble solenoid in series with the nozzle fuel line.

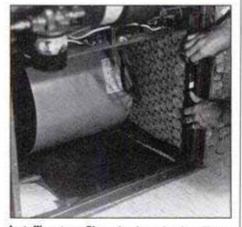
Blow out the fuel lines with compressed air to eliminate possible blockages. Make sure no kinks constrict the flow. If there are, cut out constricted sections with a tubing cutter and sweat in new tubing. Install a filter on the suction fuel line (from the tank) if your furnace doesn't have one. Attach it to the line at the fuel pump intake. Clean the filter rings every two years.

The master control unit is mounted on the stack. Remove it and clean the bimetal. You may also want to file the contact points inside the unit.

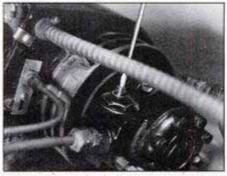
Clean and inspect the stack carefully, from the basement up to the roof. If you find any rust spots, replace the affected flue pipe sections. Sealing the joints between sections helps to cut down on particulate leakage.

Finally, replace the air intake filter. It's a good practice to tape the seams around the filter access door to keep fumes from being drawn in with air.

Furnace maintenance is definitely not a fun job. But it's one that will pay off handsomely in the long run.



installing two filters back to back will improve the filtration of intake air. These filters are secured with duct tape to minimize any leakage around the edges.



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PM Drives The DODGE OMNI GLH

Carroll Shelby has turned Chrysler's plain little commuter car into a hotrod in sheep's clothing. It's lots of fun!

BY DANIEL CHARLES ROSS, Detroit Editor

Chrysler's Dodge Omni has had a checkered past. Born as an import fighter, but unable to excel in that role due to a higher cost, it nevertheless gives fair service for a fair price. Sales, however, never have set the world on fire because the Omni commuter just doesn't have much spark.

Dodge's court magician, Carroll Shelby, has now taken the econocar Omni five-door and turned it into a powerful, lithe sedan which is just as suitable for full-throttle trips between zero and 60 as it is for trips between home and the corner store.

Shelby extracted the plebian 1.6-liter Four from the Omni and installed the Shelbyized 2.2-liter Four with a Holley two-barrel carburetor, thus bumping the performance figures considerably. The compression ratio is 9.6 to 1, and horsepower goes from 64 at 4,800 rpm to 110 at 5,600. Torque rises from a staid 87 lb.-ft. at 2,800 rpm to a lusty 129 lb.-ft. at 3,600.

The difference is startling. Our test vehicle was spec'd out in what might be

called the Road Runner mode—that is, standard equipment without luxury and power-operated items to distract from the fun of driving. The clue to this car's role in life is hinted at by the model designation GLH. GLH, we've been told, stands for Goes Like Heck, or something close.

The standard Omni is family transportation and little more. The GLH,

however, provides the acceleration and handling improvements that make this the true all-purpose family car—one that's routinely capable in normal use, but a real stormer when under stress.

The GLH is targeted squarely as competition for the Volkswagen Rabbit GTI, and is perfect in this role. Twenty more horse-power and 29 lb.-ft. more torque than the hot VW will cause some consternation among GTI owners, and

the \$7,350 GLH sticker price clocks it in at about a grand less than the Volkswagen.

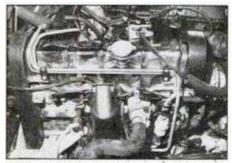
Shelby didn't forget anything in upgrading the Omni to GLH status. The GLH gets the same underpinnings as the Shelby Charger 2.2, with stiffer springs and struts than the standard Omni. Better handling in the Dodge front-driver is abetted by low-profile



Interior of the GLH is standard-issue Omni, with the addition of full instrumentation. Seats lack side support.

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changes are quick and responses are right to the point.

Problems with the prototype

The GLH we drove, however, didn't measure up to its potential. It suffered from a dismaying and routine pinging at low-rpm, full-throttle acceleration, despite our use of premium unleaded fuel. This is undoubtedly the reason that our 0-60 mph runs were limited to a best time of 9.1 seconds. Chrysler claims a 0-50 mph time of about 5.7 seconds, so we should have been able to do a good deal better.

There was an occasional tendency to bog almost dead on full throttle in first gear that also plagued our test vehicle. This would always occur after the car had been run hot and then allowed to sit for about 30 minutes or so.

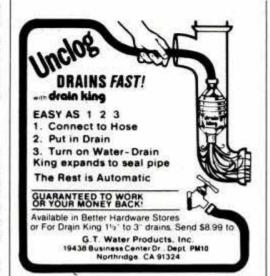
Fit and finish characteristics of the Omnis have always been Detroit-average. Our GLH was no exception. Nothing was radically ill-fitting, but the paint showed a lot of tiny scratches and the GLH decals were inexpertly applied, showing creases where one had not been properly smoothed down. Still our test car was a hand-built prototype. Production cars will hopefully get more attention to detail.

Insight on the inside

The standard interior was just spartan. Omni dashboard design permits only two fresh air vents, one located at either end of the dash panel. This fails to provide adequate circulation in the passenger compartment, making air conditioning a must due to the large amount of glass area.

Speaking of the glass area, the Omni GLH has enough greenhouse to grow (Please turn to page 184)









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DODGE OMNI GLH

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tomatoes. Its visibility is outstanding in all quarters, though the tiny door mirrors could be larger for increased safety. With the quick steering response of the GLH, knowing where the surrounding traffic lies is a must.

Seating isn't up to the Shelby standards, as the GLH still wants to be a family car. Seats are the standard Omni fare, lacking the lumbar and thigh support which is needed for hard cornering. They are comfortable enough, but not up to handling the GLH driving

Instrumentation, however, is complete with a full complement of engine and operating monitors in easy-to-read black-on-white.

Like a sports car

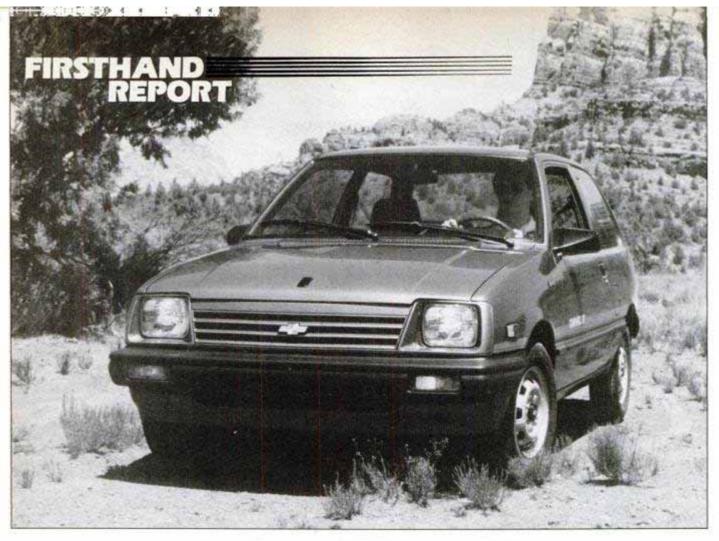
Driving the GLH brings out the significance of its parentage. What Shelby has wrought is a five-door sedan that pulls through tire-frying acceleration maneuvers like a sports car, with competent handling and steering that puts the power to good use.

Rear passenger doors increase its utility without decreasing sportiness, and the cavernous "trunk" can be enhanced by dropping the rear seat forward for bulky cargo.

The Omni GLH comes at just the right time. Chrysler is gearing to produce its P-car replacement for the Omni/Horizon commuters, and the GLH could cause some late needed excitement in a car line that has been conspicuously without it.

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OMNI GLH	GRADE	COMMENTS
Acceleration	A-	Brief but routine detona- tion at low speed.
Handling	B+	Predictable cornering.
Braking	A	Strong pedal pressure and no fade.
Steering	B+	Positive control; good road feel.
Transmission	B+	Good action with short throws.
Ride	A	Firm, but not harsh.
Fuel economy	A-	24.1 mpg in hard use.
Seating	В	Comfortable; lacks support under stress.
Vision	A	Enough greenhouse to grow tomatoes.
Gauges/ Controls	A	Complete, readable.
Ventilation	C-	Needs more fresh air vents.
Noise @ 55 mph	В	Usual 4-cylinder intrusion.
Cargo capacity	A	Big trunk space holds plenty.
Engine serviceability	A	Room to work, good ac- cessibility.
Fit and finish	C+	Lots of tiny annoyances.



Driving The New CHEVROLET SPRINT

Chevrolet's 1-liter leader has only three cylinders.

BY MICHAEL LAMM West Coast Editor

In a lot of ways, the Chevrolet/Suzuki Sprint reminds me of my old 36-bhp Beetle. It's similar in seating space, just as much fun to drive and every bit as well built. Like my VW, it has its share of quirks. Yet, the Sprint is a lot smaller, quieter and more comfortable than the Beetle. If you're looking for a changemaker, even beyond its base price of \$4,949, this car's got fuel economy in spades.

On a recent 316-mile trip from Sedona, Ariz., to Palm Springs, Calif., I posted 45 mpg buzzing along at 65-70 mph over a combination of mountain roads and freeway. Not bad, I thought. Then I surprised myself with 47.9 mpg on my second fillup, which represented all city driving. Finally, on a 220-mile run at legal speeds in the high California desert, the Sprint chalked up 56.4



Sprint's interior is modern and convenient, like that of most Japanese economy cars.

mpg and probably would have done better at sea level.

Technically, the Sprint's main marvel is its 48-hp, three-cylinder engine. Why three? Mostly to keep the block short and light, to reduce the number of parts and, perhaps, to be novel. The aluminum block has siamesed cylinders, castiron liners, four mains, a crossflow iron head and a belt-driven overhead cam. The entire engine, fully dressed including the flywheel, weighs only 147 pounds! The cam and crankshaft are

hollow, the cam carrying oil to lubricate its own bearings.

The classic four-stroke Three—as opposed to a two-stroke Three—has always run rough. Because of that, the Sprint carries its entire front-drive powertrain—the crosswise engine plus transaxle—in a very loose, heavily rubber-bushed system composed of half a dozen mounts, links and torque rods.

Does it work? Mostly yes, but it also leads to the car's main quirk. The only time you feel major roughness is when the engine is cold. That's probably because the rubber mounts are still stiff. Once the engine and mounts warm up, the Sprint's idle settles down to a steady and amazingly smooth purr. By watching the gearshift lever, you can see that the powertrain does shake independently from the rest of the car.

Problems start when you try to pull away from a stoplight. Because the engine/transaxle mounts are so loose, it's very hard to get smooth clutch engagement. The soft mounts wind up, and the clutch grabs as torque reaction

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CHEVROLET SPRINT

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Rough-running three-cylinder Suzuki engine is cradled in a rubber-cushioned subframe. Short powerplant fits narrow car.

lays the power train over against the cradle. This makes for very quick, reverberating clutch action. Not that the driver can't get used to it, but clean clutch-and-gear engagement demands practice.

The same torque reaction takes place when shifting gears. It requires some thought and effort to finally master smooth up- and downshifts. Even changing throttle position—going suddenly from acceleration to deceleration and vice versa—brings out this slack in the drivetrain. Simple speed transitions feel harsh due to the spongy mounts.

Chevrolet intends to offer an automatic transaxle for the Sprint at the beginning of 1985, which might nullify most or all of these objections.

Good handling

The Sprint's good acceleration and handling go beyond most all-out economy cars. I was impressed, for instance, that the rear axle, mounted on single-leaf rear springs, stayed well controlled during hard cornering on washboard dirt roads. The only quibble I have with the Sprint's handling is when driving at speed in high winds—crosswinds or when buffeted by trucks. You definitely feel the breezes in this flyweight 1,504-pound car.

My particular Sprint had the optional air conditioner, which worked great without unduly bogging down the engine.

I also appreciated the split folding rear seat—part of the Comfort and Convenience Group—which fit my two guests plus all our luggage. It's amazing what you can cram inside this car. I comfortably transported two passengers, two large suitcases, one soft bag and one overnighter and could still see out the rear windows. In all, with both rear seatbacks folded flat, the Sprint has 22.5 cubic feet of luggage capacity—1.6 cubic feet more than the trunk of a Caprice sedan!

Another reason I like the Sprint has to do with all the thoughtful, unexpected touches that come as standard equipment: the front stabilizer bar, disappearing A-pillar antenna, three-way dome light, day/night mirror, twin visors with visor pocket, map pockets in both doors, storage bin and ashtray in the rear seat, folding rear seatback, reclining front buckets, hinged rear windows, full carpeting, trip odometer and a usable glovebox. This car is definitely not a stripper. The one item I did miss was a security shade over the rear cargo compartment.

1-liter invasion

Under current quota agreements, only 17,000 Sprints will be imported through March 1985. That's a mere drop in the bucket to Chevrolet, but it's important to the division to be firstest with the smallest because Detroit automakers see the U.S. market for 1-liter cars as gigantic.

"We're at the edge of a one-liter invasion," Chevrolet Director of International Programs Tom McDaniel told me. Importable cars in this class include the Nissan Micra, Honda City, Subaru Justy, Diahatsu Charade plus possible minis coming from the Mazda Minx program as well as the Toyota Starlet's replacement.

Chevrolet dealers in 16 eastern states will sell the Isuzu-built Spectrum this winter. The Sprint has been available through 506 dealers in nine western states since late summer.

THE PM REPORT CARD				
CHEVY SPRINT	GRADE	COMMENTS		
Acceleration	В	Great for an all-out economy car.		
Handling	В	Good in all <i>normal</i> driving situations.		
Braking	A	No fade after repeated hard stops.		
Steering	В	Accurate enough, but car is susceptible to sidewinds		
Transmission	С	Hard to shift smoothly due to soft powertrain mounts.		
Ride	В	Slightly choppy.		
Fuel economy	A	An honest 45-55 mpg.		
Seating	A	Amazing amounts of leg- and headroom.		
Vision	A	No blind spots; sloping hood.		
Gauges/ controls	A	Well-placed, visible.		
Ventilation	A	Good flow-through with rear panes open.		
Noise @ 55 mph	С	Mostly from the tires.		
Cargo capacity	B	Needs security screen.		
Engine serviceability	В	Good powertrain access but no caster/camber adjustment.		
Fit and finish	A	Searched but could find no flaws.		

10 Ways To Solve

ICE PROBLEMS

ith winter, comes ice. Besides the obvious risk of falling, ice inside and out makes problems for your home and you. While some may seem minor, they can lead to expensive difficulties ranging from rotten roofing to floods—either upstairs or in the basement.

Taking it from the top (the roof), here are 10 ways—most are simple, inexpensive and easy—to deal with ice-caused problems in your home.

 Clean drain systems. When ice in your gutters melts from the heat that leaks through your roof, water seeps up under the shingles and soaks the wood. It can rot roof structure and drip down inside walls soaking insulation and staining or damaging walls. To help prevent these ice dams, clean leaves and debris out of gutters with a whisk broom and hose it out of downspouts. Replace leaf baskets.

2. Install adequate attic insulation. Some roofs are prone to ice-dam problems even when gutters and downspouts are clean due to a lack of insulation. Heated house air rises through the roof and melts the bottom layer of snow only. Uneven melting results in ice dams. Install insulation and maintain it with adequate attic ventilation. A continuous vent at the ridge combined with soffit vents lets cold air circulate so snow on the roof can melt from the top rather than up from the bottom. This lets water run off without soaking under the shingles.

3. Seal the lower roof. If adding insulation or correcting insulation problems is impossible (as in a finished attic), attack the seepage problem from the outside. Temporarily remove several bottom courses of shingles, install rubberized asphalt/polyethylene sheets under the lower shingle courses and bond them to the roof. The undersheet is available in rolls from roofing suppliers.

4. Install roof heating cables. A commonly-used but often expensive icedam solution is to install electric heating sheets or cables. These can be effective. However, they are powerhungry and must be turned on and off. They should not be operated when not covered by snow, as this could cause overheating and possible fire.

Remove snow with the proper tools.Use good-quality shovels, pushers and/or snowthrowers. Steel tools are



After shoveling (right) save your back by not trying to scrape off the ice that remains. Scatter calcium chloride pellets (above) to melt the ice that shoveling leaves.

more durable than aluminum ones. However, the latter are lighter and easier to lift. Wipe dry after each use.

6. Use deicing agent on ice. Shoveling normally leaves behind a thin layer of ice and hard-packed snow. If snow is packed or ice has formed, deicing chemicals like sodium chloride (rock salt) work to about 20° F. Calcium chloride pellets by Dow Chemical Co. and others work faster and can be effective to minus 25° F. Read package labels to make sure you're getting calcium chloride pellets, not rock salt.

Apply a nonskid surface to steps. Wooden steps and smoothly finished concrete can become slick with a skin of ice, or even when merely wet. Calcium



Wrapping insulation around water pipes in an unheated basement or crawl space keeps them from freezing during cold months.

chloride pellets can melt the ice; but they cannot put a nonskid surface where none exists. By roughening painted surfaces with builder's sand in the final coat or using nonskid paints, you can make steps safer.

8. Caulk windows, doors and cracks. Cold air seeping through cracks and openings around windows and between the foundation and the building can condense water from warmer inside air and then freeze it. Caulk all such openings to reduce heating costs and to stop ice. Weatherstrip where needed.

9. Insulate basement pipes and water tank. Pipes exposed to subfreezing temperatures freeze and split. When they unfreeze, comes the flood. Insulation can keep pipes from freezing, if water is flowing through them. Insulation adds no heat and a pipe full of water, even a hot water pipe, will freeze at cold enough temperatures. Insulate water tanks to help them retain heat, too.

10. Drain outdoor pipes. The exterior connection for your hose can freeze and split either outside the house or in the basement if it gets cold enough. The cure is to drain the sillcock or install a frostproof hose bib. The hose can also split if it freezes.

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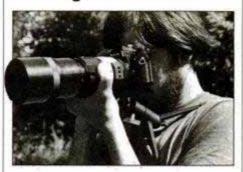
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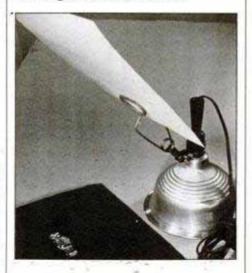
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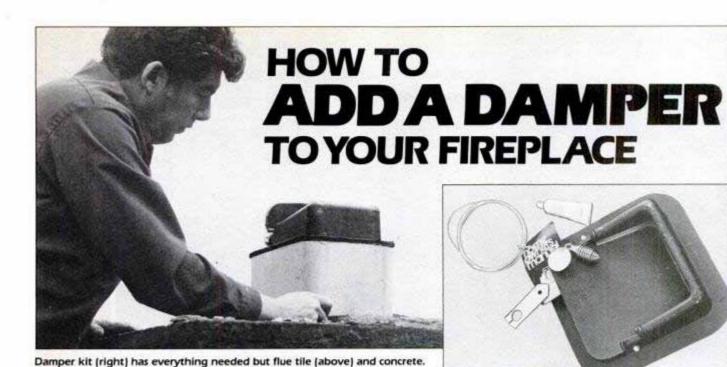
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replaces in many old homes do not have dampers. Also, dampers in older installations often become inoperative or warped, making them very inefficient. In new construction, a movable damper installed within the fireplace flue involves masonry work and can be quite time-consuming and costly.

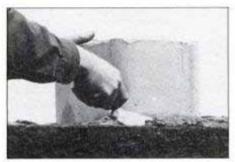
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Installation can be done in one hour's time. However, you should clean the chimney flue before adding the damper. Use ready-mix mortar and a trowel to install a top flue tile that projects out of the chimney. Then lower the weighted cable down to the firebox. Install the damper with adhesive. From indoors, install the cable-holding bracket.

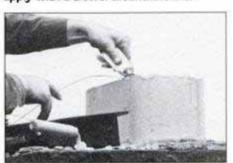
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After removing hardware cloth or chimney cap, install flue tile. Use ready-mix concrete or mix mortar to pudding consistency and apply with a trowel around the tile.



from the chimney to the firebox. A helper below can alert you when cable is visible.



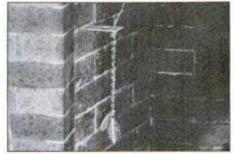
Apply two beads of the silicone rubber adhesive included in the kit to the top edge of the flue tile. The adhesive cures in 24 hours to bond the damper in place.



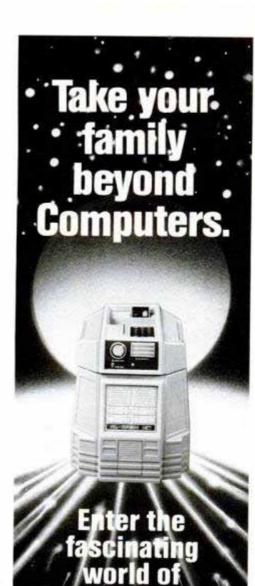
Press the damper in place. Make certain that it is working smoothly by opening and closing it several times. The spring-loaded lid (arrow) should remain open.



Indoors, toward the firebox front, install the bracket to hold the cable. Bore three 2 in.deep holes spaced 1/4-in. o.c., apply epoxy resin and hammer the bracket in place.



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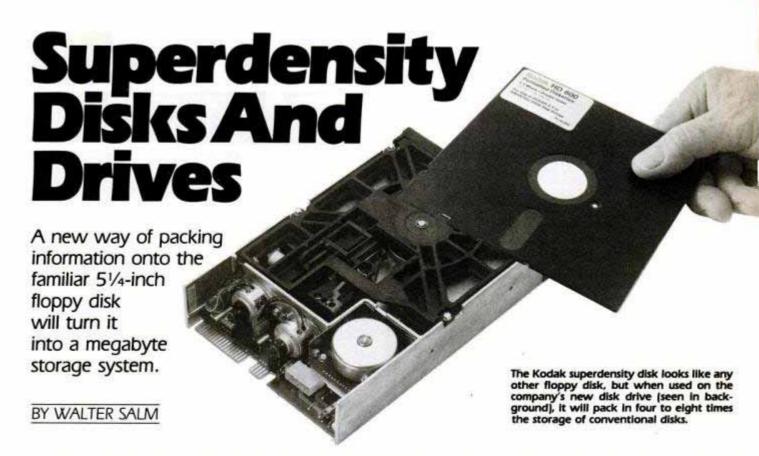
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new superdensity floppy disk drive developed by Eastman Kodak makes it possible to store four to eight times as much computer data on a conventional-size floppy disk. The new disk drive can pack up to 3.3 megabytes (million characters) on a 51/4-inch floppy disk—a disk size that until now has been able to hold a maximum of about 800 kilobytes (thousand characters).

The technology involves using an extra-fine, ultra-pure thin magnetic coating to create a superdensity floppy disk. It also involves a new servo-driven disk drive with newly developed read/write heads that can write and read tracks of data packed so closely together that 1 inch of disk surface contains 192 parallel tracks (192 tracks per inch, or TPI).

There once was a time when 91 kilobytes of disk storage on a 5¼-inch disk was a lot. This was what you got on the old Osborne I, and even today on the typical single-density Atari. Track spacing for this kind of storage is 20 TPI, and only one side of the disk is used.

Other computer manufacturers have opted for double-density storage, which puts about 180K on a single side of a disk. Double-density systems use track spacing of 40 to 48 TPI.

Double-sided disk drives have two sets of read/write heads and work on both sides of a disk at the same time. Naturally, they're more expensive than the single-sided type, but they double the disk's storage space—usually 320K instead of 160.

There's also quad density, which can

pack up to 390K on one side of a disk and 780K on double-sided versions. But quad has always been very chancy—it uses two disk read/write heads on the same side of the disk trying to make those limited magnetic particles do more than is really physically possible.

The very fine coatings used on 800K disks are nothing compared to the precision of the new superdensity floppies. The superdensity disks have to be preformatted at the factory—with special magnetic "sector" dividing lines and magnetic signals that tell the disk drive where its heads are at any time.

At the moment, at least three companies are involved in producing these systems. The first to actually put an add-on product on the market, Rana Systems, has introduced a floppy disk drive that stores 2.5 megabytes on each disk. The first unit in the line is a \$1,550 add-on for IBM-PC computers, but an Apple version is also coming, and compatibility with others may follow.

You get a 10-pack starter set of superdensity disks when you buy the Rana drive. Extra disks cost \$16 each, which works out to \$160 a box—compared with \$30 a box for conventional disks.

How's that compare with cost per K

of storage? Let's see, if you're looking at \$30 for a box of disks for the IBM-PC at 360K per disk, that comes to about \$.83 per 100K. Using the same formula, the new Rana disks cost about \$.64 per 100K. They're 23 percent less in cost, and they're probably a whole lot easier to use, since you have far fewer disks to contend with. One 10-pack will hold as much as 1½ "Elephant Trunks"—those flip-top plastic disk file boxes that store 50 floppies.

Kodak has been quietly making disk drives, which are now being marketed by Data Technology Corp. DTC, which specializes in making disk controller plug-in cards, is offering the new superdensity drives (called the "3.3") in versions for other manufacturers to use and is also marketing them separately through computer dealers. The retail version, called "TeamMate," is available as a caseless drive for building into an IBM or Apple, and retails for \$895 (including the controller). You can also get it in a box for add-on installations for \$1,295. Blank disks are \$15 each.

According to Data Technology, the new drives will also "read down" working with more conventional disks that use quad format (780K per disk) and double density (360K per disk).

To make the whole scene even more interesting, Kaypro is now selling its first desktop computer, called "Robie" with two of those superdensity disk drives at 2.6 megabytes each. The retail price for this computer is \$2,395 and it includes a ton of software—all of it on one disk.

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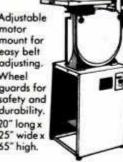
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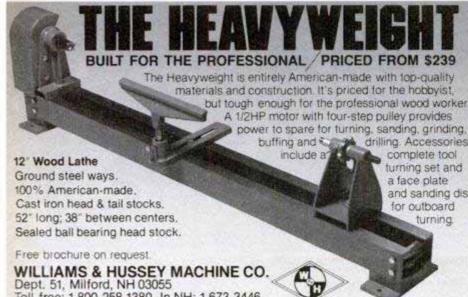
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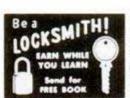


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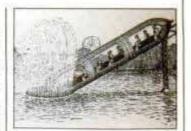
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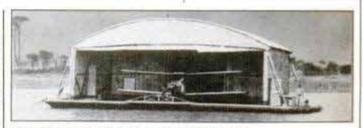
Strange craft hits water.

Boat was on target

Inventor Gar Wood changed the course of naval training maneuvers with his highspeed pilotless target ship. Controlled by a gyroscope and 12 compressed air cylinders, the vessel could run at 40 mph. Today's target vessels are takeoffs on the Wood prototype.

New midget car

A midget motor equipped with a 1-hp motor and carrying one passenger made its London debut. Its best selling point was that it could pass under a horse.



Floating hangar on pontoons

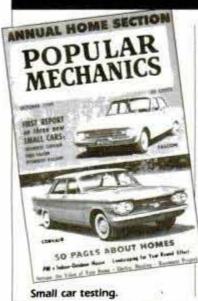
The first floating steel hangar for scaplanes was anchored in the Yangtze River. It sat on a hull consisting of

two pontoons held together by transverse girders, the first non-military application of this type of construction.

Glare meter tests auto headlamps

The newly invented instrument was so sensitive, a wisp of cigaret smoke passing between a car's headlamps and the meter's photoelectric cell registered immediately on the tester's dials.

25 YEARS AGO: October 1959



Detroit's small cars

Taking the bold approach. the Chevrolet Corvair offered more innovations than any car ever to come out of Detroit. The Ford Falcon had a more conventional design. The Plymouth Valiant was more highly styled than the competition. The cars would not last the decade.

Hot jet fuselage

The T-38 Talon trainer was one of the first jet fighters to have fuselage contouring to eliminate high-speed pitch, a pioneering effort in supersonic aerodynamics.



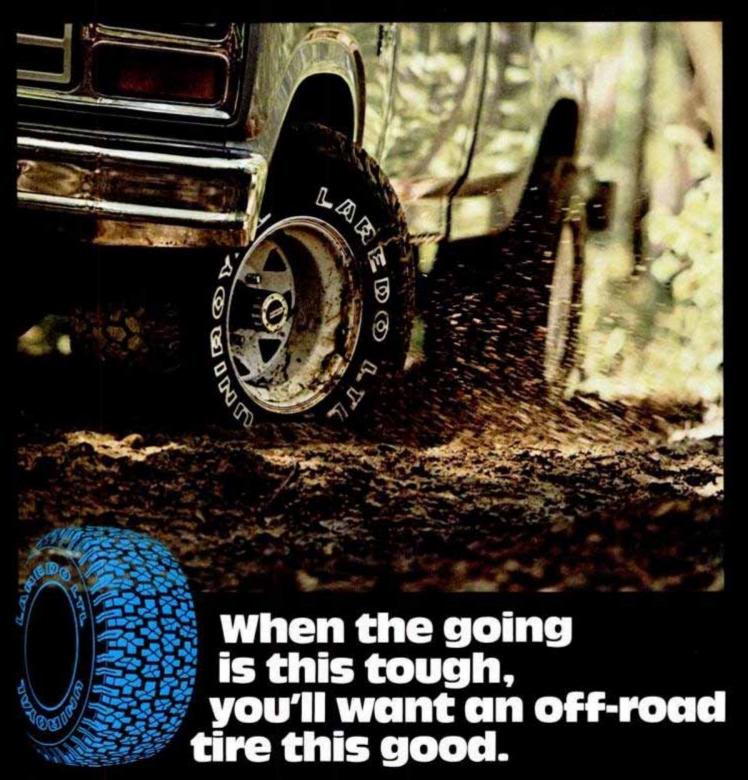
Air sleds have bright future

Development of vehicles which operate on a cushion of compressed air was progressing rapidly. Air sleds flew a few inches above any smooth surface.

A new metal made of fibers

Fiber metal, like sheetmetal | but 90 percent air, was developed at Illinois Institute of | design's future.

Technology. The material helped shape aeronautical



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a balanced, interlocking tread arrangement. The tread is selfcleaning for good traction in mud or snow. And its wide flo-



tation design helps in loose surfaces by distributing vehicle weight over a broad area.

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