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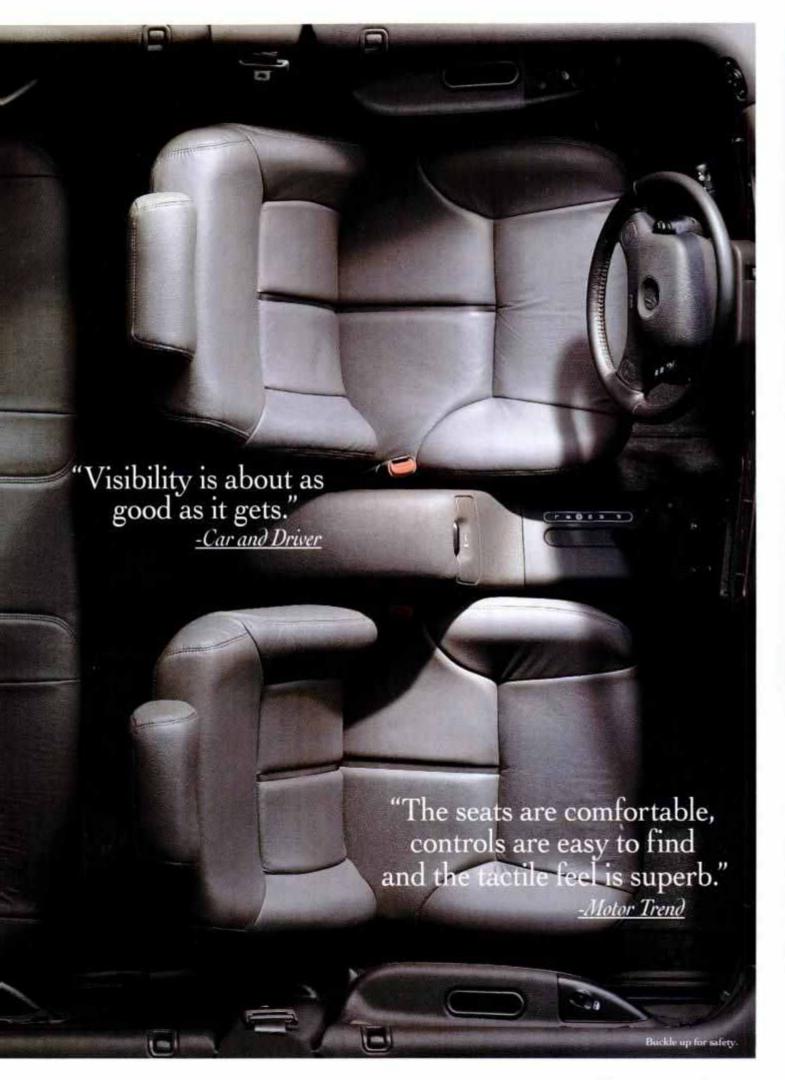


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 As you can see from the cover, this is a heavy car issue. First up, take a peek into the future with us as we show you 29 cars and light trucks that point the way to the automotive future for all of us, starting on page 27. These are the dream cars you'll soon be seeing at a car show near you. But more importantly, several of them are called "concept" cars by their manufacturers, but are actually '94 and '95 production vehicles. (The Dodge T-300 pickup and the Oldsmobile Aurora, for example.) So you'll actually be driving some of these dream cars very soon. And as for the ones that will not go into production, you'll certainly see elements of them in future production vehicles. So consider this issue your car show in print, but be sure to go to the real thing when it comes to your area. . . . Aside from cars of the future, you have your car of



Sky Warrior Bill Garvey gets ready to embark on his dream mission-becoming a "Dogfighter in A Day."

the present. Every May for the past umpteen years, we've been telling you how to keep it running longer, looking sharper and getting better fuel mileage in our annual Car Care Guide. This year's Guide presents the "Whole Car Tuneup," beginning on page 79, and we can't think of a better reason than this special section to blow the winter cobwebs out of your car and get it sparkling for the rest of the year. ... Speaking of cars, we slipped a new column into

the magazine last month called Import Spy Report. Did you see it? For now, it will run four or five times a year, and it'll do for imported cars what Jim Dunne's Detroit Spy Report does for domestics. That is, it will keep you years ahead in what's coming from, now, the world's carmakers. Look for Import Spy Report again soon. . . . Fighter pilot. Top Gun. Ace. It's a dream some of us have lived, some of us dream of living. Now, all of us can live the dream-at least for a day, anyway—thanks to a new dogfighter school called Sky Warriors. When we heard about it, we immediately dispatched our in-house flying ace, Contributor Bill Garvey, to live the dream for all of us. His dream report begins on page 41. Till next time.

Joe Oldham

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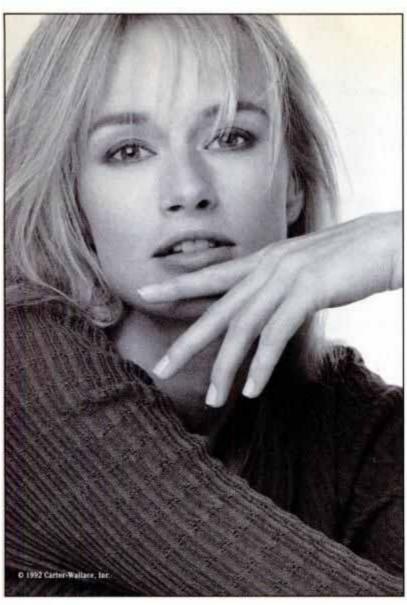
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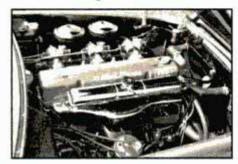
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- head valve V8 engine?
- A) Chrysler. B) Ford.C) Chevrolet. D) Oldsmobile.
- 3. If your car runs well on 87 octane gasoline, switching to 92 octane will:
- A) Increase horsepower. B) Improve gas mileage. C) Both A and B. D) Neither A nor B.
- 4. The earliest autos had what type of ignition?
- A) Kettering. B) Magneto. C) 6-volt. D) Direct coil.



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- named "Falcon?"
- A) Chrysler. B) Buick. C) Ford. D) Mercury.
- To make the shortest stop on a slick road surface in a car equipped with antilock brakes (ABS) you should:
- A) Depress the brake pedal gradually and evenly. B) Stand on the brake pedal. C) Pump the brake
- pedal rapidly. D) Pump the brake pedal slowly.
- 7. Ray Harroun won the first Inndianapolis 500 in 1911. What car was he driving?
- 2. Which Detroit carmaker was first to offer an over- A) Stutz. B) Ford. C) Mercedes. D) Marmon Wasp.
  - 8. Which of these 1993 models has the highest rated horsepower?
  - A) Mercedes-Benz 600 SEL. B) Corvette LT-1. C) Nissan 300 ZX Twin Turbo. D) Ferrari 348.
  - 9. If you smell antifreeze/coolant when driving and, after removing the radiator cap, find coolant rapidly overflowing from the filler neck, but it is not boiling or excessively hot, what's wrong?
  - A) Clogged radiator, B) Stuck thermostat, C) Blown head gasket. D) Bad water pump.
  - 10. What forms of motorsports can you enter with your totally stock daily driver and still be competitive?
  - A) Bracket (drag) racing. B) Autocrossing. C) Rallying. D) All of the preceding.

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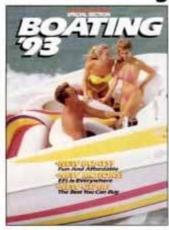
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#### LETTERS

#### Here We Go Again



You predicted receiving hate mail for showing people in swimsuits in your Boating '93 section. Not from me! I immediately turned to that section, and admired the people in it. Wow! Keep it up!

ROBERT D. SMITH OLDS, IA

You've done it again. At issue originally was sexism and the use of sex as a marketing tool in your boating articles. It's not a marketing tool, you say? Then why don't you have real people on the boats? You know, the slightly overweight, unattractive average people who are the majority rather than the anorexic, binge-and-puke teeny-boppers you pick?

At issue now is Joe Oldham's blatant disrespect for the views of readers and his flip, taunting and antagonistic comments. Oldham's contemptuous treatment of his readership makes the handling of the issue understandable —PM has an ass for an editor.

> LARRY HEINONEN UNION CITY, MI

Me? Flip?

-Ed.

Letters are subject to editing for length, style and format. I don't find anything wrong with your Boating Guide whatsoever. In fact, it takes the edge off of winter, seeing people who aren't Sorrel deep in a snowbank.

ROBB L. SWENSON CHANHASSEN, MN

I realize that "those libidinous PM editors" have a constitutional right to print pretty much whatever they want. However, you shouldn't make it so hard for us to remove the offensive pages from boating issues. I'm hoping the next time you find it necessary to print those unpopular, nonmechanical photos, you'll at least make it a little easier for me by perforating certain sections. I dislike wasting time cutting out all those pages before I can settle down to enjoy the rest-most of which is terrific. Thanks for the good parts.

ANDREW WEAVER BEDFORD, PA

I see my favorite magazine has once again inflicted upon its readers some shapely, scantily clad young women in its annual Boating Guide. These excursions into voyeurism are not politically correct in this day and age, and are nothing more than a blatant attempt to titillate and pander to your readers' most carnal instincts. Keep up the good work!

DICK ERLIN SANTA CRUZ, CA

#### A Corvette Commemorative

As part of an overall fundraising effort for the National Corvette Museum, to be located in Bowling Green, Kentucky, home of the Corvette production plant, two limited-edition print lithographs are being offered to Corvette fans everywhere.

Each print is hand signed by either Zora Arkus-Duntov or Larry Shinoda, then countersigned and numbered by the noted motorsports artist Lee Self. There's a story behind each car shown in the prints. For example, the Grand Sport shown in the Duntov print (below) depicts No. 003 of only five original Grand Sports that were built.

All print sets from No. 6 through No. 1952 sell for \$950, plus \$25 shipping and handling. Sets No. 1953 through No. 1992 are priced at \$1500 per set. Numbers are sold as available and requested. Prints may be purchased individually for \$475, plus \$25 shipping and handling. A Corvette Museum "Official Framing Package" is also available at \$1145 for the base price framed sets, plus shipping costs.

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#### Train Brain

Give me a break! I have to agree with Chris McGinn's comment as to why we need Corvette historians. We need them about as much as we need good old Billy Willy taking all the credit for the good things that happen in the U.S.A. The historians we really need are the brains who know everything about electric trains. You say once a year 50,000 people meet to worship Corvettes, yet every weekend all over the United States, millions are visiting the model train conventions. I would bet anything that you have more readers suffering from train fever than (Please turn to page 8)

Print I (above) is

Print I (above) is signed by the legendary Corvette Chief Engineer Zora Arkus-Duntov. Print II (right) is signed by auto designer Larry Shinoda and features his Rick Mears Special Edition Corvette.





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With the continued support of the American public, I believe they will be.

COLIN L. POWELL CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF Corvette fever. Let's have more pictures and stories on model and real railroading. It's the only way to control this fever in most of us.

> B.J. UBAUSEE GIZMO, ID

Okay. Read our March '93 and July '93 cover stories. —Ed.

#### Think Tank

For many years I have enjoyed POP-ULAR MECHANICS, but never more than while reading Letters in the February '93 issue. Obviously, there are many who do not have their feet planted firmly in midair. And will resist having what they "think" overwhelmed by the media.

DEAN D. ALMQUIST FUNK, NE

#### **Auto Safe**

In a recent Car Care section, you featured a new product called Auto Safe. According to your writeup, the device is a spring-loaded, solenoidoperated storage drawer that permits the motorist quick access to his valuables. A picture of the Auto Safe shows a handgun readily accessible in the storage drawer. Who exactly is supposed to take advantage of this mechanical marvel? Is it John Q. Citizen, terrified at the recent spate of car jackings? Police statistics say that individuals not properly trained in the use of firearms are much more likely to be killed if they attempt to resist armed robbery or car jacking with a deadly weapon. Or is it to be used by the streetwise drug runner when stopped by police? Given all the dangers law-enforcement officers face on the streets today, we don't need to give the crooks any more clever devices where they can hide the tools of their trade. POPULAR MECHANICS used poor judgment in portraying the Auto Safe as a useful device for concealing a weapon, given the wide variety of other admittedly legitimate uses it might offer.

DANIEL L. MIHALKO PUBLIC AFFAIRS MGR. U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

#### Presidential Times

How times and security have changed for presidential limousines! At 3 o'clock one morning in 1943, I sat in the Sunshine Special, stood on the Secret Service platforms and marveled at the inch-thick glass partition between driver and passenger seats. My younger brother also searched for guns supposedly hidden throughout the automobile. The car was being shuttled through Kansas to F.D.R.'s next appearance in Dallas

when it developed problems. There were no replacement parts available as it was custom made. My father, a Ford mechanic with a reputation for improvisation, was called (from 40 miles away) to restore it to running order. When finished, he came home, awakened us and we returned to the garage to examine it. No security personnel were there. Being Republicans, we could have sabotaged it. There was no mention of it in our local paper and our claim to fame was fleeting to say the least.

JOYCE (STALEY) COOK OWENSVILLE, MO

Jumpin' Jimmy

Recently, GM did a commercial depicting a Jimmy bungee-jumping from a bridge. I thought the commercial was really pointless. What does it really prove? It was a waste of money that could have gone to better develop GM's product. PM did itself and its readers an injustice by publishing such nonsense when there is a wealth of more interesting topics to write about.

RICHARD VAN DYKE McMINNVILLE, OR

The Jumpin' Jimmy ad on television had no impact on me. Any company that would try to sell me a vehicle based on such a stupid and absurd ad, which proved nothing, would be the last vehicle I would buy. I would venture to say that there is not a vehicle made that would not pass this test. A crate of eggs would pass this test. I'm surprised that POPULAR MECHANICS would honor such a scam. Is this truth in advertising?

ROY J. FERRARI SEATTLE, WA

#### **Possible Dreams**

The "Possible Dreams" exhibit at Henry Ford Museum brought back many memories. As a child, I dreamed about all the things that could be made with the proper tools and plans. I especially enjoyed the useful tips for organizing workshops. This exhibit is a must for young students so that they may appreciate and further understand the ingenuity of the people in this country.

HECTOR PEREZ BERKLEY, MI

I enjoyed the exhibit very much. I can't wait to get home and browse through some of the old POPULAR MECHANICS magazines I found when my grandfather passed away. Many are from the 1940s. I can see now that they will be quite interesting.

KIMBERLY A. FERGAN DETROIT, MI

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#### TIME MACHINE

90 YEARS AGO: MAY 1903



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#### **Big Shot**

Thousands of onlookers gathered at Sandy Hook, New Jersey. There, 20 men rammed a 2400-pound shell into a 16-in. gun, then loaded the biggest charge of smokeless powder ever fired—more than 600 pounds. The huge piece wheeled seaward at an elevation of 1½° and fired. A

tongue of flame spat 100 ft. from the muzzle. The monstrous shell skipped twice over the waves before sinking beneath a column of spray. Watching gunnery officers quickly calculated that the shell would have traveled 20 miles at a gun elevation of more than 40°. A new age of naval artillery had arrived.



#### 60 YEARS AGO: MAY 1933



#### Flying Bridge

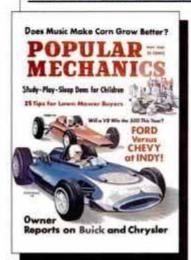
Engineers were already billing the "Sky-Ride"—a million-dollar attraction at the Chicago World's Fair—as a bridge to the future. At 200 ft. above the ground, cables pulled the ferry cars along a trackway suspended between two steel towers—one on the mainland and one on an island dredged from Lake Michigan. Why not adapt it, the designers argued, to span islands where traffic didn't warrant the expense of a suspension bridge?

#### Air FDR

President Roosevelt could now wing his way from Washington on a new Douglas-built amphibious monoplane. Outfitted as a flying Oval Office, the Navy plane featured the presidential essentials of the day—desk, radio, telephone and stenographer, along with sleeping quarters and seats for four other passengers. Highmounted engines kept their din from the presidential ears. And an arrangement of bulkheads kept the president's quarters waterproof.



#### 30 YEARS AGO: MAY 1963



#### Gasoline Alley

The Brickyard had been given an asphalt facelift, which was supposed to smooth out the differences between the beefy Offenhauser-powered roadsters and the new lighter Grand-Prix-style Indycars inspired by Jack Brabham's showing in the '61 race. The new cars still hadn't won, however. But Jim Clark's rear-engined Lotus-Ford would come close, finishing second in one of the most exciting races in years.

#### Squirt Gun

Tiptoeing across Lake Washington, Boeing's Little Squirt left a 30-ft. jet of water in its wake. The 20ft. craft combined hydrofoils with a waterjet, the latter built from an industrial pump mated with a 475-hp turbine. Spewing water like a firehose, the engine kicked the 2½-ton boat to 45 knots. Boeing spawned a whole series of high-speed watercraft from this prototype.



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What is ROCAINE?

ROGARE Topical Solution is a prescription medicine for use on the scalp that is used to treat a type of hair loss in men and women known as androgenetic allogocia: hair loss of the scalp writes (top or crown of the head) in men and diffuse hair loss or thinning of the front and top of the scalp in women.

ROGARE is a topical form of minoxidil, for use on the scalp.

How effective is ROGAINE?

In sea: Clinical studies with ROGAINE of over 2.300 men with male pattern baldness involving the top (vertex) of the head were conducted by physicians in 27 US medical centers. Based on patient evaluations of regrowth at the end of 4 months, 26% of the patients using ROGAINE had moderate to dense hair regrowth compared with 11% who used a placebo insatment (no active impredient). No regrowth was reported by 41% of those using ROGAINE and 50% of those using a placebo. By the end of 1 year, 48% of those who continued to use ROGAINE rated their hair growth as moderate or better.

In women: Clinical studies with ROGAINE were conducted by physicians in 11 US medical centers involving 256 women with hair less. Based on patient evaluations of regrowth after 32 weeks (8 months), 19% of the women using ROGAINE had at least moderate regrowth compared with 7% of those using a placebo. No regrowth was reported by 41% of the group using ROGAINE and 50% of the group using placebo.

How soon can I expect results from using ROGAINE?
Studies show that the response time to ROGAINE may drifter greatly from one person to another. Some people using ROGAINE may see results faster than others; others may respond with a slower rate of hair regrewith. You should not expect visible regrowth in less than 4 months.

How long do I need to use ROGAINE?

ROGAINE is a bair-loss treatment, not a cure. If you have new heir growth, you will need to continue using ROGAINE to keep or increase heir regrowth. If you do not begin to show new heir growth with ROGAINE after a reasonable period of time (at least 4 months), your doctor may advise you to discontinue using ROGAINE.

What happens If I stop using ROGAINE? Will I keep the new hair? Probably not. People have reported that new hair growth was shed after they stopped using ROGAINE.

How much ROGAINE should I use?
You should apply a 1-mL dose of ROGAINE heice a day to your clean dry scalp, once in the morning and once at night before bedtime. Wash your hands after use if your ingers are used to apply ROGAINE. ROGAINE must remain on the scalp for at least 4 hours to ensure penetration into the scalp. Do not wash your hair for at least 4 hours the rapplying it. If you wash your hair before applying ROGAINE, be sure your scalp and hair are dry when you apply it. Please refer to the Instructions for Use in the package.

What If I miss a dose or forget to use ROGAINE?

Do not try to make up for missed applications of ROGAINE. You should restart your twice-daily doses and return to your usual schedule.

What are the most common side effects reported in clinical studies with ROGAINE?

Itching and other six irritations of the treated scalp area were the most common side effects directly lended to ROGAINE in clinical studies. About 7 of every 100 people who used ROGAINE (7%) had these complaints.

Other side effects, including light-headedness, dizziness, and headednes, were reported both by people using ROGAINE and by those using the placebo solution with no minorabil. You should ask your doctor to discuss side effects of ROGAINE with you.

People who are extra sensitive or altergic to minorabil, propylene glycol, or ethanol should not use ROGAINE.

ROGAINE logical Solution contains alcohol, which could cause burning or irritation of the eyes or sensitive skin areas. If ROGAINE accidentally gets into these areas, risse the area with large amounts of cool tap water. Contact your doctor if the irritation does not go away. If the spray applicator is used, avoid inhalling the spray.

What are some of the side effects people have reported?

RDGARE was used by 3,857 patients (347 tensies) in placebo-costrolled chircal trials. Except for dermatologic events (involving the skin), no individual reaction or reactions grouped by body systems appeared to be more common in the minosidi-healed patients than in placebo-treated patients.

Dermatologic: imitant or altergic contact dermatikis—7,35%. Respiratory: bronthits, upper respiratory infection, sinusitis—7,15%. Gastrointestinat: fluarthee, nauses, vomiting—4,33%. Resentingic: healache, dezoness, faintheess, light-headedness—3,42%, fluxesidestelati: hactures, back pain, tendinitis—2,59%. Cardiavascular: edema, chest pain, blood pressure increases/decreases, pulgitations, pulse rate increases/decreases—1,53%. Altergic nonspecific allergic reactions, hives, altergic insinitis, facial swelling, and sensitivity—1,35%. Metabellie-Metrifitienat: dermatoria, weight gain—1,24%. Special Sesses: conjunctivitis, aer infections, verilge—1,17%. Genital Tract: prostatitis, epididymitis, vapinitis, vulvitis, vapinal discharge/itching—0,51%. Universy Tract: universy tract infections, renal exclusi, untrihitis—0,53%. Enderrine: 0,47%. Psychiatric: anxiety, depression, tatigue—0,35%. Healasticlegic: lymphaderopathy, thrombocytopenia—0,31%.

ROGAINE use has been monitored for up to 5 years, and there has been no change in incidence or several aviverse reactions. Additional adverse everts have been reported since marketing ROGAINE and include excessire, hypertrichosis (excessive hair providi); local erythems (inchines); pruritus (fiching); dry skinnscalp flaking; sexual dystruction; visual disturbances, including decreased visual aculty (clarity); increase in hair loss; and aloose in local.

What are the possible side effects that could affect the heart and circulation when using ROGAINE?

Serious side effects have not been linked to ROGAINE in clinical studies. However, it is possible that they could occur if more than the recommended dose of ROGAINE was applied, because the active ingredient in ROGAINE is the same as that in minocidil tablets. These effects appear to be dose related, that is, more effects are seen with higher doses.

Because very armail amounts of minocidil reach the blood when the recommended dose of ROGAINE is applied to the scalp, you should know about certain effects that may occur when the tablets form of minocidil is used to treat high blood pressure. Minocidil tablets flow blood pressure by relaxing the arteries, an effect called vasodilation. Vasodilation leads to fluid retention and faster heart rate. The following effects have occurred in some patients taking minocidil tablets for high blood pressure.

Increased heart rate: some patients have reported that their resting heart rate increased by more than 20 beats per minute.

Saft and water retention, weight gain of more than 5 pounds in a short period of time or swelling of the face, hands, ankles, or stomach area.

Problems breathing: especially when lying down, a result of a building of body fluids or fluid around the heart.

Worsening or new affact of angine pectories: brief, sudden chest pain.

When you apply ROGAINE to normal stain, very little minocidil is absorbed. You probably will not have the possible effects caused by minocidil tablets when you use ROGAINE. It however, you experience any of the possible side effects listed above, stop using ROGAINE and consult your doctor. Any such effects would be mest listely if ROGAINE was used on damage or inflammed skin or in granter than recommended amounts.

In animal studies, minocended, in much larger arrounts than would be absorbed from topical use (on skin) in people, has caused important heart-structure damage. This kind of damage has not been seen in humants give

What factors may increase the risk of serious side effects with ROGAINE?
People with a known or suspected heart condition or a tendency for heart failure would be at particular risk if increased heart rate or fluid retention were to occur. People with these kinds of heart problems should discuss the possible risks of treatment with their doctor it they choose to use ROGAINE. ROGAINE should be used only on the backing scale, Using ROGAINE on other parts of the body may increase minorate absorption, which may increase the chances of having side effects. You should not use ROGAINE if your scalp is initiated or sunburned, and you should not use it if you are using other skin treatments on your scalp.

Can people with high blood pressure use ROGAINE?

Most people with high blood pressure, including those taking high blood pressure medicine, can use ROGAINE but should be monitored closely by their doctor. Patients taking a blood pressure medicine called guarethidne should not use ROGAINE.

Should any precautions be followed?

People who use ROGANE should see their doctor 1 month after starting ROGANE and at least every 6 months thereafter. Stop using ROGANE if any of the following occur: salt and water retention, problems breathing, faster heart rate, or chest pains.

Do not use ROGANE if you are using other drugs applied to the scalp such as corricostenoids, retinoids, petrolatum, or agents that might increase absorption through the skin. ROGANE is for use on the scalp only. Each 1 mil. of solution contains 20 mg minosidil, and accidental ingestion could cause utwanted effects.

Are there special precautions for women?

Pregnant women and nursing mothers should not use ROGAINE. Also, its effects on women during labor and delivery are not known. Efficacy in postmenopausal women has not been studied. Studies show the use of ROGAINE will not affect menstrual cycle length, amount of flow, or duration of the menstrual period. Discontinue using ROGAINE and consult your doctor as soon as possible if your menstrual period does not occur at the expected time:

Can ROGAINE be used by children?

No, the salety and effectiveness of ROGAINE has not been tested in people under age 18.

Castles: Federal law prohibits dispensing without a prescription. You must see a doctor to receive a prescription.



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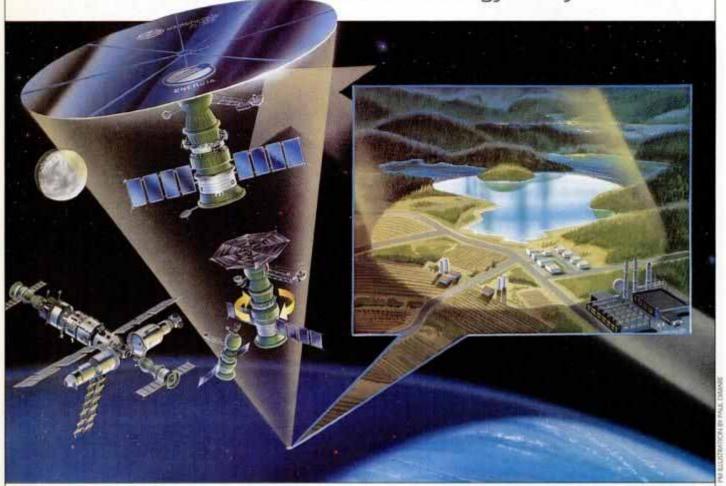
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#### Gigantic Russian Space Mirror Turns Night Into Day

KALININGRAD, RUS-SIA—The Russians seized the spotlight last February with the most imaginative space experiment in years. Cosmonauts aboard the space station *Mir* turned loose a huge orbiting reflector that lit up night landscapes by bouncing sunlight beyond the edge of darkness.

Dubbed Znamya (Russian for "banner"), the 65-ft.-wide sheet of aluminized plastic umbrellaed out from one of the *Progress* unmanned cargo craft used to resupply *Mir.* An electric motor pinwheeled the reflector to keep it flat,

As the *Progress* orbited, its maneuvering thrusters cocked the spacecraft at the right angle for Znamya to catch a sunbeam and ricochet it Earthward. The reflected beam whipped across Earth's surface, creating a 2.5-mile-wide spot that traveled at orbital speed. Observers said the split-second illumination was like the light of a full moon tripled.

The space enterprise NPO Energia, which runs Mir, assembled a Russian consortium to pull off the project. Planners would like to loft a constellation of 100 orbiting reflectors that would prolong day-

Editor: Abe Dane Writer: Greg Pope Reporters: Philip Chien, Mike Fillon light in high latitudes, aiding farmers, search-andrescue teams and construction crews. Znamya solar reflector bounced sunlight into darkened landscape during 5-hour experiment last February.

#### **Highlights This Month**

- Get Up And Go—More maglev proposals from American industry.
- To See The Sea—Laser scanners cut through the fathoms.
- Diamonds From The Rough—Modern alchemists turn graphite into gems.
- Turbo Booster—New Pegasus rocket gains giddy-up from jet engines.
- World's Most Boring Machine—Megamole digs tunnel for Super Collider.
- Parking Lights—Lasers to usher in nightflying naval pilots.

#### Three More Ways To Float

WASHINGTON, DC— Details of three more designs funded by the National Maglev Initiative have now come to light.

Unlike the magley concept outlined by a Grumman-led consortium (see Tech Update, page 26, Dec. '92), these three designs feature electrodynamic suspension, in which track

magnets repulse and lift magnets on the vehicles.

A Bechtel-led team has addressed the key drawback of a brand-new transportation system—the price tag of the infrastructure. The solution: a narrow, flexible box-beam track around which the train's undercarriage will wrap.

Meanwhile, a group

headed by Foster-Miller has lined opposite walls of an open-bottomed guideway with a double row of magnetic coils. The idea is to allow track switching with no moving parts. At a switch point, the guideways would fork off vertically, and the vehicle would follow whichever row of coils is powered.

Finally, a Magneplane International-led consorTrack magnets (red) and train magnets (purple) interact for lift and propulsion.

tium is proposing Henry Kolm's self-banking vehicles on a semicircular guideway (see "Supertrain," page 78, June '88).

Federal Railroad Administration officials are hoping to hold the Clinton Administration to its promise to keep the Magley Initiative on track.



#### Escape From Freedom

HOUSTON, TX—No matter how the Space Station finally looks, planners still must factor in the unplanned—a gravely ill crew member, say, or a meteor impact. To abandon ship if a Shuttle rescue is impossible, astronauts will climb into one of two Assured Crew Return Ve-

ACRV slams on the brakes to de-orbit. Mockup (inset) verified sea-rescue techniques. hicles (ACRV), Freedom's lifeboats.

Johnson Space Center has settled on a simple ballistic return vehicle for the ACRV. After firing retrorockets to slow down, the 4-man personnel module will plummet like an Apollo capsule, protected by a heat shield.

NASA recently tested a full-size mockup of the vehicle at a wave tank.

#### Mighty-Mite Two-Stroke

ARUNDEL, AUSTRALIA

—Following the success of
the Sarich Orbital engine,
another innovative 2stroker has come up from
Down Under.

Split Cycle Technology Ltd. maintains that its engine is both the size and a quarter the weight of a conventional engine of equivalent power.

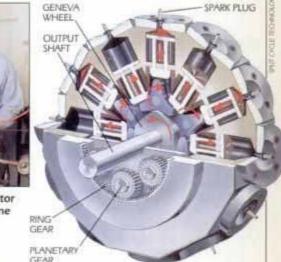
The system dispenses with crankshaft and connecting rods. The pistons are arranged radially about an output shaft. Half of the pistons fire simultaneously, turning multi-lobed cams called Geneva wheels. These not only transmit power, but also raise the remaining pistons for the next firing stroke.

The high firing rate per revolution accounts for the engine's prodigious output. Yet, because each piston travels at both the speed of a piston in a conventional 4-stroke, wear and friction are greatly reduced.

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#### Jet-Packing Rocket

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The turbojets kick in as soon as the vehicle clears its mothership. TurboPegasus noses up at a 3.5° angle, and the air-breathing engines boost its speed

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to operate continuously.

above Mach 4, its altitude to 90,000 ft.

There the jets and fueltank jettison, and the first rocket stage ignites. Turbo-Pegasus then follows a classic S-shaped rocket trajectory to plant its payload in orbit.

The turbo configuration

Jet engines kick in as TurboPegasus begins 3.5° climb to 90,000 ft., lifted by its delta wing.

will more than double Pegasus's lifting power-2250 pounds versus 1000 pounds for the stretched Pegasus XL. The first TurboPegasus could fly in 1995.

#### Collider's Supermole

WAXAHACHIE, TX-Now that the English Channel tunnel is completed, the world's premiere tunnel-boring project is the 54-mile racetrack course being carved out for the Superconducting Super Collider. Four huge mole machines are already chewing away soft rock 70 ft, below the surface.

cause this rock crumbles when exposed to air, a tunnel-boring machine (TBM) must burrow as fast as possible, drilling away and lining its wake with pre-cast concrete sections before the shale deteriorates. The job called for the Inchworm, a tunnel-boring machine custom-built by Robbins Corp. of Kent, Washington. The 250-ton machine is the first of its kind

to start off by tackling the worst geology-a tricky patch of shale through which the tunnel must pass. Be-

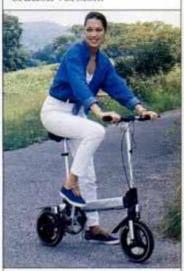
> Typically the big moles lunge forward, propelled in part by elbowing off the sides of the tunnel with

gripper shoes, then they stop while the shoes are repositioned. By contrast, the Inchworm has two sets of shoes, which can grip and release the tunnel walls in a computercoordinated rhythm, enabling it to tear through 150 ft. a day.

Mighty Inchworm bores continuously through rock and leaves concretelined Super Collider tunnel in its wake.

#### Charge Up

LONDON, ENGLAND-From the fertile mind of Sir Clive Sinclair comes the Zike electric bicycle. The NiCad batteries boost your pedaling for up to 3 hours. If you let the rareearth magnet motor do all the work, it's more like an hour. Top speed is 15 mph. Regenerative brakes recharge the batteries when you decelerate. The British are already Ziking. Americans will get a second-generation version.



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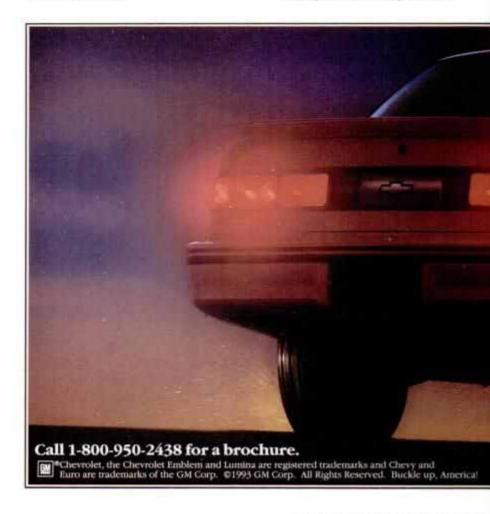
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accomplished professional driver can.

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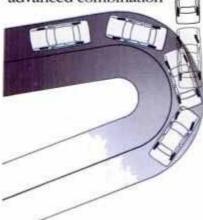
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#### Alchemy 2000: High-Tech Ice Makers

ATLANTA, GA—The cutting edge of synthetic-diamond research is sharper than ever, thanks to some newly polished manufacturing tricks.

A technique that has raised eyebrows lately comes from Penn State's



Tungsten-carbide filament heats methane and hydrogen in Oak Ridge diamond-making process.

Materials Research Laboratory. The unorthodox process takes place in a low-pressure reactor—but begins with a solid source of carbon. In conventional low-pressure diamond synthesis, the carbon comes from gaseous methane and re-

emerges from the process as a thin film.

The Penn State approach mixes the solid carbon with a catalyst, such as nickel powder, which acts as a seed-bed for the formation of diamond crystals. The reaction requires temperatures around 1800° F and the presence of hydrogen zapped into a plasma by microwaves.

Penn State materials

scientists claim their method can rearrange carbon atoms from any solid source—even peanut butter substrate—into the highly ordered structure of diamond.

Furthermore, it can yield partial or total dia-HYDROGEN monds in a variety of sizes and shapes.

Meanwhile, conventional Penn State of low-pressure dissource with amond-film synthesis continues to vield impressive

ues to yield impressive results. At Oak Ridge National Laboratories, for example, researchers have

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conventional Penn State method combines solid-state carbon low-pressure di- source with low pressure and microwaves.

laid down diamond films a foot square and a millimeter thick. The technique promises widespread industrial applications.

#### Thrust And Parry

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WEST PALM BEACH, FL—Pratt & Whitney's latest thrust-vectoring nozzle incorporates the ability to completely reverse thrust as well.

Developed for the nextgeneration Lockheed F-22 fighter's engine, the nozzle is built around a pair of eyelid-like doors, called spherical convergent flaps. These can shut completely,

redirecting exhaust flow through exit ports canted forward at a 45° angle.

Meanwhile, the entire rear part of the nozzle can swivel left and right 20°. Separate flaps can pitch the exhaust flow up and down 20°.

It's stealthy, too.

The nozzle sculpts the exhaust flow into an elusive

thin sheet with a much fainter infrared signature rather than the usu-

al broad cylinder.
Pratt & Whitney
will ground-test the
nozzle on its Joint
Technology Demonstrator Engine in
1994.

Model of sphericalconvergent-flap nozzle shows thrust-reversal exhaust ports.



#### Laser-Guided Robots

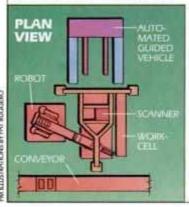
BELLEVILLE, MI— Factory robots tend to bog down if you ask them to pick an irregular object out of a random background. But a new 3D vision system is so effective that Ford Motor Co. has installed one in an exhaustmanifold factory.

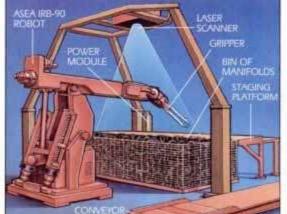
The Perceptron scanning-laser camera known as LASAR sweeps a modulated infrared beam across a bin full of exhaust manifolds. Some of the beam bounces back to the camera, which measures the scene's reflectivity and how far the beam has shifted out of phase.

That phase shift reveals

how far away an object is, while the reflectivity provides a flat image. Combined, the data guides the robot's gripper to a manifold.

LASAR-sighted robots can seize four manifolds per minute.







Laser camera illuminates jumble of exhaust nanifolds, sending 3D image information to oin-picker robot.

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Cardiac Conduction. CARDIZEM prolongs AV node refractory periods without significantly prolonging sinus node receivery lime, susept in galleris with sick sinus syndrome. This effect may rarely result in abnormally slow heart rates (particularly in patients with sick sinus syndrome) or securet- or frind-degree AV black (13 of 3.29 patients or 0 APA). Concominating use of different with their blockers or deplains may result in additive effects on cardiac conduction. A patient with Prinzmetal's angine devel-oped periods of apptiels (2 to 5 seconds) after a single close of 80 mg of disease.
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3. Hypotension. Decreases in blood pressure associated with CARDIZEM therapy may

occasionally result in symptomatic hypothesion.

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#### **PRECAUTIONS**

General CARDIZEM (difficuent hydrochloride) is extensively metabolized by the liver and excreted by the kidneys and in tale. As with any drug given over prolonged periods, liaboratory parame-ters of ernal and Repatic function should be monitored at regular intervals. The drug should be used with caution in patients with impaired renal or hepatic function. In subscute and chronic dop and rall studies designed to produce toxicity, high doors of diffiazion were associated with hippatic damage. In special subacute hippatic studies, etal doses of 125 mg/kg and higher in rats were associated with histological changes in the liver which were mykg and higher in rats were associated with histological changes in the time reversible when the drug was decontinued, in dops, doses of 20 mg/kg were also associated with histolic changes, however, these drunges were reversible with continued desirg. Dermatological events (see ADVERSE REACTIONS section) may be transient and may disappear despite continued use of CARDCEM. However, win explaining progressing to disappear despite continued use of CARDCEM, However, win explaining progressing to disappear despite continued use of CARDCEM, however, with explaining progressing to disappear despite continued use of CARDCEM, however, with explaining progressing to disappear despite continued use of CARDCEM, however, with explaining progressing to disappear despite continued use of CARDCEM, however, with explaining the disappear despite continued use of CARDCEM, however, with explaining the disappear despite continued use of CARDCEM, however, with explaining the disappear despite continued use of CARDCEM, however, which is the disappear despite continued to the disappear despite continued use of CARDCEM, however, with explaining the disappear despite continued use of CARDCEM, however, with explaining the disappear despite continued use of CARDCEM.

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**Drug Interactions**Due to the potential for additive effects, caution and careful litration are warranted in patients resisting CARDIZEM concomitantly with other agents known to affect cardiac contradiity and/or conduction. (See WARNINGS.) Pharmacologic studies indicate that there may be additive effects in serologing AV conduction when using beta-blockers or digital's concomitantly with CARDIZEM (See WARNINGS.)

As with all drugs, care should be exercised when treating parients with multiple medications. CARDIZEM undergoes biotransformation by cytochronic P-450 mixed function oxidate. Coastministration of CARDIZEM with other agents which follow the same route of biotransformation may result in the competitive inhibition of metabolism. Dosages of similarly metabomakes may result in the contributive emboder of netabosism. Dosages of anniarly metabo-lised drugs auch as opiologonism, patissarisy there of low therapeals ratio or in applients with resal and/or fepalic impairment, may require adjustment when starting or stopping concom-tantly administered CARDIZEM to relation applicant therapeals become beets. Seta-bedozem: Controlled and uncontrolled domestic studies suggest that concomitant use of CARDIZEM and beta-blockers is issually well tolerated, but available data are not sufficient to predict the effects of concomitant teachment in patients with left ventrouser dystunction or cardiac conduction abnormatiles. Administration of CARDIZEM (distance hydrochioride) concomitantly, with propriancial few normal velocities resoluted in increased incorporated lisades in all collections.

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Carolinopenesis. Multagenesis. Impairment of Fertility
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study in mice at oral desage levels of up to 30 mg/kg/tay showed no evidence of
caronogenicity. There was also no multagenic response in vitro or in vivo in mammalian
cell assays or in vitro in bastonia. No evidence of impaced fertility was observed in a
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Pregnancy
Category C. Reproduction studies have been conducted in mice, rats, and rabbits.
Administration of doses ranging from five to ten times greater (on a mg/kg basis) than the daily recommended therapeutic dose has essulted in entity and fetal lethality. These doses, in some studies, have been reported to cause skeletal abnormalities in the perinatal/postratal studies, there was an increased incidence of stillbirths at doses of 20

three size no well-controlled studies in pregnant women; therefore, use CARDIZEM in pregnant women only if the potential benefit justifies the potential risk to the februs.

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Pediatric Use

veness in children have not been established.

**ADVERSE REACTIONS** 

Serious adverse reactions have been rare in studies carried out to date, but it should be recognized that patients with impaired ventricular function and cardiac conduction abnormalifies have usually been excluded from these studies.

In domestic placeto-controlled angina trials, the incidence of adverse reactions reported during CARDIZEM therapy was not greater than that reported during placebo therapy. The adverse events described below represent events observed in clinical studies of hyper-tensive patients receiving either CAPUCEM Tables or CAPUCEM Sections as well as experiences observed in studies of langua and during marketing. The most common events in hypertension studies are shown in a table with rates in placebo patients shown for comparison. Less common events are listed by body system; these include any aberose reactions seen in angina studies that were not observed in hypertension studies. In all hypertensive patients listing CAROLEM Tables or CAROLEM SR Capacies studied (over 300), the most common adverse events were othered (9%), beating (3%), as afterna (5%), sinus tradycardia (3%), flushing (3%), and first-degree AV block (3%). Only eiterna and perhaps bradycardia and distincts were dose related.

#### **Double Blind Placebo-Controlled**

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The following table presents the most common adverse reactions reported in placebo-controlled angina and hypertension brials in patients receiving CARDIZEM CD up to 360 mg with rates in placebo patients shown for comparison.

#### CARDIZEM CD Capsules Placebo-Controlled

Adverse Reaction	CARDIZEM CD N = 607	Placebo N = 301	
Headache Dizmess Bradycardia AV Block First Degree Edema Ede	5.4% 3.0% 3.3% 2.5% 2.6% 1.6%	50% 10% 12% 00% 13% 23% 17%	

in clinical trials of CARDIZEM CD Capsules, CARDIZEM Tables, and CARDIZEM SR. In clinical trials of CARDICEN CD Capputes, CARDICEN 182895, and Uversitizes on Capputes involving over 3200 patients, the most common events (i.e. greater than 15-) were externa (4.6%), fractache (4.6%), Giorness (3.5%), autheria (2.6%), first-degree AV block (2.4%), bradycardia (1.7%), flushing (1.4%), rauses (1.4%), and rash (1.2%) in addition, the following events were reported inhequently (less than 1%) in angina or

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**COVER STORY** 

Popular Mechanics

## CARS OF THE FUTURE - STATE RETURNS OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PROP

Dream machines with a difference: Your next car—or truck—could very well be in today's crop of concepts.

BY JIM DUNNE, Detroit Editor

• You catch different kinds of cars at an auto show. Mostly, you see production models you can buy at the dealer right now. For a look at the deep future, you see dream vehicles with farout shapes. They inspire the imagination but are impractical for today's roads. A third group consists of high-visibility concept vehicles. They are exciting, and you might see them in dealer showrooms in the next couple of years.

Concept cars attract the most notice among automotive insiders—folks who design, build or write about cars. The insiders know that concepts are on trial at auto shows. Auto executives check the reaction of showgoers to new designs as a guide in making production decisions. A lukewarm response could crash a whole multimillion-dollar project. The big auto shows like Detroit, New York, Los Angeles and Chicago are the most important. And because lifestyles differ, public reaction in Los Angeles may be different from that in eastern cities. Reaction in the press also influences Detroit's decisions. If the vehicle is a hit in the shows—and with the car magazines—chances are you will see its features quickly copied in production.

#### CHRYSLER THUNDERBOLT

Look back to the year 1941 and you will find another show car with the Thunderbolt nameplate. That was a Chrysler product too. Today's Thunderbolt is just as dramatic in appearance. More importantly, the new Thunderbolt is designed for production now—with a few conditions. Its 4.0-liter 270-horsepower V8 engine is not in Chrysler's immediate plans. The reardrive chassis is unique, not a knockoff from current sedans.



#### DODGE VIPER GTS

GTS is the civilized version of the dramatic Dodge performance 2-seat roadster—civilized in driver and passenger comforts. The plastic hardtop and roll-up windows are just what driving in the colder, wetter climates demands. Still, the GTS looks like a concept car that could go into production within a year.



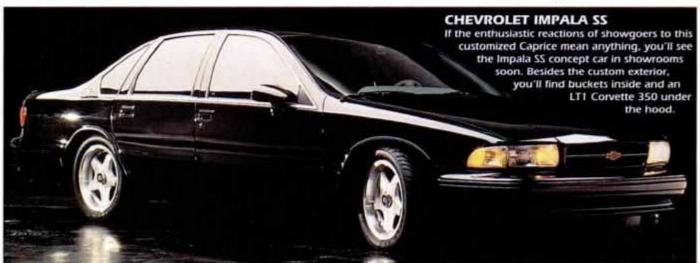
FORD MUSTANG MACH III

Mach III is the inspiration for the Mustang of the late '90s. Among the features that must go are its 500-hp supercharged V8 and carbon-fiber body panels. Future Mustangs will have cat-eye headlights, scooped-out side body panels and an open grille around the galloping Mustang.

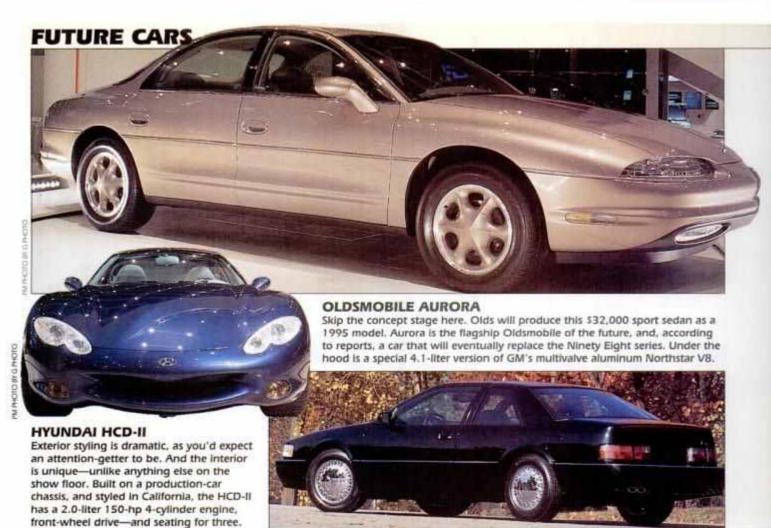


The sub-\$40,000 Miata-like convertible—called "best in show" by one auto-buff magazine—jumps Porsche into the future with a "doable now" design. Its midship engine chassis is a no-compromise blueprint of the future. Inside, the instruments are housed in a single gold gauge pack of startling shapes. Outside, the headlights are grouped together with washers, foglights and turn signals inside an eccentric iens.

A new lean-burn engine with continuous valve timing is used to improve fuel economy and reduce NO<sub>X</sub> emissions. Outer body panels are made of recyclable aluminum.











#### **VOLVO ECC**

The ECC—Environmental Concept Car—is a hybrid electric compromise aimed at California's impending zero-emissions regulations. An on-board gas-turbine generator gives the car about four times the range of conventional electrics.

#### **MAZDA CUBIST**

Turn some young artists loose on a small sports-car body—the MX-3—and you get Mazda's ArtCar Competition. The winner, "Cubist Car," was designed by art student Maria Casalena, and finished under the direction of Mazda designers in California.



150 samples each year. The chassis is made of carbon-fiber material. Performance details include all-wheel drive and a V12 of 500-plus horsepower. Price: "Around \$1 million." A sedan, the EB 112, is also in the works.



#### FORD GHIA FOCUS

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Ford of Europe sent us this concept based on a shortened 4-wheel-drive Escort RS Cosworth chassis. Eighteen-inch wheels sit under the carbon-fiber (for strength and light weight) exterior body panels.

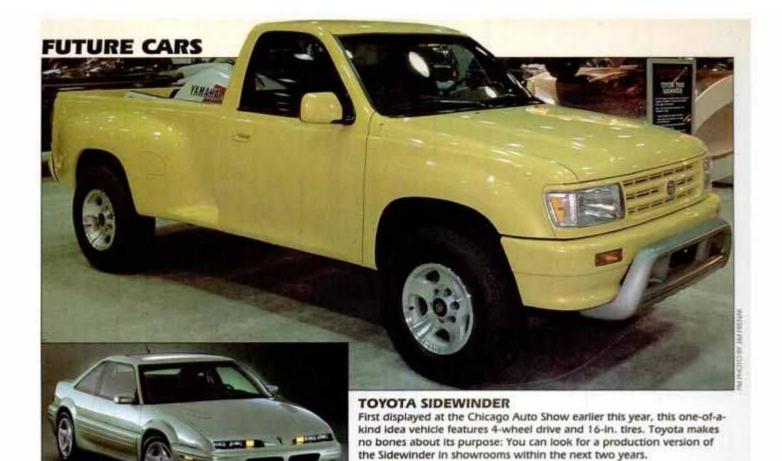
#### **MERCURY VILLAGER NAUTICA**

Headlights of the future reflect like mirrors when the lights are off. Turn the lights on and you get full illumination. Nautica's rearview mirrors give the driver a check of safety lights such as brakes, turn signals,



#### **CHEVROLET HIGHLANDER**

Take a close look at the basic lines and you see Chevy's 1994 S-10 pickup styling. Or, inspect the sliding "third door" that opens up the rear of the extended cab. That design has competitors alerted to what might be appealing to compact-truck buyers of the near future. You can also power the rear window down and fold the lower panel to the cab floor. That opens a wide passage directly from the cab to the cargo deck.



#### PONTIAC GRAND PRIX GTP

Pontiac almost snuck this one by us.
Look closely and you will notice a
different shape to the grille opening and
a heavier appearance in all of the
cladding below the beltline. Pontiac
insiders tell us that we'll see this same
styling on the production '94 Grand Prix.



#### PONTIAC GRAND AM GT

Pontiac changed the grille and lower body cladding and painted the exterior a pumpkin-orange. The result is a peek at what Pontiac has planned for 1994 model changes. "Everything you see below the beltline will be on the 1994 car," reports one Pontiac executive. Under the

hood is a 3.4-liter overhead-valve V6 engine that develops 205 horsepower. You won't have long to wait for this concept. Ford's Ranger Splash is

concept. Ford's Ranger Splash is already in production. Ford has Splash's buyers picked out—young folks under 30 years old, 40% women and about one-third college graduates.



**ELECTRONICS** 

## INVISIBLE RAYS, HIDDEN HAZARDS

Do power lines cellular phones, video monitors and other electronic devices emit harmful radiation? Here's the evidence.

 Man's dread of the unseen once evoked notions of the supernatural. In our era of scientific and material prog-

ress, the psyche is preoccupied with natural phenomena that are no more apparent and no less fearsome. Call them invisible rays—bundles of energy traveling on waves too fast or too vast for the eye to see.

These riders-on-the-storm are not the death-rays of science-fiction-past, though science still ponders their potential for menace. Ironically, the new subject of our apprehension is the very electrification that has tamed night's terrors over the past century. Its unseen force is emitted by devices as commonplace as the hairdryer and electric shaver. Other sources are as ubiquitous as household wiring, television sets and pocket-size cellular phones.

BY STEPHEN A. BOOTH, Contributing Editor

It was the latter that pushed what's usually out-of-sight and out-of-mind to the forefront of public attention. Head-

lines and soundbites abounded this winter when a Florida man charged that his wife had died from brain cancer after extensive use of a portable cellular telephone. Although cellular phones work on radio frequencies in the microwave region, the incident renewed concerns about all forms of electromagnetic radiation—especially the fields generated at the lower end of the spectrum by overhead power lines.

The fright stuff

Fascination and fear, attraction and repulsion: These opposites describe man's fairly recent relationship with electromagnetism and are perfect metaphors for

#### INVISIBLE RAYS

that push-pull engine of progress, the ghost in the machine. Fact is, electricity is present at every level of life. It's no coincidence that the word cell is used in connection with both electrical batteries and units of living tissue, as the latter can generate a small voltage. (More exactly, the cell's membrane can maintain a voltage difference between its inside and outside.)

Electric motors in appliances produce magnetism as a byproduct of their operation. Oscillating components in communications and video gear act much like electric motors in terms of the electromagnetic fields they generate.

Electromagnetic radiation can be visualized as a pattern of waves exerted by an electric field and a complementary magnetic field. The magnetic field is caused by the motion of the electric field, and they vibrate perpendicular to one another and to the direction of travel. Electromagnetic waves travel at the speed of light, some 186,000 miles per second, but the lengths of the waves differ according to their frequency-the number of complete cycles the waves make in 1 second.

Frequency is a key concept in electromagnetic radiation. It's expressed as cycles per second (cps) or simply Hertz (Hz). The range of frequencies making up the electromagnetic spectrum is broad, from DC to light and well beyond. Along the way are the familiar wavelengths that carry radio, TV and communications. The longer the wave, the lower its fre-

quency, and vice versa.

For example, household electricity has a low frequency of 60 cps. The waves carrying AM radio broadcasts begin at around 500,000 cps-a higher frequency but one with waves still measuring a long 600 meters, or 3/sths of a mile. FM radio, located between TV channels 6 and 7, operates in a range from 88-million to 108million cps. Cellular telephones transmit at 840- to 880-million cps. This is the low end of the microwave region. Microwave ovens typically cook at a brisker rate of 2.8-billion cps. Satellite microwave communications operate at even higher "gigahertz" frequencies.

After the microwave region of the electromagnetic spectrum come the frequencies of light-infrared, visible and ultraviolet. And beyond these reside the invisible rays science long has recognized as deadly: X-rays, gamma rays, nuclear and other forms of so-called ionizing radiation, including the mysterious cosmic rays that bombard Earth's atmosphere from uncharted regions of space.

Ionizing radiation is hazardous because these incredibly high-frequency waves have sufficient energy to alter the structure of atoms and molecules, thereby causing mutation. The lower frequencies, called nonionizing radiation, have been thought to produce only enough energy to agitate molecules or heat them.

Now science isn't so sure. The recent worries about cellular telephones and electrical power lines concern electromagnetic fields (EMFs) from

#### Charting EMF Exposures

#### FREQUENCY

#### COMMENTS

#### Electricity



Field strength below a highvoltage overhead power line can hit 100 to 200 milligauss. Readings on a city street corner can hit 100 from underground cables. AC wiring in a home registers 1 to 2m/G.

#### Hairdryer/ Shaver



These will vary by model and make, but can measure 100 milligauss at their point of use. For most people, though, exposure is brief. Until more is known, keep it that way. If you must blow-dry your hair, start with a towel.

#### Electric Blanket





Used to be like sleeping under a power line. Wiring on newer blankets cancels most EMFsand is so advertised. It may be better to just warm the bed and not the body. That is, turn the blanket off before you tune out. This is especially advised for kids or expectant moms. Ditto for heating pads.

#### TV/ Computers

#### 60/20,000 cps

For home TV, view from no closer than 4 to 5 ft. For computer VDTs, sit as far from the screen as practical, but remember-as with TV-the radiation is emitted from the rear and sides. So, as in any office, watch your back.

#### Cellular Phones

#### 840-million cps

Only the pocket-size and handheld portables are considered risky because of the electromagnetic field's proximity to your head. The cellular phone industry believes any fears are unwarranted because emissions are very low.



Ovens

#### Microwave 2.8-billion cps



Like TV, emissions are from the rear. And don't confuse microwave leakage with EMF radiation, says Frank Barr, president of the lab that conducts PM testing. Today's ovens only leak microwaves if their seals have been broken by dropping, fire or other abuse. The grub will get you first.

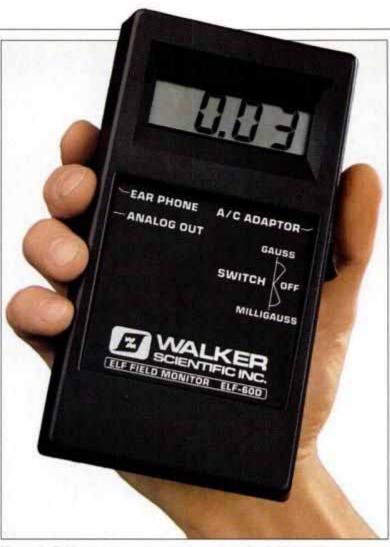
relatively low-frequency sources-so low that the EMFs from electrical lines and household appliances are designated extra-low frequency (ELF), while TVs and video displays rate at the very-low frequency (VLF) designation. In terms of numbers, ELF measures from 5 to 2000 cps, while VLF measures from 2000 to 400,000 cps. There is no conclusive evidence that these EMFs cause cancer or other cellular mutation-or that they don't. But because lowfrequency EMF is so pervasive in the daily environment, it's getting a closer look-from government, private industry and academia.

If you take a magnetic field meter around the home, you'll find evidence of EMF radiation everywhere. Typically, these meters read out in gauss and milligauss—which are measures of intensity. Readings of 1 or 2 milligauss found in the average home can be attributed to house-

hold wiring. The ELF field directly under a high-voltage transmission line can register 100 to 200 milligauss. Dr. Louis Slesin, editor of *Microwave News* who has been monitoring the EMF issue for 13 years, recently gave a dramatic twist to a TV news spot when he measured a 15-milligauss field from in-wall wiring at the head of a bed in a New York City apartment.

Slesin's tour around that residence turned up readings of 100 milligauss from an electric shaver and a hair blowdryer, 25 clicks from an electric stove and 10 from the dial of an electric clock. A visit to an office found 10 milligauss at the screen of a computer's video display terminal—and 200 milligauss around the VDT's sides and rear. But before you spend \$200 to \$1000 on a meter, understand that there are no standards on what levels of radiation or lengths of exposure might constitute a danger—and certainly no agreement.

For example, a widely quoted Swedish study of 500,000 people living near high-voltage power lines found four times the normal incidence of childhood leukemia where there was long-term exposure to 3



Magnetic field meters measure the intensity of a field in either gauss or milligauss. What constitutes a dangerous exposure is debatable.

milligauss of ELF radiation. Double the normal childhood cancer rate was found where the level was even 1 milligauss. Studies in the United States have established no such connection so far, although numerous incidents of cancer are reported in the proximity of power lines, especially among children.

Research into electrical appliances and microwave devices is similarly inconclusive. The Environmental Protection Agency goes so far as to call weak electromagnetic fields "a possible, but not proven" cause of cancer. Meanwhile, research continues. Extra-low and very-low frequency EMFs might not have the punch to blow an atom of tissue off track, but scientists are looking into more subtle relationships between waves and matter—centering on the cell membrane.

• Utilities—For nearly two years now, the electric utility industry has been studying the effects of power lines and household wiring in a model village built just for this purpose in Massachusetts. More recently, in February, the Attorney General in New York ordered the state's electricity providers to begin gathering

data on EMF levels near schools.

 Video—Over the generation and a half that it's been around. the boob tube has been suspected of undermining the nation's welfare, but TV programming probably will destroy intelligent life long before the scary-sounding "cathode ray" does. In the past decade, 8 hours of daily exposure to video display terminals (VDT) on the job has become a greater concern than recreational viewing in the home. As a result, most key marketers of VDTs-IBM, Panasonic and the like—now meet a strict Swedish standard for ELF and VHF radiation.

This double-threat stems from the fact that TVs and VDTs emit dual radiation. There's the 60-cps variety from power transformers, and the higher (15,000plus cps) frequency radiation attributable to the deflection coils in the rear-mounted yoke

of the electron gun. (For the record, LCD screens don't radiate.)

"Contrary to popular belief, the exposure to radiation isn't from the front of a TV, from the viewing screen, it's from the rear," Dr. Slesin tells PM. Ditto for computer VDTs—which means the worker seated behind or beside a VDT is subject to more exposure than the person working at the screen.

Dr. Slesin points out that the tough guidelines issued by Sweden's National Board for Measurement and Testing measure ELF and VLF radiation at 48 points around the front, sides and rear of a VDT and from varying distances. The guidelines for ELF and VLF magnetic fields are 2.5 and 0.25 milligauss, respectively, at 20 in. all around the VDT. For electric fields, the ELF radiation guideline is 25 volts per meter at 20 in. from the screen. The same is true for VLF radiation, but at 20 in. from all sides.

 Communications—The nation's communications industry is putting its money where its mouth is. Heavyweights such as Motorola, McCaw and AT&T say that more than 40

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## Some People Have Better Things

Some people are out
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We upgrade our fleet with some daily drivers.

 As the rest of our 1993 long-term test fleet settles in to its varied routine, we welcome a new minivan to the family.

#### Mercury Villager LS

Introduced in mid-1992, the Villager is Mercury's first-ever van. Overall dimensions and interior room are nearly identical to the segment-leading Chrysler minivans. And of course they are identical to the Nissan Quest, which is essentially the same vehicle built on the same assembly line.

Villager's appeal is its upscale trim and equipment. A 151-hp 3.0-liter Nissan V6 engine and 4-speed automatic transmission are standard, as

is a driver's airbag.

Our Villager is equipped with big, comfortable seats that perch passengers a generous 13 in. above the flat floor. We ordered leather seating for seven, set in a 2+2+3 arrangement. You can fold, slide or remove the rear seats in several groupings to get more load space.

Standard features on the LS include cruise control, power windows and locks, a leather-wrapped steering wheel, a luggage rack and front air conditioning. We also ordered a power-adjustable driver's seat, plus a/c and remote sound system controls for rear-seat passengers.

Our impressions so far are favorable. Close your eyes (briefly, please) and you can believe you're in a roomy sedan. From the driver's seat, the van is definitely carlike. The engine is responsive, the transmission smooth, the steering precise. It's easy to conclude that the Villager ranks with the best of the minivans in driver comfort and ease of control.

Fuel economy improves steadily. We recorded 15.5 mpg with the first tankful of gas. That jumped all the way to 23.7 mpg by the fourth refill. Overall economy to date averages about 20 mpg.

The price of the Villager LS is \$21,798. With its extra equipment, plus destination charges, our Villager stickered out at \$25,252.

So far, no glitches or problems have shown up in the logbook. This van seems to measure up well against the high standards and traits of the Chrysler minivans. -Jim Dunne

### Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo

When Associate Auto Editor Mike Allen handed over the Jeep Grand Cherokee, it had accumulated about 2500 miles. The odometer is now approaching 6500 miles and we feel like saying (as in the ads), "There's only one Jeep." We think the Grand Cherokee is now the benchmark for all the compact sport/utilities.

The 318 V8 engine makes all the difference. The Grand Cherokee is the only vehicle in its class available with a V8, and it truly sets this vehicle apart. No matter what anyone says, nothing beats the torque of a V8 engine, and this Jeep proves it again. Move your right foot and something happens. No sluggish feeling. No feeling of being underpowered.

We like the ride, too. It's very carlike, with no harshness or truck feel, unlike some other sport/utilities.

Remember reading about the nor'easter that blew through New York in January? Our Grand Cherokee did yeoman duty during the storm, serving as a rescue vehicle for several staffers who could not get



## TEST CARS

home after the storm shut down all public transportation. A 300-mile loop in high winds, torrential rain and falling branches proved the worth of the Jeep's full-time 4-wheeldrive system. And through storms and all, we're averaging 18.7 mpg.

But we do have some nits to pick. One is the Overdrive lockout button. Putting it on the dash was silly. It should be on the transmission selector lever for handy use. Also, there is no provision for keeping the transmission in Second gear. The selector lever reads 1-3-D. Sometimes you need Second gear. Lastly, we find that the heater takes too long to heat up on really cold mornings, although once going it will fry fajitas.

But like we said, these are nits compared with the overall driving pleasure thus far. —Joe Oldham

#### GMC Suburban SLE

We fully expected our '93 Suburban to be good at heavy hauling. That's why Suburbans have long been favored by the horsey set.

But even after several press preview drives, we were still surprised by how comfortable this big brute is for hauling over long distances. The improvements in ride quality and comfort between this generation of



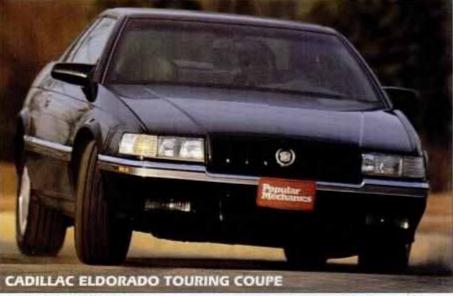
#### LONG-TERM TEST CARS

Suburbans (new last year) and the past are extraordinary.

After one cross-country trip to pick up a new car trailer, our Suburban has been on towing duty almost exclusively. While the new trailer is a pleasure to tow, we think the Suburban would make this job easy even if the trailer had skids instead of wheels. We're talking grunt here, folks. Lots of grunt. Even with some 6000 pounds of trailer, race car, tools, tires and various spares, the Suburban whistles up mountain grades on cruise control without a hiccup.

As you'd expect, there's a tradeoff for big-time torque, When it's propelling only the vehicle—a mere 5656 pounds-the Suburban's 454-cu.-in. V8 consumes 1 gallon of fuel every 13.1 miles. With the whole racing equipe added in, mpg drops to 9.7. However, this is a little better than the last GM 454 we tested, and we attribute much of the improvement to GM's new heavy-duty electronically controlled 4-speed automatic. Also, even at full-load consumption, the 40gallon tank provides excellent range.

So far—7135 miles—the logbook shows no problems and only three negative comments. One concerns the vertical rear doors. They're handy for loading/unloading, but the



#### Cadillac Eldorado **Touring Coupe**

Since our last report, we've put nearly 6000 miles on our Northstar V8powered Eldorado Touring Coupe. This mileage included two snowstorms, lots of Northeast rain and even some sunny days. Funny thing about inclement weather, it helps you get to know a car real quick.

Thus far, we can say that Cadil-lac's traction-control system is among the best we've tried. It effecgives you a smooth ride at slower speeds and a firmer ride for more control as speed increases. It's a great system, and it makes the ride and handling nearly perfect no matter what the conditions.

What isn't so great is the torque steer generated by the Northstar V8. The traction-control system keeps the wheels from actually spinning out of control. But on hard acceleration, the torque going through the frontdrive system makes the front wheels very twitchy, and this is transmitted back through the steering wheel. As such, high-speed lane changes under full throttle can be an adventure.

Despite all the complicated systems, we have had no problems thus far. The car has been totally reliable, and we're averaging 15.3 mpg for all types of driving. We'll keep you informed.



We admit that we're not at our happiest puttering around in a compact car. Yet, when we first drove the Toyota Corolla last fall, we were impressed. Now after more than 3000 miles in our long-term Corolla, we're still impressed.

Somehow, Toyota has managed to make the Corolla feel roomier than its size indicates. You feel like you're driving a Camry, and a lot of people ask us about our new "Camry," because there's so much resemblance.

In commuter duty, which blends high-speed interstates with New York City stop-and-go, the Corolla is a very comfortable car to be in for 50 miles each way. The engine is lively and responsive, and the suspension is not too soft, not too taut.

The Corolla has grown on us as the miles have piled up. We'll let you know if this opinion changes.



window framing restricts rearward vision. However, with a race car filling the inside rearview mirror, this is pretty much academic.

We've noticed a cruise control surge at 65 mph-and 65 mph onlyduring unloaded travel. And several drivers have commented on the peculiar climate controls, which are well marked but difficult to set for blends.

With the racing season getting into high gear, there's lots more towing ahead for our Suburban. We look forward to it. Give us a wave if you see us out there. -Tony Swan

tively tames the 295 horses under the hood to the point where the frontdrive Eldorado becomes a very able car in a snowstorm. You can't say that for very many 295-hp cars.

And it loves interstate. Two 500mile trips in two days proved that to us. We said in our last report that this Eldo must surely be one of the most technologically advanced cars on the road. Part of that sophistication is the computerized speed-sensitive suspension that adjusts each wheel individually to its road conditions several times per second. This

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## DOGFIGHTER IN A DAY

The Navy has Top Gun. The Air Force has Red Flag. Now the rest of us have Sky Warriors.

#### BY WILLIAM GARVEY PM Photos by Glen Davis

• "There he is!" Low, going right to left and turning. He's moving in! I've got to move in fast, but the closure's wrong. I'm too hot. If I hold the angle, I'll overshoot and the bogie will blast me in a heartbeat. Time for a yo-yo.

I haul back hard on the stick and the Mentor spills speed for 100 MILS

View to a kill: Deadeye shot through the Mark 8 gunsight's pipper yields a plume of Corvis-oil smoke.

altitude—and angle. My body compresses as the g-forces rise—legs, butt and arms turn leaden. A glance ahead reveals only clouds, sunglare and gray. I look left and down. Bandit again, but the equation has changed in my favor. I stab the rudder pedal and hard-over the stick. Now level and pull. He's edging into the pipper. Pull a little more. A little more. Now hold it. Hold it. Hoooold it.

"Shoot! Shoot!"

I squeeze the trigger and loose one burst, then another. Nothing. Cripes, he's mine and I'm missing! Panic begins to nibble. I pull back again to keep him in the pipper, mash the trigger into the stick and fire without stopping. The guns staccato in my ears and suddenly white smoke pours



T-34 mimics a death plunge after being peppered with laser cannon fire.

at 6, 15 miles closing," and then turn to meet him. One on one. How would I do? How would it feel?

The answers reside at Atlanta's Fulton County-Brown Field. There, in a hangar office on the southern edge of the field is the headquarters for Sky Warriors. This is as close as an ordinary person gets to being a member of the fighter fraternity.

#### Real warriors

Top dog, Father Goose and soul of Sky Warriors is Earl Arrowood, arguably the South's most affable son. He is also a pilot's pilot, having accumulated over 17,000 hours of flight time in everything

from C-47s to F-100s to 727s. He happily makes his living as an airline captain, but when he's not bossing a Boeing, he's taking charge of things

at Fulton County field.

There are 42 pilots on Sky Warriors' roster and every one of them is or was a fighter pilot. They've flown almost everything in the Pentagon's attack and fighter inventory over the past 25 years and won every award available in fighter competition. "I wanted the best," says Arrowood. "I believe we could take over any fighter unit in the world in a couple of days.'

Hmmm. Exactly what is the intent

of these aerial sharpshooters?

It traces back to a day five years ago, when Mike Brady, a commuter airline owner, asked Arrowood to teach him to fly aerobatics. Rather than put Brady through an aimless series of barrel rolls and vertical snaps, Arrowood gave him a dose of Air Combat Maneuvering.

Brady was hooked. And soon the two hatched a scheme to buy a couple of refurbished T-34 trainers and establish a school where air combat would be taught, not simply demonstrated, to anyone with the interest and the money (\$595 per 1-day session as we went to press).

#### Total immersion

There's nothing fancy about the place. What sets Sky Warriors apart is its absolute focus on air combat, and the enthusiasm about flight that permeates the crowded quarters.

Pictures of fighters fill the walls. There's a closet full of government green flightsuits, complete with Velcro-backed patches and flags you can switch to your liking. Helmets are over there-grab "Jester," "Hollywood" or "Maverick" for your own. Just beyond is the briefing room, a simple affair with a long table and chairs facing a blackboard above which is printed: "Lose Sight, Lose the Fight!"

My briefing was conducted by Arrowood and Craig Morrison, another Vietnam War veteran-turned-airline

captain.

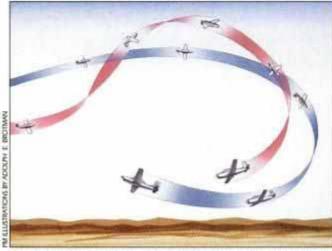
We began with introductions and flight housekeeping—company frequency, hand signals, jargon, formation position, speeds, power setting, flight plan, etc. And then into the meat-the theory and execution of dogfighting. Here was talk never spoken to me before. "Go vertical at a merge, 'cause if you go horizontal, you can't win;" and "All you've got is altitude, energy and position. You

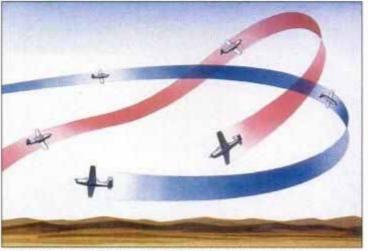
from the winged silhouette centered in my yellow glass sight.
"Whoopee! We've got ourselves a

killer here! Good shooting. Excel-

Ah, shucks. It was nuthin'. But the 800-megawatt smile on my face exposes the absurdity of that lie. This was exhilarating.

There was a time when I thought my name would be stenciled on the side of an F-4, but I never won military wings so almost all my flying consists of piloting general aviation machines or riding in the back of Boeings. But I've always wondered what it would be like to hear "Bandit





Barrel Roll Attack lines up target without increasing separation. High Yo-Yo burns off energy to prevent the attacker from overshooting.



can give up one, but never more than one. Do that and you're gone."

The game is to expend your resources in such a way as to place you behind your target at an angle that will permit you to blast it to smithereens. Speed, height, attitude, g's are meaningful only as they relate to the bad guy—your concentration revolves around where he is and

where he's going.

As Arrowood and Morrison got deeper into the briefing, they became more and more animated. Hands began to move up, back and over. Morrison grabbed a fighter-ona-stick to demonstrate a maneuver. Arrowood cautioned about g-locblackout induced by high gravitational forces-and told how the world got dark and weird on him one day in a vertical climb. Morrison countered with a "There I was . . . " of his own, prompting Arrowood to observe, "He's a real fighter pilot. You can tell when he's lying-his lips are moving." A laugh, and the war stories began to roll. Boisterously. Egotistically. Wonderfully.

I began to be drawn closer and closer. These guys weren't acting. They really had been there. They knew how lucky they were, and they enjoyed sharing the good fortune of their flying lives.

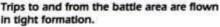
By the time the briefing ended, not only did I have a passable knowledge of what we were about to attempt, but I was imbued with the spirit, the style and the fraternity of fighter piloting.

I hiked on my chute, grabbed my "Iceman" helmet, and swaggered, just a little, to the flight line. And I didn't feel silly at all.

**Mean Mentor** 

The airplane Sky Warriors wanted for their mount had to be durable, affordable, aerobatic and tandem-seat, with the handling, look and performance of a military aircraft. The T-34 Mentor, a derivative of the Bonanza, has all that in spades. And that's why it became the primary trainer for the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Navy and 15 other nations.

Sky Warriors' three Mentors were built in the mid-1950s. But the refurbishment by Nogle and Black Aviation, in Tuscola, Illinois, was so complete and painstaking, they look and feel as though they came off the Wichita, Kansas, production line last month. While military details are ad-



hered to, right down to a paint scheme off the Red Flag aggressor aircraft at Nellis AFB, these T-34s do vary from their original makeup in some significant ways.

First, the Warriors' birds are powered by fuel-injected Continental IO-550s rated at 300 hp. The original Mentors had normally carbureted 225-hp Continentals. "Fighter pilots never have enough power, but this sure helps," says Arrowood.

Second, mounted on the glare shield directly in front of the frontseat pilot is a Mark 8 gunsight, identical to the kind used on the A-1 Skyraider. The concentric yellow circles with their hash marks pointing to the center have an obvious, deadly

purpose.

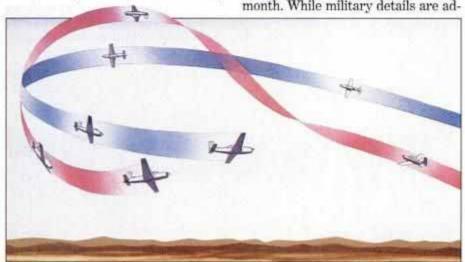
Third, since actually blasting an opponent with 50mm shells might cause some liability problems, Sky Warriors outfitted the planes with a laser gun, and with laser sensors that surround them with an electronic cocoon of vulnerability. If the line of laser fire from pursuit aircraft (which is accompanied by a simulated "rat-ta-ta-ta-ta" in the shooter's headphones) enters the cone, the victim pilot gets an audio signal that he's been hit, and white Corvis-oil smoke pours from his exhaust.

Lastly, all of this is captured on videotape so the customers can relive their dogfighting glories again and again. Each plane is equipped with forward-facing cameras in the vertical fin and wing leading edge, and with an in-cockpit camera trained on the front-seat pilot. This last one is called, unabashedly, the "Hero camera."

Carrotta

Fun fight

For the visiting sky warrior, the pleasure begins the moment you climb into the cockpit. The customer sits all alone up front and gets an



Lag Roll increases range while improving alignment with the target.







F-14 pilot's view of the proceedings. For nonpilots-that's one out of four Sky Warriors customers—this is probably when the pulse starts to quicken since it is probably the first time they've been at the pointy end of an airplane.

The forward cockpit is complete full instrumentation, flight and power controls, plus the gunsight and stick trigger. The safety pilot-mine was Arrowood—sits in the instructor's seat in back and is virtually invisible the only connection is via intercom.

The takeoff, climb-out and cruise are all conducted in close formation with about 6 ft. of air between the lead's tail and wingman's prop. Every procedure is carried out in crisp synchronization with the other plane, lending further weight to the military feel of the experience.

Upon arriving at the battle area northwest of the city, Arrowood demonstrated some aileron and barrel rolls and some high-g turns. The view was spectacular. Next, Jay Newell, a Sky Warriors mainstay and my loathsome enemy, played the role of "the grape," and Arrowood sent him smoking with a well-placed round of electronic grapeshot. Then the Mentor was mine.

After some brief maneuvering to get a feel for the airplane, a nowfamiliar Southern voice announced "Fight's on." Newell was low and making a dash to the left. I rolled left to attack, but it became obvious I'd overtake him before I could shoot, and thus the High Yo-Yo. The consequent and most satisfying smoke trail confirmed my judgment and

Reflecting momentarily on what



had occurred, it struck me that during the fight I had abandoned all familiar pilot references of up, down, right, left and even altitude and airspeed. I had learned what matters most in a dogfight is finding and chasing the bad guy.

Both Arrowood and Morrison had said nonpilots often make the best Sky Warriors because they simply attack, blissfully ignorant of the details that concern everyday pilots.

Time for role reversal. Now I was the grape and Newell was on the attack. As he neared, Arrowood urged me to pull tight in a hard bank. I did, and Newell followed. He was trying to get a shooting angle on me, but since our airplanes were identical, he had no aerodynamic advantage. If I could maintain the tightest turn possible without stalling and falling out

Clockwise from top left: Arrowood's briefing preps author and adversary. Laser detectors score hits. Wing-mounted laser cannon makes them. Mark 8 gunsight shows when to shoot.

of the circle, he could only trail—he'd never get a shooting angle.

And so round and round and round we went. We became locked in a high-g pas de deux with me straining to peer over my shoulder at my attacker, the wings trembling as we neared high-speed stall again and again, and with Arrowood howling with laughter. "Keep pulling. Watch out! Don't stall! Ha! He'll never get us. Yeehaw!"

Finally, thankfully, he announced, "Fight's off. Break it off."

By then I was charged. The absolute king of the hill and ready for anything. Or so I thought.

Next on the agenda was a merge attack followed by a vertical turn back into the opponent. Tally ho, let's

go. Hubba hubba.

It was somewhere after the 4-g pull-up, but before we actually acquired the bad guy that it happened. My head quite suddenly became much lighter, vision narrowed and the clouds turned to mud. I knew about gray-outs, but this was my first real encounter, and it came as a complete surprise. I had failed to tighten my gut and thus slow the sudden retreat of blood from my upper extremities. I was a goner, merely along for the ride. Arrowood completed the maneuver, and then leveled out. He knew. I tried to redeem myself with some rolls left and right, but they were half-hearted and sloppy-the game was up. I was drenched with sweat, and about a half-minute be-

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Beautifully restored T-34As look as spry as the day they were built.



#### FORD CROWN VICTORIA

You can't deny the quiet authority of its streamlined shape. Or the subtle drama of its V-8 performance. And there's no mistaking the understated elegance of its interior. But the quiet environment inside a running 1993 Ford Crown Victoria remains unmatched. A silence of the 24 karat variety.

Quality engineering and a bit of untraditional thinking have created a vehicle that marries contemporary style and refined handling with the customary full-size requirements of room and comfort. And the Crown Victoria adds safety features like a standard driver and available right-front passenger air bag supplemental restraint system.



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ELECTRONICS

Consumer electronics gear for the home, for the road and for the office takes an entertaining new direction.

 Every Consumer Electronics Show has its share of new, nifty devices, but this year's event in Las Vegas is especially memorable for its vision of the future.

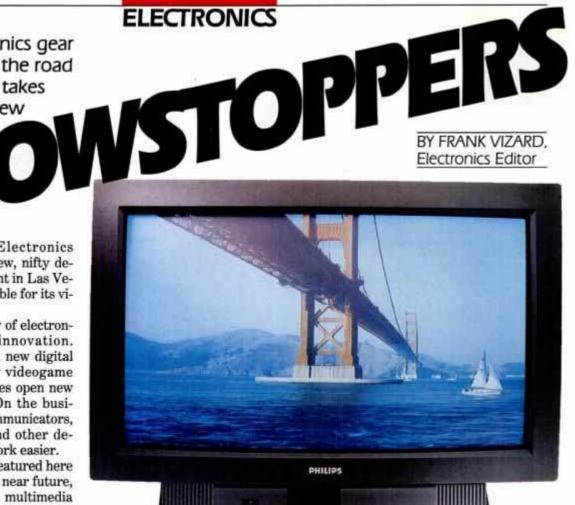
Nearly every category of electronics offers some new innovation. Wide-screen televisions, new digital audio formats and new videogame cartridges and accessories open new entertainment vistas. On the business front, personal communicators, high-tech telephones and other devices promise to make work easier.

Most of the products featured here are available now. In the near future, look for a high-powered multimedia system called 3DO, a personal digital assistant called Zoomer (see Electronics, page 132, Apr. '93) and a home satellite TV system that uses a receiving dish only 18 in. in diameter. Here's a look at some of the electronic gear that will soon affect our lives.



Personal Singer

Karaoke is the Japanese term for one of their favorite pastimes-singing along to recorded music. Karaoke, which is becoming increasingly popular in the U.S., gets small and portable thanks to Nikkodo, a longtime manufacturer of karaoke singing machines. The Karaoke Ninja is smaller than a VHS videotape. The machine plugs into a stereo receiver or TV, using the built-in amplifiers in these devices to amplify your voice. The Ninja (\$199) has two microphone inputs, an 11-step key controller and an echo processor.



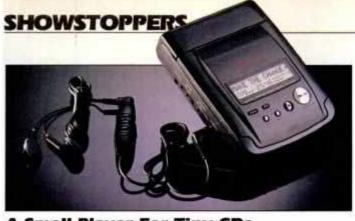
#### Wide-Screen Television

TVs with a wide 16:9 aspect ratio are due in stores this year from Philips, Panasonic, JVC and others. The 34-in. Philips model pictured here is expected midyear and carries a list price of \$5995. It displays standard TV signals and letterbox movies, can be used as a computer display and can be upgraded to comply with future high-definition TV standards. Panasonic is offering a 50-in. wide-screen rear-projection TV for a list price of \$5500. JVC is debuting a 55-in. version for \$4495. Obviously, these new TVs are intended for well-heeled couch potatoes.



#### CD Sound On Tape—To Go

The Digital Compact Cassette (DCC) offers CDquality sound on tape but unlike with CDs, you can record your own material. One of the first DCC portables will be available this August from Panasonic. A scrolling LCD screen lets you see information relating to the music-track title, for example. DCC players are also able to play existing analog tapes so your cassette library isn't obsolete. The RQ-DP7 can play for up to 2 hours with power supplied by a built-in rechargeable battery.



A Small Player For Tiny CDs

This little portable music machine plays the new 2.5-in. MiniDiscs invented by Sony. MiniDiscs hold 74 minutes of music and you can record your own music on them. This Sanyo MDX-P1 portable [\$600], however, is a play-only model. This MiniDisc player is aimed at joggers and other activists with its small size and light weight (0.8 ounces). An LCD screen displays textual information so you can check track titles and other information. There's also an antishock mechanism inside the player so the MiniDisc won't mistrack while your body is in motion.

#### Satellite Television

DirecTV is a new satellite TV system, which begins operation in March '94. The service, based in Los Angeles, offers 150 channels. The receiving system, listing for \$700, comprises an 18-in. receiving dish and a tabletop tuner. Video signal quality is said to be near that of a laserdisc, while the sound reportedly rivals CDs. Hughes Communications and RCA are backing the project. A "smart card" inserted into the player lets you see an unscrambled picture.



If your checkbook is perpetually out of kilter, then try Panasonic's CPA (Check Printing Accountant). This device holds 25 checks upon which the amount and the payee can be printed. The CPA also keeps track of balances for two accounts. The internal memory stores the names of regular payees, credit card numbers, telephone numbers and other financial data. An optional interface lets the machine communicate with a computer. List price is \$350.

A Jukebox For Compact Discs

Don't know where to put your compact discs? Stick them all

inside Fisher's Studio 24 CD player. This \$500 machine holds up to 24 CDs and will categorize them for easy playback.

You can categorize CDs by musical genre, mood, owner, oc-

casion or disc name. One selection of songs might be called

morning mood music, for example, while another could

overridden with a keypad.

be for party tunes. Preset category names can be



#### Personal Communicator

You use a pen to write on this portable computer. The purpose of the EO communicator, though, is to keep mobile people in touch with one another. These devices, weighing less than 4 pounds, can handle electronic mail, send faxes, interface with cellular phones and perform computing chores. The EO machines [\$2000 to \$3300] use AT&T's new Hobbit microprocessor, noted for its high performance and low power consumption. AT&T also will market the machines.



#### Become A Videogame Character

Sega blurs the distinction between real-life and videogame play with a new product called The Activator. Step Inside The Activator ring and onscreen characters will mimic your kicks, chops and Jumps. Eight interlocking modules use infrared beams to create 16 motion-sensitive areas that respond to foot and hand movements. Available in September for about \$80, The Activator will come with a 2-gamesin-1 cartridge. One game is for fighting, the other is for dancing.



Fortunately, every day comes with an evening.



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#### Telephones With Screens

use a keypad to make your choices.

The telephone of the near future will look something like this model built by Northern Telecom. The phone has a screen that is able to display textual information. This phone will help support a variety of home information services, including home banking and home shopping. You would, for instance, call the pizza shop and then scroll through a menu of possible choices: large pie, small pie, plain or with an extra topping. You



Virtual Pilot from CH Products in Vista, California, is an airplane yoke that plugs into IBM-compatible computers. Abe Dane, PM's staff pilot, took off using Microsoft's Flight Simulator program. "The yoke has a realistic amount of travel and the tension from the return springs is not blatantly unrealistic," notes Dane. "Using it in concert with the pitch trim knob and throttle gives you some very worthwhile practice in many aspects of flight." List price is \$110.



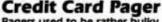
#### Call The Child Home Without Yelling

Word Watch is a paging system for children. The child wears the pager like a wristwatch. At home the base station transmits one of four simple messages, including, "Come home now." The base station can be programmed to signal a child at a predetermined time. The system, made by KBA Inc., has a range of 1.5 miles. List price is \$80 for the base station and \$40 for each pager.



Want to travel the world playing in big-money chess tournaments like Bobby Fischer? Practice your skills with the

Kasparov RISC 2500 chess computer from Saltek Industries of Torrance, California. This \$700 antagonist features a 32-bit RISC (Reduced Instruction Set Computer) processor. RISC technology allows the machine to do very specific calculations very quickly, something every chess player wishes he could do.



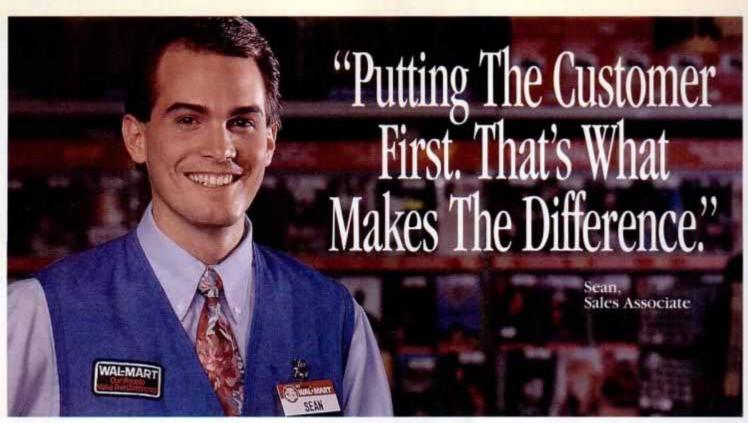
Pagers used to be rather bulky items that would clip onto belts or be stored in pockets. Not so any more. Motorola has shrunk down the pager to the size of a credit card. The Confidant (\$300), while small, Isn't short of features. Eight messages can be stored in memory, important numbers can be "locked in" for safekeeping, and it works as a clock. In the "silent" mode, a musical alert lets the user know a message is being received.



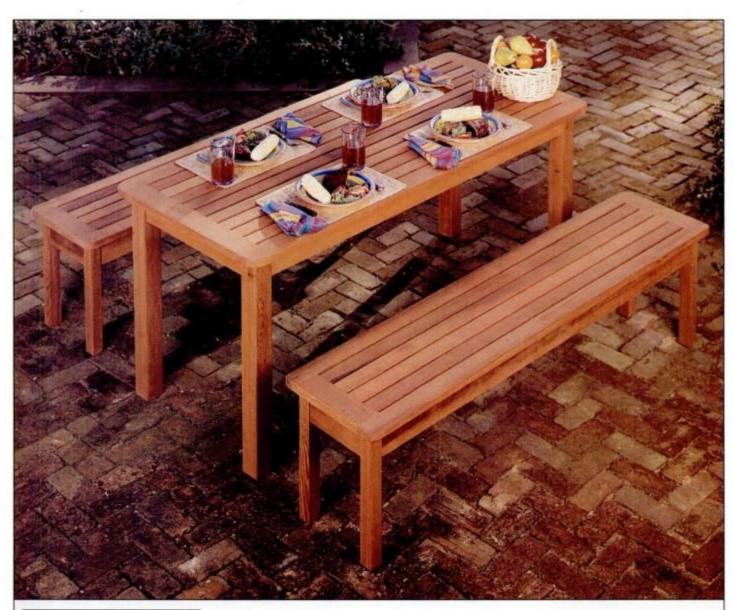
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#### Super Chip To The Rescue

Nintendo's Star Fox game cartridge is the first of a new breed of souped-up games for Super Nintendo. The Star Fox cartridge employs a proprietary Super FX chip that adds to the system's capabilities. The scaling and rotating of objects is better. Graphic transitions are smoother. The texture mapping of images onto objects and the light source shading effects add to the adventure. The Super FX chip also lets players manipulate objects with greater speed. List price for Star Fox is \$60. Three other Super FX games are expected this year.







#### **SHOP PROJECT**

### THE GREAT OUTDOORS

A classic redwood table and bench set.

#### BY NEAL BARRETT

 One of life's simple pleasures is to dine outdoors on a beautiful warm day, and whether your tastes run to hot dogs on the grill or chilled strawberry soup, it is always nice to have a pleasant place to sit and enjoy your repast. To that end, we offer this redwood table and bench set.

The set is very functional and ex-

tremely attractive, while not being that difficult to build. It's a good project for moderately experienced woodworkers. Its construction is straightforward and requires mostly mortiseand-tenon joints. Because the project requires so many joints and slats, however, it does require that you prepare your stock uniformly and accurately.

The table is large enough to seat six to eight adults, and the benches can be used either in combination with the table, or as casual seating on their own.

Color photo: J. R. Rost

Black-and-white photos: Neal Barrett Technical artist: Eugene Thompson Photo stylist: Gabe Herrick

#### Materials

We chose heart redwood as the material for this furniture because of its natural resistance to rot and insect damage (other grades of redwood are not rot and insect resistant). Although redwood is generally available from lumberyards around the country, should you have trouble locating suitable stock, there are suppliers that will ship nationwide. One such supplier is M.L. Condon Co. Inc., 250 Ferris Ave., White Plains, NY 10603.

We used 5/4 stock for the table and bench tops, aprons and center rails, and 8/4 stock for the table and bench legs. If you can get rough 8/4 stock, cut the bench legs from a single piece —however, if you can only buy surfaced lumber (normally 1½ in. thick), you will have to glue up the leg stock

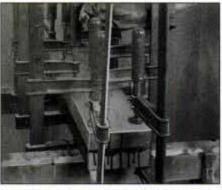
from two pieces.

Throughout the construction of these pieces, use glue that has a waterproof rating. We used West System Epoxy for gluing up the leg stock and Titebond II, a new waterproof glue by Franklin, for the remainder of the joint assembly. Titebond II is suitable for any application that will not be left submersed in water. This adhesive offers good weather resistance in combination with low toxicity and a relatively fast setup. The epoxy seemed a better choice for the legs because the table and bench legs may often be standing in water long after the rest of the pieces have dried off.

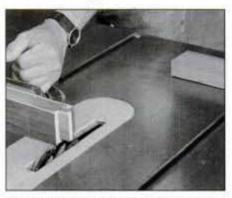
#### Legs And Aprons

Begin by gluing up stock for the table legs and bench legs. You can save time by gluing up blanks that are wide enough to provide two legs each. Mix the resin and hardener for the leg blanks in the proportions suggested by the manufacturer, then spread liberally on both mating surfaces. Clamp the pieces together, then let set overnight (Photo 1). Be sure to wear gloves when working with the epoxy, as the hardener can be irritating to your skin. Also, ensure good ventilation when using epoxy, and place some old newspapers under where you are gluing up the legs.

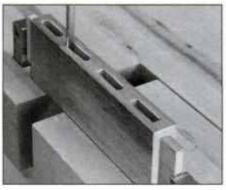
Since the table and benches have many similar parts, cut out all the parts at one time. First rip and crosscut the leg stock for both table and benches. Next, rip and crosscut all the slats for the table and bench tops. Then rip and crosscut the pieces for the top frames. Finally, rip and cross-



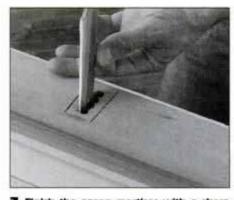
1 Unless you can get very thick redwood stock, use epoxy and clamp up the leg blanks from two pieces.



**3** Tip the workplece on edge, butt it to the stopblock and move the plece over the dado head to finish the tenon.



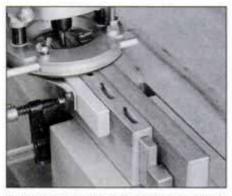
**5** Finish each mortise by chopping its ends square with a chisel. Be sure to clear out waste chips before assembly.



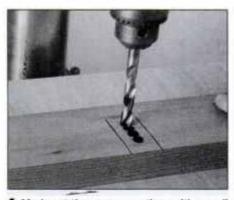
7 Finish the apron mortises with a sharp chisel. Pare down to flatten the mortise sides and square the mortise ends.



2 Clamp a stopblock to the saw table. Butt each workpiece that will have a tenon to the block and cut the tenon.



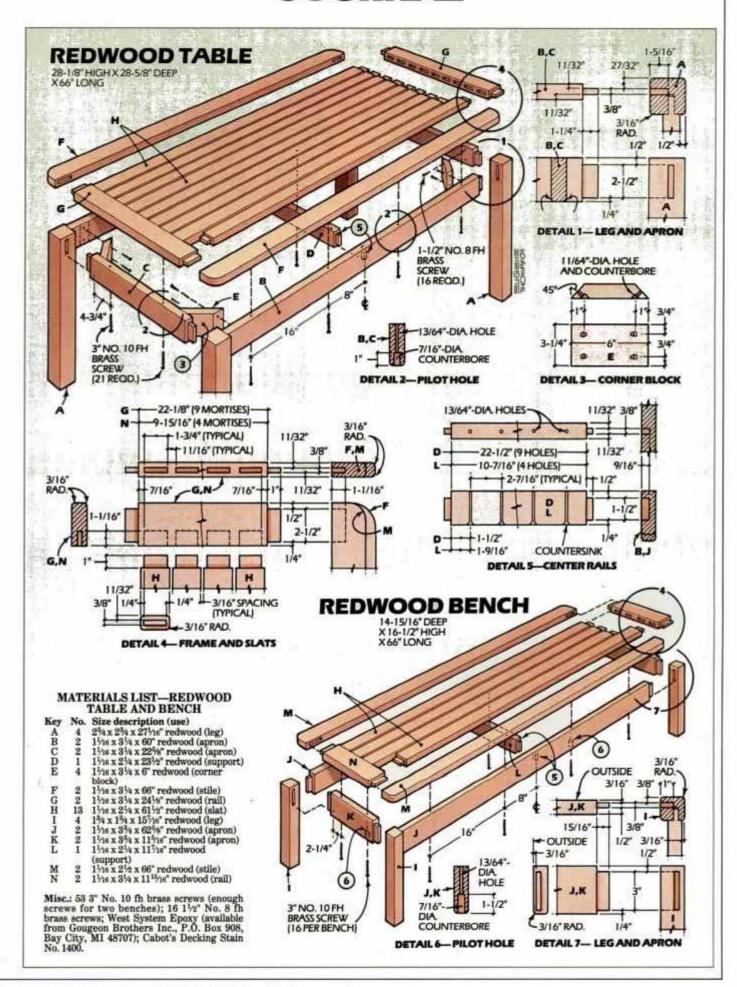
4 Clamp a rail to the bench top with a scrap block next to it, and cut the mortises in the rail with a router.



6 Mark out the apron mortises with pencil lines, and remove the bulk of the mortise by boring on the drill press.



8 Bore the pilot holes through the width of the aprons using a long bit chucked into the drill press.



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cut the aprons and crossrails. To keep from confusing the groups of workpieces, identify them with a masking-tape label or write on them with a piece of white chalk.

Install dado blades in the table saw to cut the tenons on aprons, slats, top end rails and cross support rails. Study the plans carefully, noting how the tenons differ on the various parts. Even though all tenons in this project are 3/8 in. wide, the length, shoulders and offsets change from piece to piece. Cut all like parts with a single setup on the table saw, using a stopblock clamped to the saw table for repeat cuts (Photos 2 and 3).

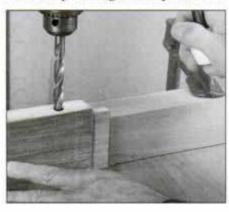
Readjust the saw and block as necessary for each different part. As usual, since the dado blades leave small ridges on the surface of the cuts, it is good practice to cut the tenons just a bit oversize and pare them to fit with a sharp chisel.

Next, lay out the mortises, bench legs and top frame pieces. Since there are quite a few mortises required, the most expedient method of cutting these joints is to use a plunge router with a straight bit and edge guide.

Use a scrap block to test the router setup for each different joint, then clamp the workpiece between bench dogs to cut the mortises. When working on the narrow top frame members, clamp a scrap block to the side of the workpiece to help support the router base (Photo 4). Complete each mortise by squaring the ends with a sharp chisel (Photo 5).

Lay out the mortises in the aprons to house the center support rails. Use the drill press to remove waste from these mortises and finish them with a chisel (Photos 6 and 7).

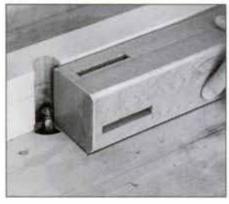
The table and bench tops are fastened to the base by driving long screws up through the aprons into



9 Counterbore the apron pilot holes. The counterbored hole will hide the screwheads from view.

the tops. Use the drill press and a long <sup>13</sup>/<sub>64</sub>-in.-dia. bit to bore the pilot holes through the aprons. Then counterbore the holes from the bottom with a <sup>7</sup>/<sub>16</sub>-in.-dia. bit (Photos 8 and 9).

Note in the plans that all exposed edges are rounded to a \$\frac{3}{16}\$-in. radius. Use the router table and rounding-over bit to cut this radius on all legs, slats and apron bottom edges (Photo 10). The inside edges of the long sides of the table and bench top frames can also be rounded over, although you must stop just short of the joint with the end rails.



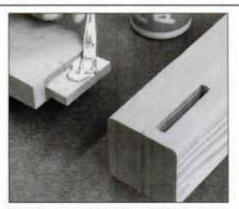
**10** Cut a radius on the leg, slat and lower apron corners using a rounding-over bit in the router table.



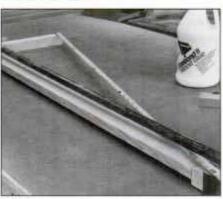
Start assembling the base for both the table and the bench by joining a long apron to a pair of legs. Apply glue to the tenons and mortises with a small brush, then use a long clamp to pull the joints tight (Photos 11 and 12). Use scrap blocks between the clamp jaws and the work because redwood is a soft material and can be easily dented or scratched. Compare opposite diagonal measurements of the leg-apron assembly to be sure that it is square before leaving the glue to set (Photo 13). If the diagonal measurements differ slightly, shift the clamps and remeasure.

Complete the bases by joining the short aprons and center support rails to the long side assemblies (Photo 14). Apply glue to the joints, slide the pieces together and clamp firmly. Be sure to assemble the bases on a flat, even surface, checking that all legs sit firmly and that the base does not rock. Readjust the clamps if required to eliminate any twist in the base. Check the assembly for square as before, then let the glue set.

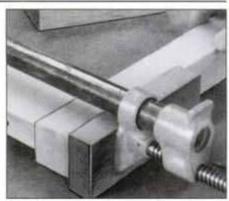
Rip, crosscut and miter the table's corner blocks. Bore and counterbore pilot holes and screw the blocks to the aprons.



11 Use a small brush to apply glue to the apron tenons. Also apply a little glue to the mortise walls.



13 Compare diagonal measurements of each leg-apron assembly to check it for square. Adjust the clamps if necessary.



12 Redwood dents easily. Protect worksurfaces during assembly by positioning a scrap block under the clamp jaws.



14 Glue and clamp together the legapron assemblies spanned by the short aprons and center support rails.

Top Assembly

Begin assembling the tops by joining the slats to the end rails. In order to glue and clamp the many pieces together before the glue sets up, you must have all the parts ready. Position the glue, scrap blocks and clamps within easy reach of each other. Begin by applying glue to the mortises in the end rails and the slat tenons. Slide the parts together. If the joints have been cut accurately, the proper spacing between slats will be automatic.

Place a scrap block across the ends of the rails to distribute the clamping pressure then pull the joints tight with long clamps (Photo 15). After the glue has set, apply glue to the end rail tenons and the mortises on the long side, and complete the top assembly (Photo 16). Glue will squeeze out of the joints, but don't wipe it off. Wait until the glue gets rubbery, then cut it off with a chisel.

Trace the radius on the corners of the tops and use a sabre saw to make the cuts (Photo 17). Remove saw marks with a file or a belt sander. Next, use the 3/16-in.-rad. rounding-over bit in the router to shape the curved top and bottom edges of each top (Photo 18).

Finishing

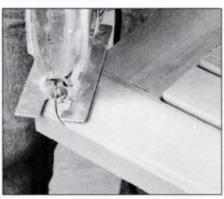
Since it is likely that these pieces will be exposed to wet grass or a wet patio or deck surface, it's a good idea to seal the bottom ends of the table and bench legs. If left unsealed, these end-grain surfaces will readily absorb water, with stains, mildew and rot all as possible consequences. To seal the legs, we painted on two coats of West System Epoxy, letting the first coat harden completely before applying the second (Photo 19). The epoxy actually absorbs into the end grain of the wood, effectively sealing the surface from moisture penetration.



19 To prevent water penetration and the resultant staining, apply two coats of epoxy on the bottom of each leg.



**15** Place a long scrap block against the top frame rall while gluing and clamping the slats to the rails.



17 Cut the radius on each top corner using a sabre saw, staying just to the waste side of the line.

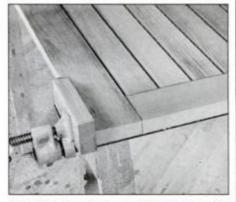
Sand the tops and bases with 120and 150-grit paper, then dust off thoroughly.

Although heart redwood is naturally resistant to rot, if it is left untreated, the wood weathers and changes color. In addition, the glue in the joints—as well as the epoxy—degrades with exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays. To protect the pieces, yet preserve their natural appearance, we applied a penetrating finish, Cabot's Decking Stain No. 1400 Clear (Photo 20).

Complete assembly of the pieces by joining the tops to the bases. In-



20 Protect the table and benches by applying a penetrating finish stain. We used Cabot Decking Stain No. 1400 Clear.



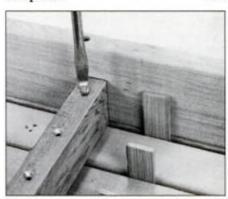
16 Glue and clamp the stiles to the rails to complete the top assembly. Again, use a block under the clamp jaws.



18 Use a rounding-over bit in the router to put a curved edge along the top and bottom edges of each top.

vert a top on a padded surface and place the appropriate base over it. Adjust the base for equal overhang on all sides and attach the top by driving screws through the apron holes into the top frame.

Next, cut <sup>3</sup>/<sub>16</sub>-in.-thick spacers from scrap stock and place them between the slats—near the center of their span—to maintain proper spacing. Bore pilot holes and screw through the center support rail into each slat, again using 3-in. No. 10 fh screws (Photo 21). Remove the spacer blocks and the pieces are now complete.



21 Insert small thin blocks between the slats, and drive screws through the rails and into the slats.

## HOW IT WORKS SPRAY GUN

BY THOMAS KLENCK, Associate Home Improvement Editor PM Illustrations by George Retseck

• There's no question that the ordinary paintbrush is one of the most simple and reliable tools on hand. However, the next time you dip your brush into paint to brighten up those wicker chairs, put a fresh coat on your backyard fence or refinish the dining room set, you may want to opt for the tool many pros would pick—a spray gun.

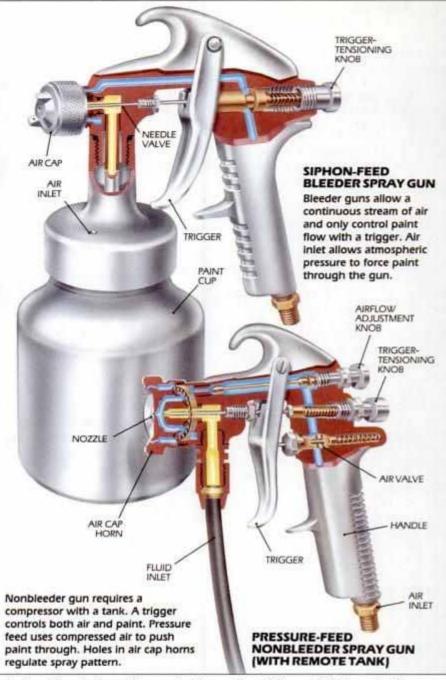
Spray guns have two advantages over brush painting. First of all, spray painting is significantly faster. If you have a lot of work and your time is valuable, this makes spray painting the more efficient choice. Secondly, spray guns can be more effective at producing a quality, uniform coating with very little effort. Spray guns don't guarantee flawless finishes. But, with a little practice, you'll probably find the results superior to ordinary brush finishes.

For this increased efficiency and effectiveness, however, you'll sacrifice economy. Although it varies from one type to another, spray guns are notoriously wasteful. Where a paintbrush distributes nearly all of the paint it holds on a surface, spray guns distribute the paint in the air and only some of it reaches your work. The rest, called overspray, is lost-as much as 75% of the finish never lands on your work. In addition to wasted paint, complete spray outfits compare in price to other typical workshop power tools. While you can pick up scaled-down systems for less than \$200, a larger setup with compressor, gun and accessories constitutes a serious investment.

Spray systems are designed to do two things: atomize paint and get it moving toward the work. To move the paint through the gun, a force is applied to it—either through compressed air in air-driven systems or a pump in airless spray guns. The size of the paint particles and their velocity have an effect on the quality of the finish and on how much paint reaches the surface.

Air-driven spraying

In a sense, the actual paint applicator in spray painting isn't the gun at all,

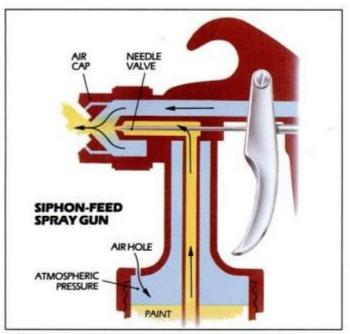


but air-the air is analogous to the bristles of a paintbrush. The gun's job is to disperse the paint into the air so the air can carry it to the work. While there are a few different types of air-driven guns, they all have some common features-in fact, some guns are convertible from one type to another. In air-driven guns, the paint moves up through a tube where it reaches a needle valve. The needle valve starts or stops the paint flow and is controlled by the trigger. A regulator at the opposite end of the needle valve adjusts trigger tension and is generally set to open the valve completely when the trigger is pulled. After the needle valve, the paint enters a stream of compressed

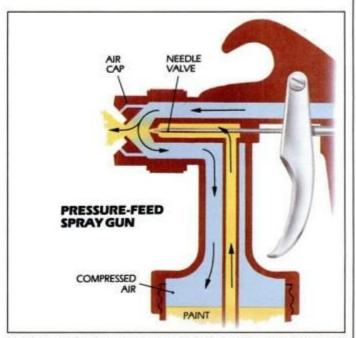
air and is carried through the spray tip where it's atomized. Changing the size of the spray tip or the viscosity of the material controls the rate of dispersal. There are two types of airdriven guns: siphon feed and pressure feed.

In a siphon-feed gun, the paint is drawn up to the needle valve through suction. As compressed air flows past the needle valve orifice and out the spray tip, it creates a partial vacuum in the paint tube. A small hole in the top of the paint container allows atmospheric pressure to push the paint up to the needle valve. Pressure-feed guns, on the other hand, use the direct force of compressed air to push the paint up into the needle valve.

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Siphon-feed, air-driven gun uses atmospheric pressure to push paint up from container. Siphon guns handle extra-fine finishes.



In pressure-feed gun, compressed air pushes paint through needle valve. Paint container may be remote or attached to gun.

Once past the valve, the compressed air atomizes the paint.

Choosing one system over the other depends on your needs. Pressurefeed guns may have self-contained paint cups, or may draw paint from a remote pressure tank. Siphon-feed guns, because of the weaker suction force, always have attached paint cups. Siphon-feed guns are best for extra-fine work, while pressure-feed guns handle thicker materials and move paint faster and farther.

Spray guns are also designated as bleeder or nonbleeder types. In a bleeder gun, the compressed air is continually moving through the gun only the paint flow can be turned on and off. This is the type of gun to use with a compressor that doesn't have a tank and is continuously running. Compressors with tanks store the compressed air at a pressure set by a regulator. Because you're accessing a steady supply of air from a tank, you can use a nonbleeder gun where the trigger controls both the air and paint flow.

Both siphon- and pressure-feed models use air compressors that generate a relatively low volume of air at high presization necessary for quality finishes and also generates a high degree of overspray. One solution to the overspray problem is HVLP (high volume, low pressure) spray painting. These air-driven guns function much like typical guns but are driven by a turbine instead of a compressor.

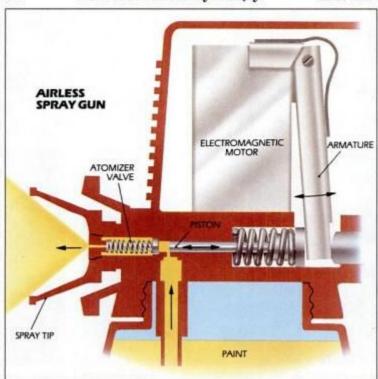
HVLP systems reduce overspray to about 20%, with only a slight loss of finish quality. In addition to simply saving paint, HVLP systems are more environmentally friendly.

Airless sprayers

If you're looking for minimal overspray and want the job done fast, an airless gun may be your solution. Here, the paint is pumped through a very small orifice at high pressure to create atomization. Because only paint leaves the tip instead of a cloud of paint and air, there's less diffusion. Airless paint sprayers can deposit up to 60% of the paint on the surface. In addition, the larger, heavier paint particles move forward with more force

> to increase the speed of application as well. The downside is that it also reduces finish quality. Airless sprayers are generally confined to less demanding applications, but are ideal for handling fences, garden furniture and buildings.

> Inside a typical airless gun is an electromagnetic motor that drives a piston forward and backward at a rapid rate. With each return stroke, paint is drawn up into a small chamber. On the forward stroke, it's pushed out to the spray tip. An atomizer valve keeps the fluid at the tip from being drawn back into the chamber on the next return stroke. The spray quality is controlled by the size of the spray tip orifice and finish pressure.



sure. The high pressure Airless gun combines motor, pump and paint container. Motor drives produces the fine atom- piston, pumping fluid up to paint chamber. Orifice at tip atomizes paint.

#### HOME IMPROVEMENT

## POST-HOLE FOOTINGS

TEXT AND PHOTOS BY MERLE HENKENIUS

• Whether you're constructing a deck, adding a porch or building a gazebo, the job begins with footings that penetrate your climate's frost line. In many cases, a simple posthole footing is ideal. This type of footing is quick, easy and relatively inexpensive. If you plan an enclosed addition, of course, you'll want a continuous footing that surrounds a crawlspace beneath the floor. However, anything short of a major structural addition will rest firmly on simple posts and spot footings.

#### Check your building codes

Before you begin digging, visit your local building codes office to find out what the requirements are for your area. Local codes may vary, but generally, spot footings will need to be 8 in. in diameter and at least 36 in. deep. Don't be tempted to get by with shallower holes. If you don't dig below the frost line, you run the risk of seasonal shifting and structural damage.

Warmer climates will often allow shallower footings, and some codes may stipulate a square hole. Some areas require a galvanized bracket to secure the post to the footing, and others require an anchor bolt. Most codes will specify the spacing of the footings, as well. Regardless of your area's requirements, it's always bet-



1 A scissors-type post-hole digger works well in digging deep narrow holes and squaring the hole bottoms.



A concrete footing set below the frost line provides a stable base for deck and porch construction. Premixed concrete is the easiest solution for small jobs.

ter to have accurate information on hand before you begin.

#### **Tools and materials**

Pouring a post-hole footing requires very little in the way of tools and materials. At the start, you'll need a post-hole digger—either the scissors type that we show or an auger type. You'll also need a tape measure, level, shovel, galvanized post brackets and concrete.



2 Use a tape measure to check that the hole extends below the frost line. Codes vary, but a 36-in.-deep hole is common.

Use a mortar box or wheelbarrow to mix the concrete. If you plan to pour a series of footings in a row, stretch a string between two stakes placed beyond the first and last posthole locations. With this in place, the holes can be aligned and each bracket can be positioned accurately.

If you plan to pour only a few footings, it's easiest to buy bags of premixed concrete—you simply add the water. Each 60-pound bag will make



3 Mix premixed concrete in a wheelbarrow and shovel it into the hole. Two bags should handle one 36-in. hole.



4 A post bracket has tabs that penetrate the concrete. Press brackets in place so the tabs are fully embedded in surface.

1 cu. ft. of concrete. An 8-in.-dia. × 36in.-deep footing will take about two bags.

Digging and pouring

After laying out and marking the footing locations, rough out each hole with the post-hole digger (Photo 1). There's nothing complicated about digging a hole, but make sure it doesn't taper. Make the bottom of the hole the same diameter as the top and keep the sides consistent. When you've reached the required depth (Photo 2), trim the bottom of the hole flat, and then clean out all loose dirt.

With the holes ready, mix the premixed concrete one or two bags at a time. As a drier mix is always



5 Use a tape measure or taut string to determine the exact bracket position. Then, level the bracket in both directions.

stronger than a wet mix, add only enough water to make the concrete workable. Then, shovel it into each hole until it reaches the grade level (Photo 3). Finally, float the tops of each footing so that the concrete is level and relatively smooth.

Keep in mind that this isn't a finished surface and you needn't spend a lot of time with a trowel. If you don't have a trowel, a small piece of lumber will do the job as well.

#### Setting brackets and posts

Setting a bracket in wet concrete is easy enough, as long as you position it exactly where you need it. Again, a taut string helps in positioning a row of brackets. Lacking the string, you



6 When fastening support posts to the footing bracket, use approved bracket nails for maximum joint strength.

can simply measure from a common point such as a foundation wall. With the brackets settled into the concrete, use a level in both directions to level the units (Photos 4 and 5).

After the concrete has set for several days, you can begin building on your footings. The mix will not reach full strength for several weeks, however, so avoid side stress on the brackets while building. When nailing lumber to a bracket, remember to use approved bracket nails (Photo 6). These nails are short and thick and designed for optimum shear strength. While a standard galvanized nail may seem an acceptable substitute, many building code authorities won't agree.

#### **BOOK REVIEW**

#### THE COMPLETE BOOK OF HOME INSPECTION

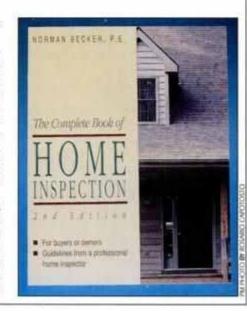
• How do you buy a house? You determine what you want, where you want it and how much you can pay. Then, you call the real-estate agent and, with any luck, you're shown the home of your dreams. However, before you sign on the dotted line, keep this in mind: You may be making the biggest investment in your life with less information than you'd have when buying a car, computer, dishwasher or any other consumer product. The solution is to get informed, and one of the best places to start is The Complete Book Of Home Inspection by Norman Becker.

Regular PM readers are already familiar with Becker's expertise as he diagnoses and demystifies household structural and mechanical problems each month in his Homeowners Clinic column.

In this book, Becker offers information that a home inspector uses to evaluate the condition of a house. The 269-page book is divided into sections concerning exterior and interior inspection and electromechanicals, and concludes with discussions on energy and environmental concerns. As well as guiding you through your own inspection, Becker explains how to hire a pro to do the job.

This updated edition is a great technical source—not only for home buyers, but for those who simply wish to understand their own home. It's published by Tab Books, Blue Ridge Summit, PA 17294, and retails for \$12.95.

—Tom Klenck



#### TOOL TEST

#### SKIL RANDOM-ORBIT SANDER

TEXT AND PHOTOS BY ROSARIO CAPOTOSTO, Contributing Editor

 If you're in the market for one of the new random-orbit sanders, you'll be interested in Skil's latest entry.
 We recently tried out the 5-in. model No. 7484 and found it to be a reliable and effective finishing tool at a reasonable price.

The sander is solidly built and features a powerful 6-amp motor that delivers a 10,000-rpm, no-load pad speed. It has a sliding ON/OFF switch that's spring loaded to quickly turn off the tool. When pushed forward, the switch locks on—a light tap

instantly pops it off.

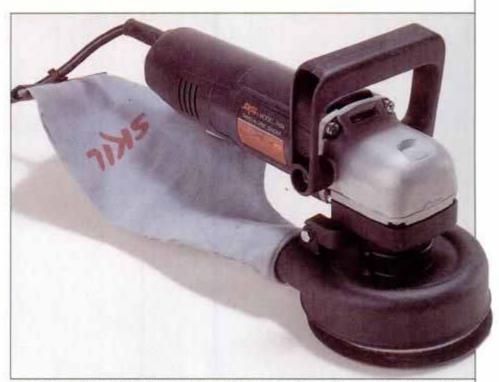
The sander's pad accepts pressure-sensitive adhesive sanding discs, but a hook-and-loop (Velcrostyle) pad is available. While both systems sand with equal effectiveness, we prefer the hook-and-loop type because the discs are reusable.

Dust collection is handled by a through-the-pad suction system. The dustbag is sensibly located under the housing, where it's out of the way when working in tight spaces. The sander weighs a relatively hefty 5 pounds, but the bail-type handle along with the motor-housing grip

provide good control.

We tested the sander in a variety of situations including crossgrain sanding, sanding between varnish coats, heavy stock removal and sanding in close quarters. We found that both light and aggressive sanding left smooth, swirl-free surfaces, and the tool performed well in all tests. We were especially impressed that the rpm couldn't be appreciably reduced under heavy load and that aggressive sanding with 60-grit discs produced a remarkably smooth finish.

Although Skil advises starting the tool before contacting the pad with the work, we found that this caused gouging. However, no gouging occurred when the tool was started while the pad was resting on the worksurface.



The Skil model No. 7484 5-in. random-orbit sander features a 6-amp motor and 10,000-rpm disc speed. It combines swirl-free sanding with rapid stock removal.

The Skil random-orbit sander is a substantial tool that fares well with the competition. The suggested list price is \$153, although you'll find the tool sold for less at hardware stores,

home centers and through mail-order catalogs. The hook-and-loop sanding pad accessory sells for about \$23. Write to Skil Corp., 4300 W. Peterson Ave., Chicago, IL 60646.



Sander comes with pressure-sensitive pad, but hook-and-loop pad is available. Disc holes are for dust collection.



Skil sander produces swirl-free surfaces and is especially useful when sanding work that has different grain directions.



Unique sliding switch locks on when pushed forward. A light tap at the back of the switch turns off the tool.



Coarse-grit disc makes fast work of heavy stock removal. The model No. 7484 is well balanced and easy to handle.

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#### CONSUMER GUIDE

#### WATER TREATMENT BASICS

BY FRAN DONEGAN PM Illustrations by George Retseck

 You can always tell where water has been because it contains a little bit of whatever it has touched. The minerals, chemicals and bacteria water picks up from both nature and man give it its taste and color. Some of the things that find their way into our drinking water are beneficial to our health. Others are dangerous and can lead to serious illnesses.

Last year, Americans spent more than \$700 million on in-home filters and devices designed to rid water of impurities. Add to that more than \$2 billion spent on bottled water, and it's apparent that clean water is big business.

It isn't just people with private wells who are buying water treatment devices. A survey of water equipment dealers conducted by the Water Quality Association showed that about 65% of their customers were from urban and suburban areas-places usually served by munic-

ipal water systems.

Testing

So who needs in-home water treatment equipment? The only way to know is to find out what's in the water. About 85% of the population gets its water from a public water company that is regulated by the Environ-. mental Protection Agency. Currently, the EPA regulates the presence of more than 100 contaminants in water, including lead, arsenic, radon, viruses and bacteria. The agency has also identified a number of agents that are not health hazards, but do affect the taste, color, odor and general quality of water.

Usually, the larger the water supplier, the more likely that it is in compliance with EPA standards. Even so, there may be periods when the contaminant level rises until corrective action is taken. If you want to check your water, call your water company and ask for its latest water quality report and compare it with the EPA regulations. To get a copy of the regulations, call the Safe Drink-



A complete point-of-use water treatment system may include several filters. This example shows an initial sediment filter to screen large particles. The water then passes through a carbon filter followed by reverse osmosis. Clean water is held in the storage tank.

ing Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

A clean bill of health at the treatment plant, however, may not tell the whole story. Water can pick up contaminants as it travels from the utility, and can even become tainted while sitting in the pipes in your home. And, if you're one of the more than 40 million people who get water from private wells, it's your job alone to monitor and control water quality.

Here are some other reasons to

get your water tested:

 Private wells need to be checked at least once a year for traces of bacteria, nitrates and byproducts of fertilizers and sewage.

 Some people in your home may be unusually sensitive to contaminated water. These include the very young, the elderly, pregnant women and people with chronic health conditions.

Wells located near industrial facili-

ties, chemical processing plants, hazardous waste dumps and even farms can be contaminated.

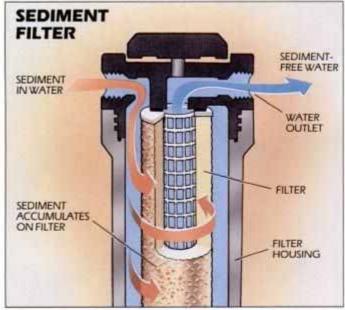
 You notice a change in the taste, color or odor of your water.

 Your home is serviced by lead supply lines or lead solder was used on your pipes.

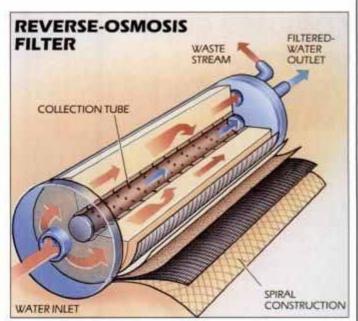
· Tests show your house contains high levels of radon in the air.

If you suspect the presence of lead, bacteria or nitrates, contact your local health department first. Sometimes it will test your water for these contaminants free or for a nominal charge. If the health department can't help, check your Yellow Pages for an independent, state-certified testing laboratory. Problems such as hard water or turbidity (particles and sediment) can be checked by a local water equipment dealer.

The dealer or lab should be famil-



Sediment filters are used to remove particles and partially dissolved solids. They're often used in conjunction with a larger system to remove particles before they reach other filters.



Reverse-osmosis filter uses a membrane to screen contaminants. A percentage of the water is cleaned and collected in a storage tank. Remainder flushes away impurities.

iar with local water conditions and be able to offer advice on what to test for. This is important because tests target specific problems and labs charge by the number of tests they perform. Expect to pay from \$20 for a single test to more than \$100 for a full range of tests.

The right treatment

There are two ways to treat water in your home: where the water enters your house, called a point-of-entry system, and at the tap used for cooking and drinking, called point of use. The trend in home water treatment is toward point-of-use systems. One reason is that of the 80 to 100 gallons of water each of us uses every day, only about 0.5% is actually used for cooking or drinking. Since maintenance on treatment equipment depends on the amount of water passing through the system, it makes sense to treat only the water that will be consumed. Problems that require whole-house solutions are odors, radon contamination or other impurities that can be inhaled or absorbed. The type of system you select depends on the contaminants in the water. Here are some of the most commonly used systems.

Sediment filters—If you're plagued by cloudy water, suspended particles or partially dissolved solids, you can often solve the problem with a simple filter that screens out these large impurities. Sediment filters are graded as to the size of particle allowed to pass through, and are often used as prefilters in a combined system.

Distillation—These units use a heating coil to turn water into vapor, leaving the impurities behind. The vapor is trapped in a condensing coil where it turns back into water and flows to a tap. Distillation units remove bacteria, radium and a number of organic and inorganic contaminants. Prices range from about \$100 to \$1000 for countertop models, to \$600 to \$1000 for under-the-sink units. Whole-house distillers can cost as much as \$4500.

Disinfecting units—These systems

are targeted at bacteria problems. In one type, an ultraviolet light kills the bacteria as it passes by the light. The transparent sleeve that holds the light must be kept clean, and particles in the water can actually shield the bacteria from the light. Other ways to disinfect water include chlorination and ozonation, which is a system for generating surplus oxygen in the water. Disinfecting units cost about \$500 to \$900.

Carbon filters—There are a variety of carbon filters designed to screen

#### Public Hazard No. 1

• Of all the things that can get into our water, lead is one of the most insidious and dangerous. Tiny amounts can lead to everything from learning disabilities to nervous system disorders in small children. The Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta says, "Lead poisoning is one of the most common and preventable pediatric health problems today." In adults, lead exposure increases blood pressure and can cause anemia and kidney damage.

The EPA estimates that lead in drinking water accounts for between 10 and 20% of the lead exposure cases in young children. Most of the lead found in drinking water is caused by lead leaching from pipes, as well as lead solder and plumbing fixtures found in the home.

Researchers are continually finding out just how dangerous lead can be. As of March '91, the Centers for Disease Control revised its lead-level guidelines. Now, a level of 15 or more micrograms per deciliter should receive repeat screening, and if the levels persist, the cause of the lead exposure should be removed.

The EPA is also lowering the acceptable amount of lead in public systems from 50 parts per billion to 15 parts per billion. As of July '93, all water companies will be required to test a number of homes in their areas. Suppliers must also begin to replace all of their lead service lines. There are an estimated 8000 water companies with lead lines, mostly located in the Northeast and Midwest.

If testing shows high lead levels, the suppliers must begin an anticorrosion program to stop lead leaching. The EPA expects about 40,000 of the 79,000 registered water companies to register higher than allowable levels and begin programs.

Of course, your water company Isn't responsible for lead picked up from your pipes and fixtures. To find out if you have a problem, have the water tested. In the meantime, use only cold water for cooking and drinking because heat speeds up the leaching process. And, flush water that has been standing in the pipes for several hours by letting the water run until cold before using.

—F.J.D.

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#### Finding The Right Treatment

PROBLEM Arsenic

Atrazine

Benzine

SOURCES

Pesticide residues Reverse osmosis (RO) and industrial wastes

Fuels and solvents used in industrial chemicals,

paints and plastics

esticides and herbicides

Lead Lead water pipes, solder used on copper pipes Nitrates Fertilizers, sewage

and landfills

Colliform bacteria Human and animal wastes Radon/Radium Radioactive wastes, geological formations

Iron or manganese Metallic taste

in water

Objectionable taste Various causes Turbidity

Partially dissolved solids, sediment

Hard water Soap residue Hydrogen sulfide Objectionable odor or too much chlorine

Metals in water Strange color

SOLUTIONS

Distillation, Activated alumina

Carbon and Solid-block filters

Carbon filters, RO, Distillation

RO, Distillation

Distillation, Disinfection RO, Distillation, Carbon filters

RO, Water softeners,

Distillation

Carbon filters, RO, Distillation

Sediment filters

Water softeners Carbon filters

Sediment filters, RO, Distillation

Chart indicates some of the hazardous contaminants found in water and common aesthetic complaints. Combined systems may be required for certain conditions.

out certain contaminants. For example, an activated carbon filter that mounts right on the faucet may be able to remove unpleasant odors and improve the taste of water, but it takes solid-block filters to remove heavy metals such as lead or mercury. Filters designed to reduce the level of fluoride may contain activated alumina. All filters need to be replaced periodically to prevent the growth of bacteria. Carbon filters start at less than \$20 for devices

that treat water in refrigerator icemakers. Large countertop models range from \$90 to \$200. Expect to pay \$75 to \$600 for under-the-sink units and up to \$1300 for wholehouse filters.

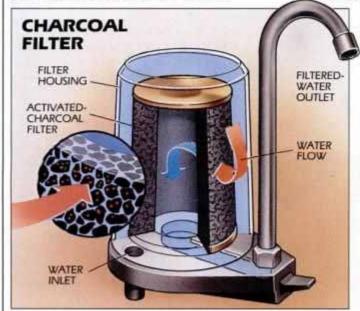
Reverse osmosis—These systems use pressure to force water through a semipermeable membrane. The membrane is very effective at screening out most of the contaminants found in water. Once the water

is clean, it goes to a 5-to-

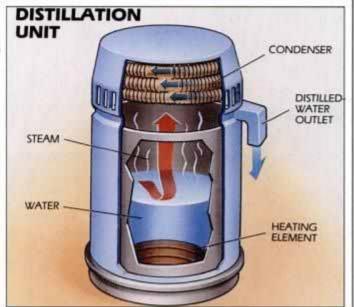
8-gallon holding tank where it's stored until it's needed. The main drawback of reverse-osmosis systems is that for every 5 gallons used, only one or two are potable-the rest flush the membrane and carry away the contaminants. Costs range from about \$150 to \$250 for countertop models to \$500 to \$1000 for underthe-sink units.

Water softeners-These units don't improve the quality of drinking water, but they do help solve another problem. About 85% of the country has hard water-water that contains large amounts of calcium and magnesium. These minerals leave a film on clothes, dishes and even skin, and they can create scale deposits inside pipes. Water softeners work by exchanging the ions in the minerals with sodium. Units cost between \$1000 and \$3000.

Don't be surprised if you need more than one technique to take care of your drinking water. In fact, it's common for all of the techniques to be accompanied by carbon filters. A few manufacturers offer systems for do-it-vourself installation that are sold at hardware stores and home centers. But whether you're hiring a professional installer or doing the job yourself, be sure to check what each system is designed to do before buying. To obtain a list of devices that meet water industry standards, contact the Water Quality Assn., 4151 Naperville Rd., Lisle, IL 60532; (708) 505-0160, or the National Sanitation Foundation, Box 130140, Ann Arbor, MI 48113; (313) 769-8010.



Carbon filters collect impurities through adsorption. They're used both in conjunction with other systems and alone on the countertop or mounted directly on the faucet.



Distillation purifies water by first converting it to vapor, leaving impurities behind. Then, vapor is condensed for use. Countertop (above) and large-capacity units are available.

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#### HOMEOWNERS CLINIC

BY NORMAN BECKER, P.E., Contributing Editor

Electrical Safety

Occasionally while inspecting homes for prospective buyers I find GFCI (ground fault circuit interrupter) outlets that are installed incorrectly, posing a risk to homeowners. A GFCI outlet is intended to provide ground fault protection to devices that plug into it. An added benefit of a GFCI is that it can extend that protection to outlets that follow it on the same circuit.

If it is wired incorrectly, however, the GFCI outlet itself will not have ground fault protection, but those

that follow it will.

Some background is useful in understanding GFCI protection. A ground fault occurs if electricity accidentally finds its way out of its circuit and takes a path to ground through a person or a piece of metal (or often both). The GFCI will sense this and shut off current in a frac-tion of a second. In most cases, a GFCI can halt the current flow before injury or damage occurs.

GFCI outlets are typically installed in bathrooms, kitchens and garages because the presence of water in these areas increases the pos-

sibility for electric shock.

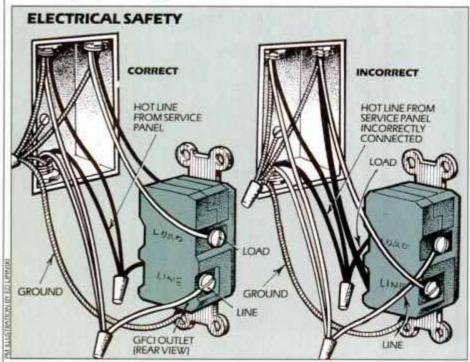
The way to find out if your GFCI

is wired correctly is to press the TEST button on its face. This should shut off power to the GFCI outlet and to those outlets connected to it.

If pressing the test button does not cause the GFCI to shut off (but those that follow it do shut off), then it may be wired incorrectly. The wiring may have been installed on the wrong side of the receptacle. The black (hot) wire from the service panel should enter the GFCI on the LINE side. The black wire that feeds power to outlets that follow on the same circuit should exit the GFCI on the LOAD side.

If pressing the TEST button shuts off power to the GFCI and the outlets that follow it on the circuit, then it has been wired correctly. In which case you must press the RE-SET button to close the circuit again and restore power to the outlet and those outlets on the same circuit.

The drawing shows two GFCI outlets. The outlet on the left is the correct installation. The outlet on the right shows the LINE and LOAD wiring mixed up. To correct the problem, you must cut the power to the circuit at the service panel and switch the wires, or contact a licensed electrician.



A GFCI outlet that does not trip when tested should be checked for faulty wiring. The hot black wire from the service panel should enter the outlet on the LINE side.

#### Latex Over Oil

Please advise me on the problem with a building that has two coats of oil-based paint and needs painting. I would like to change to a water-based paint. Would this idea be possible? I plan to perform the work myself.

> CHARLES LAWRENCE BELLE, WV

I spoke with some people at Benjamin Moore Paint's technical service department, and they said you can spread latex over oil-based paint. In fact, you can go back and forth between latex and oil. However, the wall surfaces must be prop-

erly prepared before painting. The surfaces must be clean and free of dirt and grease spots. The paint should not be excessively chalked. A good way to ensure that the surface is clean is to have the walls power washed. Also, the wash water usually contains additives to kill mildew.

It's not necessary to prime all painted surfaces. Spot prime those areas that have been scraped to remove peeling and blistered paint.

Next, you can apply one coat of a good quality house paint, although two coats are better. A good quality paint, applied correctly, should last six to seven years.

Siding Installation

I have a cottage that I would like to install siding on this summer. Can you supply me with any information regarding the installation of aluminum and vinyl siding?

> GORDON PEARCE MONTEBELLO, CA

There are two booklets available that will answer your questions. One booklet, published by the Vinyl Siding Institute, is titled Rigid Vinyl Siding Application Instructions. The institute is making a special offer of the manual available to PM readers for \$2 (it normally costs \$4). Write to the Vinyl Siding Institute, 355 Lexington Ave., Dept. PM, New York, NY 10017.

The other booklet is the Aluminum Installation Manual. It costs \$2 from Alcoa Building Products, P.O. Box 2527, Dept. AIM, Grand Rapids, MI 49502.

DO YOU HAVE A HOME-MAINTENANCE OR REPAIR PROBLEM?

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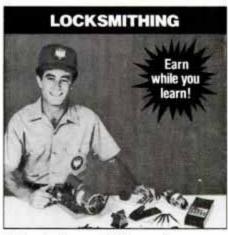
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#### **NEW PRODUCTS**

#### LAWN AND GARDEN GEAR

BY ROY BERENDSOHN, Assistant Home Improvement Editor



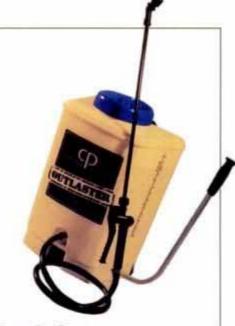
On Hand

The GardenMaster line of work accessories is ruggedly constructed but lightweight, according to the manufacturer. The various belts, pouches and carriers are built from water-resistant DuPont Cordura and nylon mesh that are sewn and riveted together. Shown are the 9-pocket tote bag (about \$30) and the 11-pocket tote bag (about \$48). Also available are a waist apron, tool carriers, kneepads and a utility bag. They are sold at garden-supply and hardware stores. For more information, write Custom Leather Craft Mfg. Co. Inc., 811 W. 58th St., Los Angeles, CA 90037.

#### **Bugs Hate It**

The seeds of the Neem tree, which is found in Africa, Southeast Asia and Australia, provide the active ingredient in this insecticide that works against 30 common lawn and garden pests, ranging from whiteflies and leafy miners to gypsy moths. Its manufacturer says it acts as a repellent, interrupts the insect's growth and stops its ability to feed. The company says that insects don't build up

> a resistance to the insecticide, even after years of use. The product is also said to be less harmful to beneficial insects. An application lasts for 14 days and is supposed to be effective on trees, ornamentals and shrubs. It comes in 8-ounce, 16-ounce and 32-ounce sizes (about \$10, \$20 and \$34, respectively) and is sold at lawn and garden centers, hardware stores and home centers. Write to the Ringer Corp., 9959 Valley View Rd., Minneapolis, MN 55344.

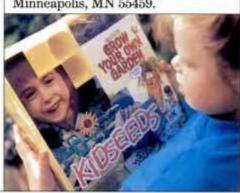


Toss It Out

The Outlaster backpack sprayer is so rugged, its manufacturer says, it tested one by tossing it out of a truck at 60 mph and found that it still worked. The backpack sprayer holds 5.3 gallons and features padded shoulder straps. The pump handle, a piece of aluminum bar stock, is adjustable for left- or righthand operation. Spray pressure can be switched between 15 psi and 45 psi. The tank is polypropylene with ultraviolet inhibitors, and the spray hose is rein-forced PVC plastic. These chemically resistant materials allow the Outlaster to spray liquids ranging from concrete sealant to herbicide. It is sold in nursery supply catalogs or from Cooper Pegler (about \$85, plus shipping), Suite D1, Carr Mill, Carrboro, NC 27510.

#### Child's Play

Planting the seed is what this gardening starter kit is all about. It contains a reusable 36-cell planting tray with a clear-plastic adjustably vented cover, a 24-page gardening booklet, seed-starter soil, plastic row markers with stickers and two packets of playfully named seeds, such as Maxi Marigold and Harry Carrot. It costs about \$9 at lawn and garden stores and home centers. For more information, write NK Lawn and Garden Co., P.O. Box 5982 Golden Valley, Minneapolis, MN 55459.





#### It's Real

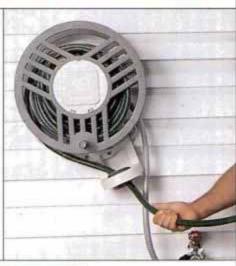
The UnReel holds up to 100 ft. of garden hose—or electrical cord—without kinking it, says its manufacturer. Screw the device to your house or a post and coil your hose onto it. Just flip down the bracket that holds the hose and uncoil as much as you need. The UnReel is made from a plastic with an ultraviolet inhibitor, so it will stand up to years of outdoor use, and it comes with a 2-year unconditional guarantee. It costs about \$10, postpaid. Write Ultimate Tool Group, P.O. Box 26617, San Jose, CA 95159.





Make It Easy

This polypropylene hose reel has convenient features like snap-together construction and a swinging hose port underneath that prevents kinking. The reel accepts 150 ft. of %-in. hose and 200 ft. of 1/2-in. hose, and mounts to the hosebib with a 3-ft.long reinforced leader hose. A leakproof seal at the leader is provided by two O rings. You can remove it from its wall bracket at the end of the season. It costs about \$40 at hardware stores and lawn and garden centers. For more information, write to Melnor, 1 Carol Pl., Moonachie, NJ 07074.



Rooting Around

This odd-looking fabric is a means to keep tree roots from growing under, and destroying sidewalks, patios and other types of ground-level construction. The fabric is Typar, a polypropylene material often used in landscaping. Embedded in the Typar are nodules consisting of Trifluralin, a root-control herbicide, which is mixed with carbon black and polyethylene. This results in a slowly released herbicide that will not leach into ground water and is only absorbed into the tree root tips, not the main body of the root. Just drape the material at the edge of the construction ditch.

A 6-in.-wide × 100-ft.-long roll of Biobarrier fabric costs about \$20 at garden supply stores. Write Reemay, 70 Old Hickory Blvd., P.O. Box 511, Old Hickory, TN 37138.



Rakish Angle

The AcceleRake has bicycle handlebars that the manufacturer says help take the back strain out of raking. The polycarbonate plastic rakehead rotates through three positions: facing to the left, to the right and toward the handgrips. The AcceleRake costs about \$25 at hardware stores and lawn and garden centers. It is also sold by Garden Weasel Division, Faultless Starch/Bon Ami Co., 1025 W. 8th St., Kansas City, MO 64101; (800) 892-8022.



#### The Not-So-Good Earth

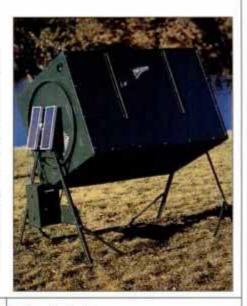
Chemfree's Insectigone line uses diatomaceous earth and a protein lure to kill insects. Diatomaceous earth is powdered fossils of marine life (diatoms). While it feels like talc to humans, the earth contains microscopically sharp surfaces that scrape off an insect's protective wax coating. Insects walk over the earth and later dehydrate and die. The manufacturer says it works on a range of crawling insects. A 7-ounce bottle of Insectigone costs about \$7 and a 2.2-pound jug, about \$20. They are sold at hardware stores and lawn and garden centers. For more information, write Chemfree Environment Inc., 116 W. Service Rd., Suite 129, Champlain, NY 12919.

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#### Round And Round It Goes

Composting enters the age of high technology with this solar-powered rotating composter from Swisher Mower and Machine Co. The 12-volt composter makes five turns a day, in 2 minutes, and reduces 23 bushels of yard waste to compost in two weeks, according to the company. The device also stores enough electricity to operate 28 consecutive days under cloudy skies. It has two compartments, one for storage and one for making compost. The composter is built from 1/16-in, galvanized steel. It costs about \$500 (plus \$50 for UPS shipping) from Swisher at P.O. Box 67, Warrensburg, MO 64093.



The 5-gallon Troy-Bilt sprayer is powered by a 12-volt battery and gives you about 1 hour of spraying (enough time to spread about 15 to 20 gallons of fertilizer, herbicide or pesticide). The battery is recharged in about 12 hours. Its other nice features include a translucent and chemical-resistant plastic spray tank, which is removable. The tank is fastened with a bungee cord, so it's quick to swap it for an accessory tank with different chemicals. It also has an adjustable nozzle that sprays patterns from a mist to a pencil-point stream that reaches 20 ft. It costs about \$325 from Garden Way Inc., 102nd St., Ninth Ave., Troy, NY 12180.

Electric Power

#### Trash Master

The Trash Funnel is a trash-bag holder that makes loading trash bags with yard debris easier. It works with 33- and 39-gallon bags. You can use it standing up, or you can lay it on its side and sweep or rake into it. To set it up, unfold the steel-tubing legs and swing open the hinged plastic funnel. Then, attach a trash bag around the rim, beneath the funnel. To secure the bag, swing the funnel down and lock it into the snap-in brackets. The device costs about \$40. For more information, write Trash Funnel Inc., 6025 Stage Rd., Suite 42-220, Bartlett, TN 38134.



The Bensinger Weeder pulls weeds out by the roots, instead of slicing off the growth and leaving the root behind, according to its manufacturer. It's available in two models, a 14-in. and a 34-in. version. The shorter one has a stainless-steel shaft, and the larger version has a combination carbon-steel and stainless shaft. Both have a forged hook on the end and hardwood handles. The 14-in. model costs about \$11 and the 34-in., \$17 at hardware stores and lawn and garden centers. Write Timber Creek Mfg. Corp., 6800 S. Dawson Circle. Englewood, CO 80112.



#### Tools Of Their Own

One way to get kids interested in gardening is to give them their own tools. Plastic shovels, spades, a leaf rake, a garden rake and a hoe are included in this tool line for children at least 3 years old. Another slightly larger and heavier line is available for children at least 7 years old. These tools are made from carbon steel, polypropylene plastic and have hardwood handles that are sealed for moisture protection. A gift set of a shovel, garden rake and hoe costs about \$28 for the older kids. (The same set for 3-year-olds costs about \$22.) The tools are also sold individually. Both types of tools are sold at hardware stores and home centers. Write Ames Lawn and Garden Tools, P.O. Box 1774, Parkersburg, WV 26102.



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#### HOME IMPROVEMENT

# RETROFIT WIRING

BY MERLE HENKENIUS PM Illustrations by George Retseck

• Have you wondered how you might add a switch, light or receptacle to your home with all those finished walls, ceilings and floors concealing the wiring? Well, take heart. With a little careful measuring and a complement of luck, you can easily run cable through ceiling and wall cavities and with little or no drywall repair.

Fishing cable, as it's known, is not new. Electricians have been upgrading electrical systems in this manner for years, and you can do it too. Although the job is time consuming, it's not that difficult.

#### Circuit size

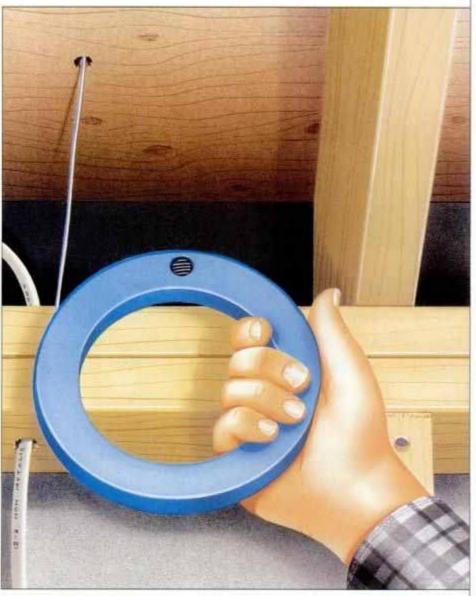
To find the code-legal capacity for an existing circuit, count how many receptacles are on each circuit. To do this, shut off one circuit breaker at a time (at the service panel) and count the de-energized outlets.

Just move around the house with a voltage tester, desk lamp or power tool, and plug it into every receptacle. Assign each de-energized receptacle on a circuit a value of 1.5 amps.

At that rate, a 15-amp circuit will, according to the National Electrical Code, accommodate 10 receptacles, and a 20-amp circuit, 13 receptacles. The amperage ratings are found on the breaker switches. You can add additional outlets and fixtures to any circuit that does not have its full allotment of outlets or fixtures (the addition must not exceed the current capacity of the circuit). Also, if you find a free space in your service panel, you can add a new circuit.

A few cautionary words are in order here. Circuits dedicated to appliances, such as a clothes washer, are best left alone. Don't tap into an appliance circuit to add a ceiling fixture. Instead, tap into an existing lighting circuit or one for a bedroom. Similarly, don't tap into the circuit that runs power to outlets above the kitchen counter.

Remember to match existing wire sizes. A 15-amp circuit will generally contain 14-gauge wires, while a 20amp circuit will require 12-gauge



wires. If the existing circuit is grounded, then the cable you install should contain a grounding conductor as well. If the electrical system in your house is old, or you are unsure of how to ground the new wiring or circuit, consult an electrician.

Of course, always flip the circuit breaker or pull the fuse on any circuit you are working on.

#### The right equipment

In many cases, all you need to fish electrical wire are a cut-in box, sheathed cable, a screwdriver, utility knife and drywall saw. In some cases, a length of sash chain is handy.

For a short run, a piece of coat hanger wire will serve as a fish tape. For longer reaches, a factory-made fish tape will save you hours of frustration. This costs about \$20.

Fish tape is a thin, coiled steel ribbon that has a hook on one end. It's rigid enough to push through a wall cavity, yet flexible enough to make tight radius bends.

In cases where locating wall and ceiling framing is difficult, or where you might have reservations about using steel fish tape in the presence of old wiring, we have included two helpful products on page 77.

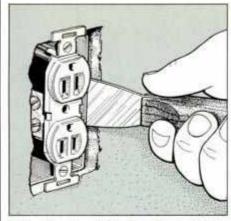
#### A back-to-back route of access

Some circuits are easy to expand. If you want to add an outlet on a living room wall, check the wall's back first. In many cases, you can pull power from a bedroom receptacle on the wall's opposite side.

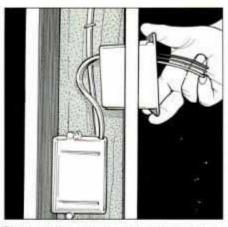
To do this, start by measuring carefully from a common feature on the wall, such as a door. The existing receptacle box will be mounted on a stud. The new box, known as a cut-in box, will not be mounted on a stud.

To determine where to put the cutin box, poke a putty knife between

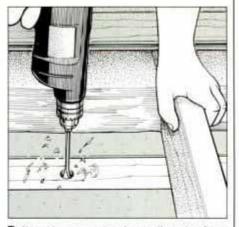
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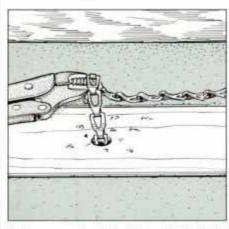
1 To determine which side of a stud holds an electrical box, slide a putty knife between the drywall and the box.



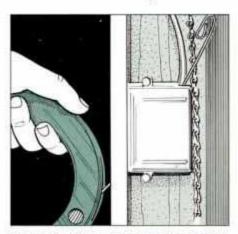
2 Mount the cut-in box a few inches away from the box that's nailed to the stud. The cut-in box mounts to the drywall.



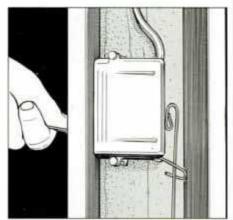
3 To gain access to the wall cavity from the attic, bore through the  $2 \times 4$  (or nailer) that forms the top of the wall.



4 Drop a sash chain through the hole bored in the 2 × 4. Hold the sash chain in place with locking pliers.



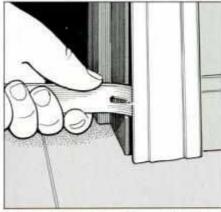
5 Poke the fish tape through the electrical box and snag the sash chain. Bring the sash chain into the box.



6 When working from the basement, feed the fish tape up to the electrical box. Snag the tape with a piece of wire.

from the basement or the attic. Which way you run the cable depends on which is unfinished. If both are unfinished, it's generally easier

to work from the basement.



7 Some retrofit wiring jobs require hiding cable behind the trim. Begin by prying off

8 Remove the baseboard molding. Begin prying at the end nearest the door, and work toward the molding's other end.

box. Run wire from the existing box

to the opening. Push the wires through

the cut-in box and install the box in

its opening (Fig. 2). Now install the

new receptacle in the cut-in box.

If you work in the attic, you'll need to move the insulation aside to find the top of the walls through which you will bore holes to run cable. The wall will run parallel to the ceiling joists or perpendicular to them. If it runs parallel to the joists, look for a drywall nailer (two 2 × 4s or one  $2 \times 8$ ) that appears to lay on top of the drywall (which is the back of the ceiling below). A wall perpendicular to the joists is evident by the horizontal 2 × 4 that forms the top of the wall.

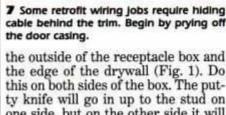
the edge of the drywall (Fig. 1). Do this on both sides of the box. The putty knife will go in up to the stud on one side, but on the other side it will not hit the stud. This is the side on which you install the cut-in box.

Moving laterally along a wall

When extending cable along a wall, in most cases, you will have to run cable

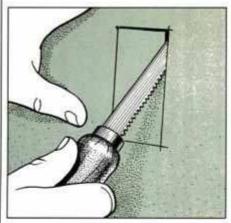
After measuring carefully from a reference point, bore one hole to tap into the circuit and another to run the cable (Fig. 3). Next, lower an 8ft.-long sash chain into the stud space from above. Secure the chain with a pair of locking pliers (Fig. 4).

Poke the fish tape through the box opening (the one you are pulling power from) and snag the dangling sash

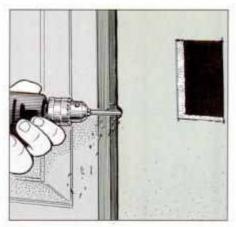


On the opposite side of the wall, mark and cut the opening for the cutin box a few inches from the existing

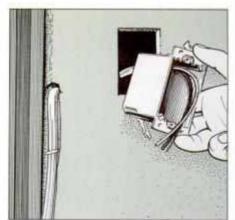
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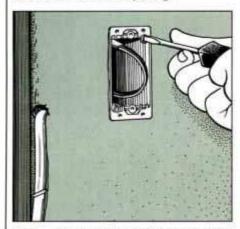
9 Mark the outline of the wall-switch cutin box. Center the box 46 in. from the floor, and cut out the opening.



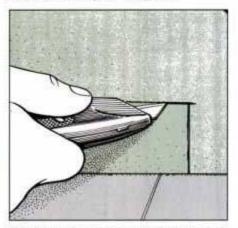
10 Bore into the stud space to provide a path for the cable. Cable will run from the switch and along the doorjamb.



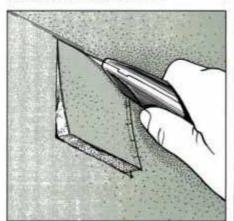
11 Run the cable into the cut-in box. Fold down the wing fasteners on the box's back and install the box.



12 Tighten the cut-in box's screws. Wing fasteners bear down against the drywall, holding the box in place.



13 Cut out a section of drywall from where the trim was removed. The opening should be about 2½ in. high.



14 Directly above the opening at the floor cut out another opening where the wall and the ceiling meet.

chain (Fig. 5). Pull the chain into the box, and attach the new cable to it. Pull the chain and cable into the attic. From the attic, feed the cable into the next hole and push it down to the new opening.

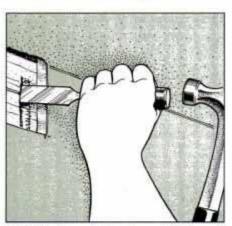
Do not lay cable on top of the ceiling joists. If the cable runs across a joist, bore a hole through the joist and run the cable through the hole. If the cable runs parallel to a joist, staple the cable to the joist's side. Space

staples 4 ft. apart.

When working from the basement, instead of using a chain to gain access to the existing box, push the fish tape into the stud space from the basement and snag it through the box with a coat hanger (Fig. 6). Then use the fish tape to pull the cable through the box and into the basement.

#### Fishing cable through a completely finished home

It's difficult to fish cable in homes built on concrete slabs and those where both the basement and second floor are finished. If your electrical

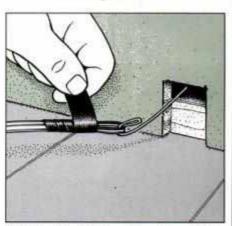


15 Chisel a path for the cable through the wall framing. This is done most quickly by making a V-shaped cut.

work is on the first floor, you won't be able to work from the attic or basement.

Let's say, for example, you want to replace a pull-chain ceiling light with a newer fixture, and you want to control the new fixture from a wall switch near the door.

This procedure requires that you fish the wire along the joists, and not

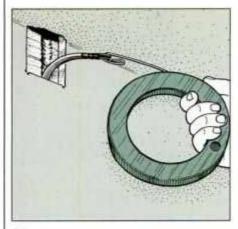


16 Poke the fish tape down through the wall. Bend the cable around the fish tape and tape the two together.

across them. You must first determine the direction of the joists relative to the wall on which you will mount the switch.

Joists generally run in the same direction that the roof slopes. If the wall switch will be mounted perpendicular to the joists, then you can fish the cable straight from the wall to the ceiling fixture.

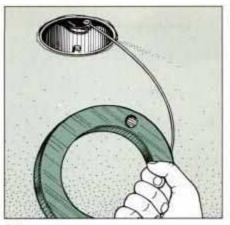
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17 Pull the cable through the wall with the fish tape. Pull up some excess cable and leave it dangling.

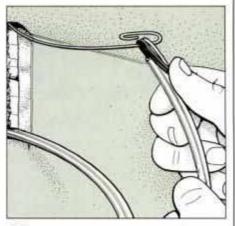
If the wall the switch is to be mounted on is parallel to the joists, you will have to fish the cable to one wall and around the corner to the wall that is parallel to the joists.

Begin the installation by carefully prying off the door trim and baseboard using a flat pry bar (Figs. 7 and 8). Mark for the cut-in box and cut its opening (Fig. 9). Center the box 46 in, from the floor.



18 Feed the fish tape through the celling fixture and push it through the ceiling cavity to the cable.

Next, bore at an angle from the doorjamb into the stud space (Fig. Feed the switch cable into the stud space and the cut-in box opening. Leave yourself enough excess cable to install the receptacle. Then press the cable near the box into the space between the drywall and the doorjamb. Hold the cable in place with a staple, and install the box (Figs. 11 and 12). Run the cable to



19 Hook the cable around the fish tape. Pull the cable through the ceiling cavity and out through the fixture.

the floor, stapling it as you go.

Next, cut a hole in the wall at floor level and across from the fixture (Fig. 13). The hole must be at least 21/2 in. high, but not so high that it will show above the reinstalled baseboard. Next, directly above this hole, cut another hole at the corner where the wall and ceiling meet (Fig. 14). This opening must be about 3 in. wide × 4 in, high.



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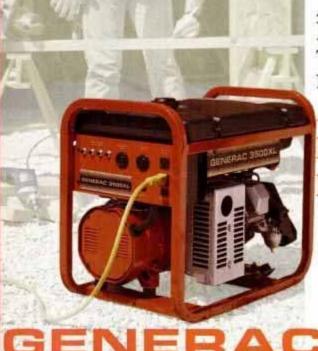
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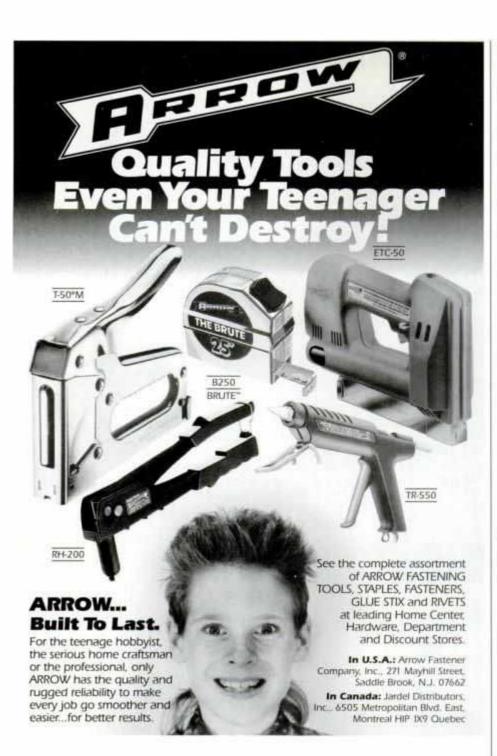
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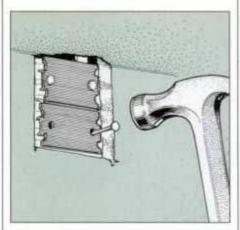
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20 Before patching the hole, nail metal protection plates over where the cable crosses the wall framing.



**21** Tuck the cable neatly into the space below the drywall. Be careful later not to nall through the cable.

With the drywall cut away, use a chisel to cut a V-shaped channel in the wall framing for the new cable (Fig. 15).

Next, push the fish tape down from the corner hole to the hole at floor level. Tape the cable to the fish tape and pull the cable up to the ceiling (Figs. 16 and 17).

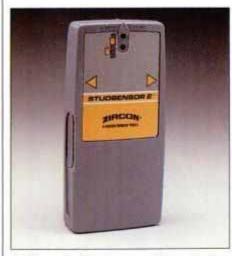
Next, push the fish tape through one of the cable openings in the existing ceiling box (Fig. 18). Feed the fish tape through the joist space to the corner hole and pull it through. Connect the cable to the tape and pull both back to the ceiling box (Fig. 19). Install the new fixture and wire the switch loop.

To complete the job, nail metal protection plates over the cable to keep drywall nails from piercing it and tuck the cable neatly under the drywall (Figs. 20 and 21). As for replacing the trimwork, remember where the cable runs and nail accordingly. And, of course, if you live in a code-enforced area, be sure to call for an inspection before you conceal your work.

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# NEW WIRING PRODUCTS

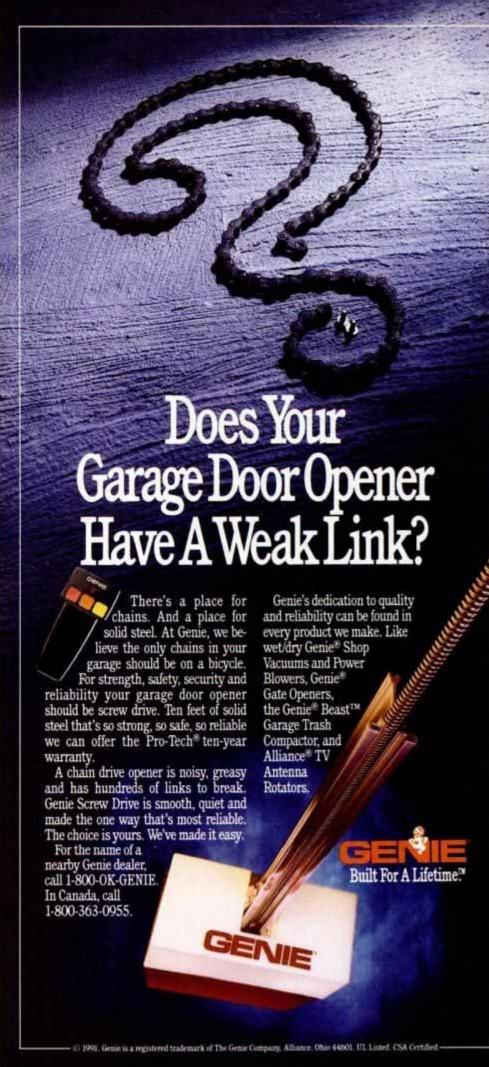


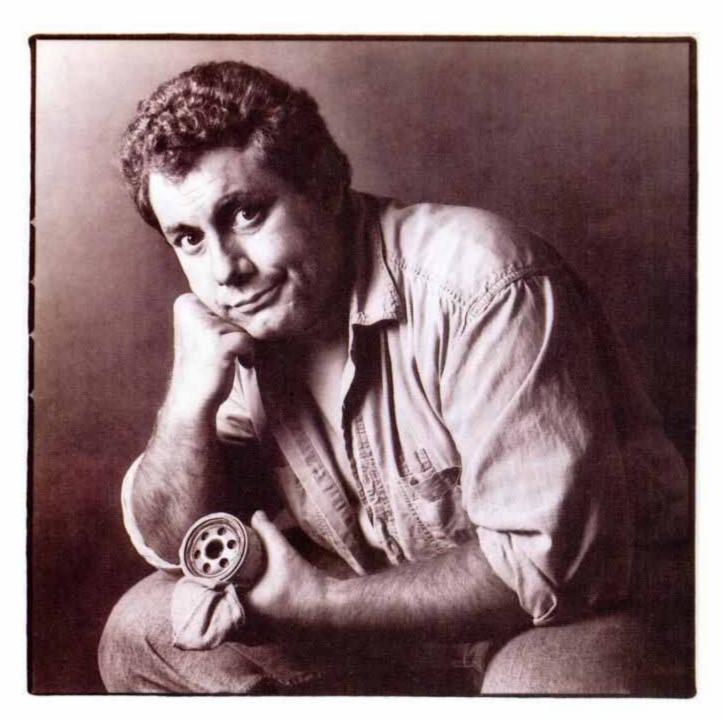
• Zircon's Studsensor 2 is a device that helps you quickly locate ceiling joists and wall studs. To use it, first press its calibration button to adjust for wall or ceiling density. One LED (light-emitting diode) indicates when the tool is drawing near a framing member, and the other LED blinks on when the sensor reaches the edge of the stud or joist. It costs about \$16 at hardware stores and home centers. Write Zircon Corp., 1580 Dell Ave., Campbell, CA 95008.

If you're a serious home mechanic, or a full-time contractor, and you have a lot of cable fishing to do-in the presence of old wiring with faulty insulation-this professionalquality plastic fish tape may help. Since it is plastic, it's less likely to cause a problem if you accidentally bump into poorly insulated live wiring. And, according to its manufacturer, it's flexible enough to make tight turns easier to negotiate. It comes in six models from 25 to 100 ft., and prices range from about \$90 to \$170. It's sold at Klein tool distributors. Write Klein Tools, 7200 Mc-Cormick Blvd., Chicago, IL 60645.

-Roy Berendsohn







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# WHY YOU SHOULD CARE FOR YOUR CAR

Regular preventive maintenance is not a luxury. It's a necessity to keep any car running longer, looking better and performing more efficiently.





this leaves shade-tree mechanics walking because the thing is beyond the ken of any normal human.

Conventional wisdom is, as is often the case, wrong. For openers, 95% of your car is unchanged from the simple mechanical beast it always has been. Sure, struts are replacing A-arms, and most cars have disc brakes rather than drums. You still need little more than mechanical savvy, patience and a set of sockets.

The computer will require two additions to your toolbox. One is the factory emissions-control manual and the other is a realization that the average factory service technician went to the same high school you did. The only difference is his training.

With sticker prices looking like real-estate listings. 48- or 60-month financing has become the norm. This means that you'll be living with your new car for longer than the duration of the average marriage. ing an expensive necessity of life on the road.

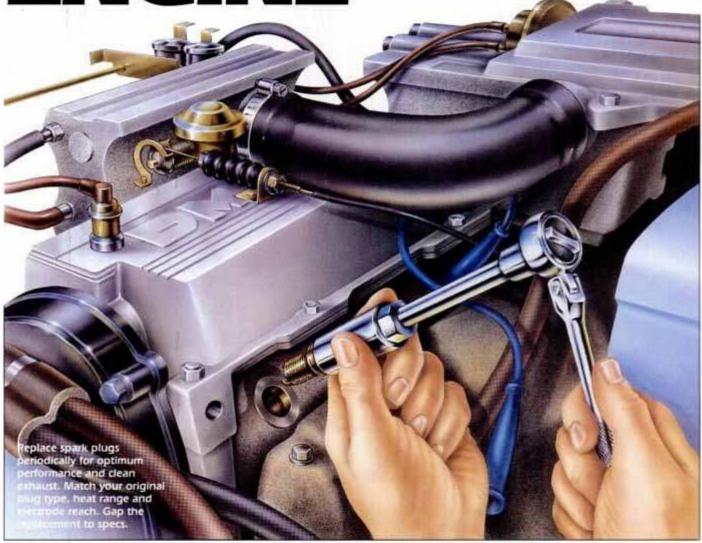
Add to this the satisfaction of doing it yourself. Aside from knowing what to do in the eventuality of a roadside breakdown, there's the added satisfaction of avoiding potentially unscrupulous, or at least moneyhungry, tow-truck highwaymen.

Another downside to keeping a car around longer is that it can start to look as if you've been delivering goats in it. Even though cruddy carpets and paint chips won't affect the ability of your ride to get you to work, keeping up appearances will make your old car seem less old and enhance its resale value.

Finally, at the risk of sounding politically correct, there is the added attraction of keeping a well-tuned vehicle—one that uses the minimum amount of fuel and emits the smallest amount of pollutants into the atmosphere. -Mike Allen



# THE WHOLE CAR TUNEUP TUNE UP YOUR ENGINE



• For most of us, the days of tuning our car's engine by adjusting the distributor breaker points and the carburetor's idle mixture are long gone. However, despite the demise of these former staples, engines still need to be regularly tuned and maintained. And despite the daunting presence of sophisticated and sealed electronic components, the competent do-it-yourselfer can still affect major improvements in the performance, fuel efficiency, exhaust emissions and longevity of a vehicle by looking past the old concept of a tuneup.

#### Staying with the basics

For one thing, internal combustion engines still run on a combination of fuel, air and ignition—just as they did a hundred years ago. So a logical place to start your engine's tuneup still is by replacing its spark plugs at the manufacturer's recommended interval.

Carefully examine each spark plug as you remove it. The electrodes should be a light golden-brown or grayish-tan. Anything else indicates a problem in that cylinder.

If a plug is choked with carbon,

that cylinder has been running on an overly rich fuel/air mixture. If the problem is specific to only one cylinder, it can be due to a faulty fuel injector. If all the plugs are carbon rich, look for a clogged air cleaner. In all likelihood, with even one spark plug carbon fouled, your car would fail a state emissions control test by having an excessively high level of hydrocarbons (HC).

If the white ceramic insulator tip around the center electrode is blistered, the cylinder has been running too hot, or with an overly lean fuel/air



mixture. An overheated cylinder can be due to carbon deposits in the combustion chamber causing some detonation or due to a restriction in the coolant passages around the combustion chamber. A lean fuel mixture in one cylinder can be due to a fuelinjector problem or a vacuum leak.

If all the plugs are overheated, the ignition timing may be too advanced or there may be a larger, more general cooling-system problem. In this case, there is a good chance that the exhaust may have contained a too-high level of oxides of nitrogen (NO<sub>x</sub>)

to pass an emissions test.

If one or more of the spark plugs comes up oily or sooty, it may be oil soaked from defective piston rings or leaking valve guides. If two adjacent plugs are fouled, it may be due to a blown head gasket between the cylinders. If only the plug at the end of the cylinder head (or cylinder heads on V-type engines) is fouled, it may be due to blocked oil drain holes in the cylinder head, creating a large pool of excess—and dripping—oil around the valve stems. Sooty plugs are bound to peg the needle of the HC meter at an emissions test.

Make sure that the replacement spark plugs are of the same size, heat range and electrode reach as the ones you're replacing. Plugs that burn too hot or have electrodes which are too long can cause detonation. In addition, an incorrectly installed, long-reach electrode plug can damage the piston crown by actually coming into contact with the piston. Plugs that run too cool or have too short of an electrode reach can burn inefficiently, hurting performance and emissions.

Make sure that the threads in the cylinder head in the spark-plug hole are clear, free of carbon and deposits, before installing the new plugs. If not, use a thread-chasing tool to clean the threads. Put a dab of grease on the cutters of the thread chaser to hold the debris as it cleans, preventing the pieces of carbon from falling into the combustion chamber.

Adjust the gap of the new spark plugs to factory specifications and put a dab of antiseize compound on

the threads of each plug.

It's also a good idea to coat the inside of the spark-plug wire boot with some silicone spray or dielectric grease to seal out moisture and make it easier to remove the wire on the next spark-plug change. When you remove the spark plug's wire before changing the plug, grasp and pull only on the wire's heavy boot, either with your fingers or a special spark-plug boot puller. If you yank on the wire itself, you could damage it.

As a matter of fact, it's good practice to replace the spark-plug wires every three or four spark-plug changes. Heat and underhood contaminants can degrade the insulation of the plug wires, allowing the 20,000-40,000 volts needed to create the plug's spark to leak out of the plug wire. This causes misfire, killing performance and emissions.

Install replacement plug wires one

at a time, working your way around the engine. Follow the routing of the old wire with the new one, being sure that the wire does not foul against accessories or the exhaust manifold.

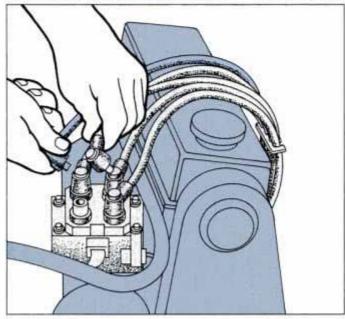
To help prevent magnetic-field induced cross-fire, it's a good idea to have the wires of consecutively firing spark plugs (check the engine's firing order) cross each other infrequently, if at all, and at right angles. Just follow the original factory lead dress and you'll be fine. And remember to coat the insides of both working ends of each spark-plug wire with silicone or dielectric grease.

After the plugs and their wires are reinstalled, check the ignition timing. Even though the engine computer controls timing on most new engines, it's not a bad idea to verify that the computer is right. And there are still many vehicles on which there is room for some adjustment to the ignition timing. Follow the timing procedure for your engine as outlined on the un-

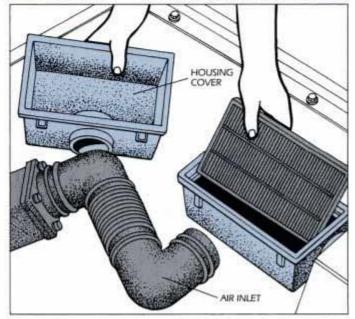
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Timing checks may involve disconnecting and plugging one or more vacuum hoses, undoing some wiring connections and possibly temporarily altering idle speed. Then use your trusty timing light to check the position of the timing marks on the front crankshaft damper or, depending on your car, flywheel. Before starting the engine, however, you may want to clean and highlight the timing marks using white chalk, shoe polish or typing correction fluid.

If the timing is correct, reconnect



To prevent firing-order problems, replace spark-plug wires one at a time. Coat connections with silicone lubricant.



When replacing the air-filter element, check the housing and the air-inlet ductwork for holes, cracks and other damage.



everything you undid. If it's off and there is room for adjustment at the distributor, make the adjustment and recheck. Be sure to snug the retaining bolt and recheck the timing.

If the timing is incorrect and it is computer controlled, bring the car to your dealership. If the vehicle is less than 5 years old and has less than 50,000 miles, the engine computer is covered by the federally mandated emissions system warranty.

#### Cam time

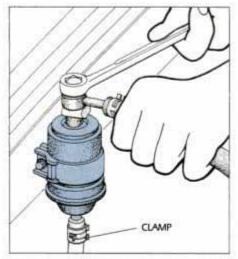
Besides the computer-controlled timing of electronic pulses for ignition spark and fuel-injector firing, your engine relies on precise timing of valve openings and closings for optimum performance. While camshaft timing is not something that's readily adjustable—other than by replacing the camshaft-you do not want cam timing to wander from where it should be—as when the timing belt jumps a couple of teeth on its sprocket. To prevent that from happening-which could result in bent valves and broken pistons-you should replace the camshaft timing belt at least as frequently as your carmaker recommends.

Replacing the camshaft belt usually involves aligning timing marks on

the camshaft drive sprocket and crankshaft sprocket (check your manual for specifics), removing a belt tensioner and slipping off the old belt. However, access to the timing belt can be limited on the typical transverse-engine frontdriver-the type of car most likely to need a belt replacement. You may have to remove the alternator, powersteering pump and airconditioning compressor in order to get the belt cover off. It's good practice to replace the drivebelts for those accessories twice as frequently as you replace the camshaft belt.

#### Clean in, clean out

Given the close machining tolerances of the modern fuel-injection system, it is more critical than ever that you change the fuel filter with each tuneup. However, since many vehicles have the fuel filter mounted away from the engine—often in a



Use the proper wrench when loosening and tightening fuel fittings. Relieve fuel pressure before cracking the fitting.

rear wheel well or under a frame rail—it is often neglected. However, before removing the old fuel filter, relieve pressure in the fuel system.

Fuel-injection systems are pressurized to ensure that gasoline at the injectors will spray when the injector fires—including when starting. Therefore the fuel between the pump (typically in the fuel tank) and the injectors can be at 35-40 psi, even when the engine is off. To prevent a dangerous spray of gasoline when you remove the fuel filter, pull the fuel pump's fuse from the fuse panel and crank the engine for several seconds.

Drain the fuel from the old filter into a clean container. Pour it back into the fuel tank, through a cheese cloth to remove large impurities. Install the new filter, noting inlet and outlet. Check the fuel hose ends near the filter, if they are cracked, hardened or mushy, replace the fuel hose. Use new clamps. Check steel fuel lines for kinks, cracks and corrosion. Also check all fuel connections for signs of leaks. Try tightening leaking connections. Otherwise replace the fuel lines and connectors.

Given the remote mounting of most air filters, some people also tend to neglect servicing it as well. With the ubiquitous O<sub>2</sub> sensor compensating for a dirty air filter's inadequacies, many cars have clean exhausts, even though they are receiving much less air than they need. However, while the exhaust emissions are acceptable, performance is suffering.

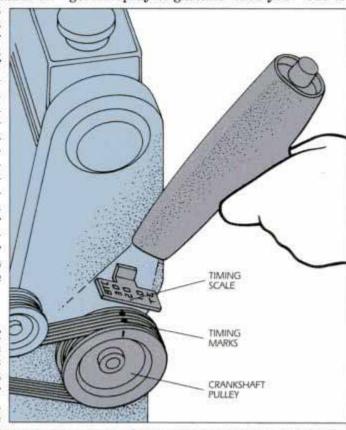
Most air-filter elements are mounted near a front corner of the engine compartment. Remove the filter's cover—usually held by spring clips or screws—and lift the cover out of the way. You may have to

> loosen or remove the duct that connects the filter housing with the air inlet and throttle housing.

> Clean and inspect the filter housing, its cover and the ductwork to the throttle. Carefully inspect the entire length of the ductwork for cracks, pinholes or other possible sources of leaks. A leak in the ductwork means unfiltered air is entering the throttle housing and the engine. Patch small cracks or holes with RTV silicone. Be sure all clamps are solid. If the ductwork is seriously damaged, replace it.



Also carefully inspect the other underhood hoses—the coolant hoses. Feel each hose. They should all be firm yet pliable. Hardened, cracked or mushy hoses must be replaced. Check all clamps and connections for corrosion and coolant leaks. Replace suspect clamps with quality worm-drive clamps.



the fuel filter mounted away Check Ignition timing. Clean and highlight timing marks for easy from the engine—often in a visibility. Keep hands and timing light clear of moving belts.



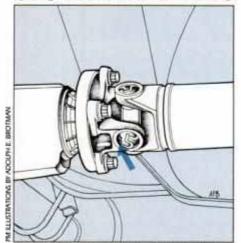
Inspect the rest of the cooling system. If you have not flushed the cooling system in two years, do so. An inexpensive reverse-flushing kit makes the job simple and does an effective job of removing old coolant and scale from the system. Splice the kit's flushing T into the heater-inlet hose and remove the radiator cap from a downflow radiator or the upper hose from a crossflow radiator. Move the heater control valve to full HEAT and attach a garden hose to the flushing T. Then start the engine and turn on the water flow to the hose. The system is clean when the flushed water is running clear.

Catch the flushed coolant in a large basin. Remember, although antifreeze is biodegradable, it is poisonous. Thoroughly wash away any spillage. Also, bear in mind that the contaminants (mostly lead from the solder used to assemble brass radiators) in used coolant are not biodegradable. Take the old coolant to a repair shop that is able to recycle it.

Disconnect the garden hose and drain the water from the cooling system. Fill with a fresh mixture that is at least 50% but not totally new coolant

and the rest water. Cap the flushing T, reconnect any radiator hose and install a new radiator cap.

Of course, unless you've changed the engine oil and filter within the past 3000 miles, now is the time to do it. Let the oil drain from the old filter for 24 hours. Take the old oil to a recycling station and the filter to a shop



Try twisting against the U-joint. There should be no free-play in the joint and no leaking grease in the yoke.



Leaks ahead of the catalytic converter allow dirty exhaust to escape. Tighten the joint at the exhaust pipe outlet.

that crushes and recycles its oil filters. Don't throw the old filter out with the trash.

Check and correct any oil leaks. Inspect the area around the valve-cover gasket(s), timing-belt cover, main oil seals, oil filter and oil-pressure sender. If necessary, thoroughly clean and degrease the engine to pinpoint the source of a hard-to-trace leak. Spraying some talcum powder around the leaking area can help track the source of a leak.

Besides wasting oil and fouling the land, leaking oil can deteriorate underhood hoses and components.

#### Clean power output

Also check the exhaust system for leaks. Besides being dangerous, an exhaust leak before the catalytic converter spews untreated exhaust into the atmosphere. Check at gaskets between the exhaust manifold(s) and engine. Also check the flexible connection at the exhaust pipe outlet flange—replace broken springs or bolts. Replace any defective gaskets or seals.

Also inspect around the O<sub>2</sub> sensor in the exhaust manifold, as well as the connections to the EGR valve—if your engine is equipped with one. In fact, you should check the condition and operation of all emissions-system components.

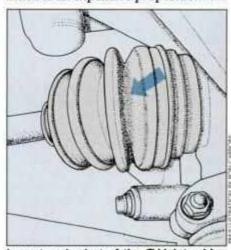
Check that the EGR valve is clean of carbon deposits and that the valve stem moves at idle and full throttle. Replace the PCV valve if you have not done so in 12,000 miles. Inspect all system hoses. Replace any that are heat hardened or cracked.

Continue your thorough inspection through the rest of the powertrain.

If you have not replaced the automatic transmission fluid and filter (or cleaned the filter screen) in 24,000 miles, do so. On vehicles with manual transmissions, check and adjust clutch-pedal free-play.

Inspect the driveshaft on rear-drive and 4-wheel-drive vehicles. Check the shaft's universal joints to be sure that there is no free-play in the joints. On vehicles with grease fittings at the U-joints and slip yoke, add grease as needed.

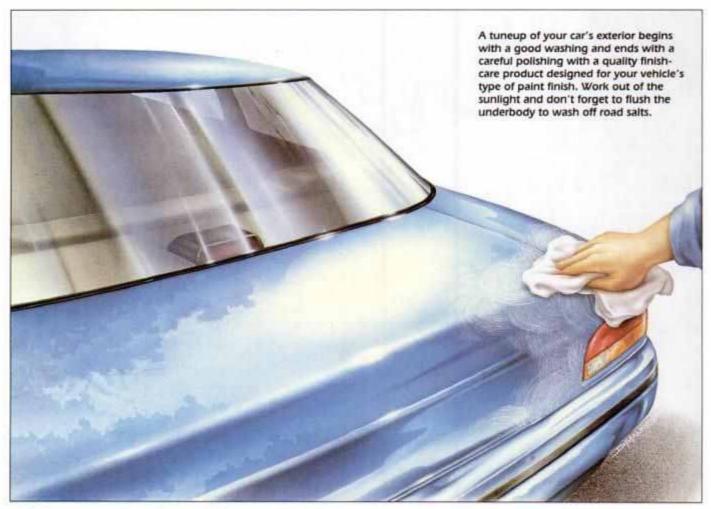
check the constant-velocity joints of front-drivers. Inspect each pleat in the CV joint's boots for tears, cracks and signs of leaking grease. If you catch a tear in the boot early enough, you can replace the boot without removing the axle shaft. However, if the joint has been losing grease for even a few hundred miles, the CV joint will have to be replaced, which is an expensive proposition.



Inspect each pleat of the CV-joint rubber boot. Look for holes, cracks and tears. Replace a damaged boot immediately.



# THE WHOLE CAR TUNEUP TUNE UP YOUR EXTERIOR



• It does not matter how quick, sure-footed or fast your car or truck is—if it looks like hell no one is going to care. Not too many people, outside of your family, are going to want to ride in it and fewer still are going to want to buy it if you offer it for sale. How your car looks should be important. Its exterior projects your persona to all who see it. So when you've finished caring for the drivetrain and chassis, tune the exterior.

A clean body

The obvious place to start is by washing the car. In fact, you should have

gotten into the car-washing and thorough cleaning regimen when the car was new—it's easier to maintain a showroom finish than it is to restore one. Regardless, this time of year it is ultra critical that you clean the car's exterior to thoroughly wash away the corrosive salt residue left by a harsh, snowy winter. Road salt does more than merely strip ice from roads—it also dulls finishes and promotes rust and corrosion.

So before you wash the vehicle's body, wash its underbody. Begin by shooting a steady, heavy stream of water into wheel wells and up against as much of the chassis as you can reach with the water. The object is to soak the suspension components, exhaust and entire underbody. An alternate-or additional-method is to park the car or truck over an oscillating garden sprinkler and let the sprinkler run for several minutes. Be sure to watch that the water runs out of drain holes and openings at the ends of boxed sections of the underbody. If not, clear the drain holes using a long, stiff probe-like a welding rod or wire coat hanger. After you've cleaned out all the muck, make sure these drain openings are totally clear



by spraying water into them.

After the underbody has been cleaned of salt and muck, you can wash the body. Again, a good soaking is the way to start. Lots of water floats the dirt off the finish without scratching the paint. Soak the car from the top down. After you've flooded the finish, soap up the car. Soap and rinse in smaller sections, starting at the top since the dirty water will run down. Use one of the many available car wash solutions with warm water to wash the car. Change the wash water as it dirties to keep from rubbing grit into the sections you're cleaning, and rinse your sponge frequently.

Do not rub tough stains. Scrubbing also rubs grit into the finish while rubbing off polish. If a stubborn stain does not come off easily, treat it with a special stain solvent, like bug and tar remover, then rewash the spot with soap and water. Wash the wheels and tires last, since they are apt to have the most dirt. You should clean alloy wheels of brake dust using a special alloy-wheel cleaner.

Dry the car using a chamois or an

old terry-cloth towel.

After the car has been washed and dried, shine it by waxing or polishing. This protects the paint as well as gives the finish some additional luster.

But before you polish the car, inspect the clean paint for damage. Small chips, scratches and minor dings should be repaired before you polish.

Use a quality finishcare product to shine your car. If your car has a clearcoat finish, do not use an abrasive product-use one that is labeled as safe for clearcoat finishes. These products remove the layer of oxidized clearcoat chemically, without scratching or dulling the finish. If your car does not have a clearcoat, a product with a fine abrasive will polish the paint and remove the layer of dull-looking oxidized paint in the process. Your rag will turn the color of the car as it

buff the polish off the paint using a clean, damp polishing cloth or small sponge. And move the cloth or sponge in a linear motion-moving it in the same direction all around the car-not circularly, to obtain a uniformity of light reflection. Remember, it's the reflected light that makes the car shine.

As you apply the wax or polish to the painted surfaces, take care not to let the polish or wax spill onto rubber or vinyl trim-it will leave white stains. Clean and shine the trim with spesidewalls of tires after

washing them with one of the products made specifically for tires.



Regardless of how clean and shiny your car or truck is, it won't look close to new if that clean, shiny body is marred with dings, chips and scratches.

Fine scratches in the paint can be buffed out using an abrasive-type



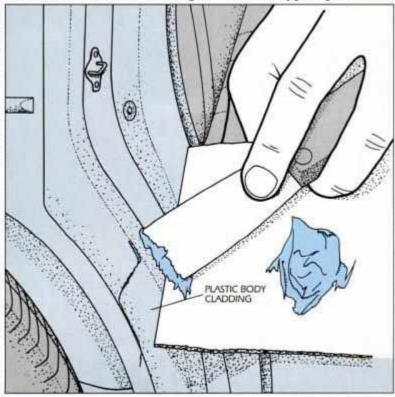
cial products made for Loose weatherstripping can be secured with special them. Also shine the adhesive. Take care to keep glue off exposed painted areas.

polish. Special products are available to restore and remove scratches from clearcoat finishes.

Deeper scratches and chips in the paint should be filled with touchup paint. You can use a piece of cardboard with a small hole in it as a template for touching up tiny chips using an aerosol paint, otherwise mask off the area surrounding the damage to protect it before painting.

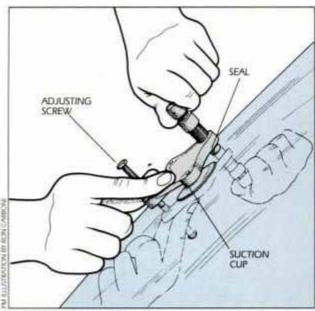
> After the paint has cured, buff out the repair. First drench the repaired area with clean water and then sand it lightly with ultrafine sandpaper. Finally, use polish to shine the repair and blend it into the surrounding area.

If the chip or scratch bares the metal beneath the paint, first clean the area thoroughly and treat the bare metal with a rust neutralizer. Then treat the bare metal with some primer. Wet-sand the primer after it dries and apply the touchup paint. It may require repeated applications of the touchup paint to bring the level of the repair flush with the surrounding finish. Repeat the sanding between each paint application and finish by polishing.



removes the dead paint. Use a putty knife to apply special body filler made for plastic body For a concours finish, cladding. Sand the repair after it cures. Add more putty as needed.





Repair windshield stone chips with a special resin. Suction cup holds Jig, and screw ensures it's at the right height.

If a plastic body panel—such as a spoiler or lower body cladding—is cracked or chipped, repair it using special repair compounds and paints. Follow the directions of the repair product for specifics. Usually, howev-

er, you apply putty to the damaged area, allow the putty to cure and sand and shape it to the surrounding area, much as you would with regular body filler. Prime the repair using a flexible-when-dry acrylic paint and finish with a special touchup paint. Some plastic body parts require you to match the color of the plastic composite with the repair filler, much as with a vinyl dashboard-type repair.

Use flexible touchup paints to repair minor scratches in the surface of soft bumpers and fascias and to recover the bare, black plastic

revealed by peeled or missing paint.

#### See and be seen

While checking your car or truck's body for damage, also check all of its lights and lenses. Replace any burned-out bulbs. Moisture inside a lens indicates its seal is missing or broken—repair or replace the seal.

If one of the lenses for a taillamp, brake light or marker light is chipped or cracked, you may be able to repair the lens rather than replace it. Various repair kits are available for lenses. Simply add the appropriate color dye to the repair resin, inject the resin into the damaged area, which is closed off with a specially patterned mold to duplicate the light-diffusing pattern of the lens.

Also inspect all of the vehicle's glass areas as you clean them. Use a quality glass cleaner and lint-free paper towel or old newspaper to clean the glass. Stubborn glass stains, as from a winter's worth of road grime, may need repeated cleanings, possibly with a solution of warm water, soap and household vinegar.

As you clean the glass, inspect it for chips and scratches. You can buff fine scratches—as from windblown sand and other airborne grit—from the windshield. Use a glass-polishing compound on a special buffing-wheel attachment. Put the attachment in a





slow-speed buffing tool or variablespeed electric drill. Run the drill at about 1500 rpm and move it in a circular pattern around the windshield.

Stone chips can be repaired using a kit which injects a resin into the chip. A special jig holds the resin applicator over the chip and seals the damaged area so the resin fills it. A similar kit can be used to repair minor chips to headlamp lenses.

#### Dry and tight

Finish the exterior tuneup by replacing the windshield wiper-blade inserts. If the wiper blades themselves are severely corroded from a harsh winter, replace the blade as well.

Then walk around the car and reattach any loose or missing trim pieces. Auto parts stores sell universal trim molding, while your new-car dealership can supply you with the exact molding your car came with. Body side molding trim is attached using special adhesive.

Open and close all doors and the trunklid or hatch. Check all weatherstripping and the smooth operation of the hinges, latches and locks.

If the weatherstripping is damaged, you can patch it using black RTV silicone. Use a razor or utility knife to trim the repair to match the surrounding area after it has cured. Use the RTV to build up any crushed or deformed sections of weatherstripping that might not be sealing effectively. Try to slip a dollar bill between the molding and closed door-it should not slide through easily.

Auto parts stores sell weatherstripping in various lengths so you can repair or replace whole sections. Special weatherstripping cement en-

sures that the seal will stay in place after you've installed it. Also use this adhesive to reattach loose pieces of otherwise solid weatherstripping.

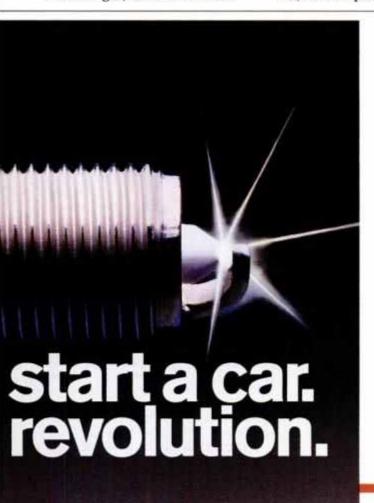
Clean and lubricate hinges, latches, striker plates and locks. White



Fine scratches in the windshield can be removed by polishing the glass. Run drill at about 1500 rpm.

grease is fine for hinges, latches and strikers. Use graphite for locks.

Finally, check and tighten as necessary all exterior pieces, like luggage racks, license-plate brackets, radio antenna and headlight bezels.





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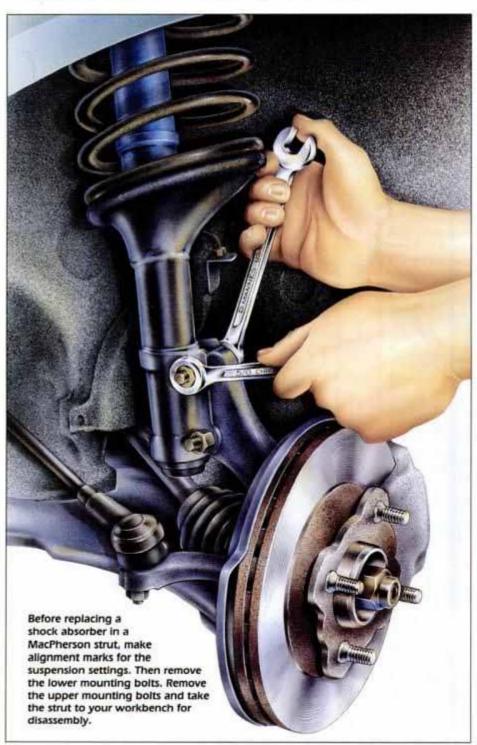


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# THE WHOLE CAR TUNEUP TUNE UP YOUR CHASSIS



 Peak automotive performance and razor-sharp efficiency encompass more than the ability of the engine to make power and the drivetrain to get that power to the wheels.

A truly tuned vehicle is one that also rides, handles, steers and stops with like-new crispness and response. Therefore, you should inspect, clean, adjust and replace the components of your car's suspension, steering and brake systems annually.

#### Bouncy, bouncy, bouncy

Regardless of the vintage of your vehicle, whether it's a car or truck or rear-drive, front-drive or all-wheel drive, there is a spring and shock absorber at each wheel.

Push down on each corner of your car and let the car bounce back up. If the car bounces up and down more than two times, the shock absorber should be replaced. In addition, crawl underneath (raise the car and place it on safety stands or ramps for safe access) and inspect each shock absorber. Look for dents, cracks or other damage to the shock-absorber tube, piston rod and mounts. Also look for signs of leaking hydraulic fluid from the shock. If there is any doubt, the shock absorber must be replaced. And unless the shock absorber is close to brand new (less than about 1000 miles), replace its mate on the other side of the car.

Replacing most shock absorbers is a fairly straightforward task. Undo the lower mounting bolt, swing the shock free and then undo the top mount. Gaining access to the top mount of some shock absorbers, however, may involve removing a trim panel in the trunk, in the cargo area or behind the rear seat back. You also may need a deep socket or a special, sharply offset box wrench.

When installing the new shock, install new rubber bushings, top and bottom. Follow the shock maker's instructions for tightening the mount-



ing nuts—overly tight mounts can deform the bushings, adversely affecting ride quality. Leaving the mount too loose can lead to a broken shock or mount.

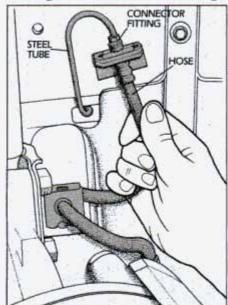
If your car is equipped with MacPherson struts, the shock absorber is integral with the coil spring

to form the strut unit. To replace a shock absorber in a MacPherson strut, in almost all cases, you must remove the strut unit from the car.

Begin by making alignment marks at the strut's upper and lower mounts so you can approximate proper camber and possibly caster settings when you reinstall the unit. After replacing shock absorbers in a Mac-Pherson strut, you should still have the wheels aligned professionally.

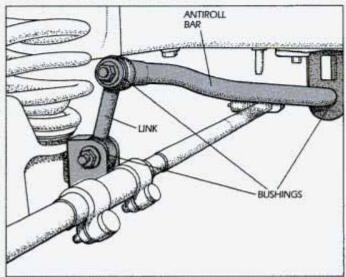
Raise the front of the car, and remove the wheels, front brake calipers and rotors (check your manual). Undo the lower strut mount—this may require undoing the link

from the antiroll bar. Then undo the top mount and lower the strut unit out from underneath the fender well. Compress the coil spring with a spring compressor, undo the upper retaining nut and remove the upper spring mount and bearing/bushing unit. Lift off the coil spring and then slide out the shock-absorber cartridge. Most cars use replaceable cartridges. Install the new cartridge



Inspect each brake hose, steel tube and connector for leaks and damage.

and replace the still compressed coil spring. Before putting the upper mount bearing/bushing unit back, check that it is not binding or grinding. If the bearing is bad, replace it as well. Tighten the retaining nut to spec, remove the spring compressor and reinstall the strut unit.

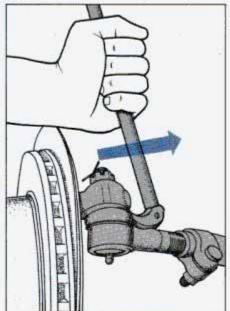


All suspension components have bushings in their mounts possibly even of different sizes and shapes.

#### Smooth rolling

While you're inspecting the shock absorbers, also carefully check the springs and all of the suspension components.

Check that all of the links and arms are secure in their mounts and are not bent, cracked or showing wear spots. If any of the individual pieces are suspect, they must be replaced. A shiny or flat spot may indi-



Vertical looseness in tie-rod ends or ball joints indicates replacement time.

cate that the piece is rubbing or fouling against another underbody part.

Pull, tug and twist each suspension piece at each mount. Check all of the mounting bushings. Hardened, cracked, missing or overly loose bushings must be replaced. Put a wrench on each mounting nut and

bolt and check its snugness. Also check the tightness of the steering box or rack.

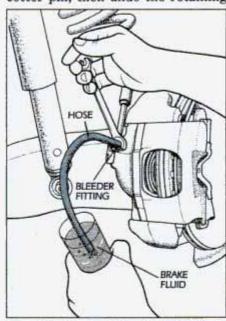
Inspect the individual components of the steering linkage—including the Pitman and idler arms for parallelogram systems. Regardless of the steering system, check the tie-rod ends at the steering knuckles at each front wheel. If your vehicle has grease fittings, add grease as needed.

The bearings of the nondriven wheels—the rears on a front-drive, the fronts on a rear-drive—must be inspected and repacked and adjusted if necessary.

With the vehicle sitting on safety stands, try to rock

the wheel and tire in and out to feel for free-play in the bearing. If you feel any perceptible movement, the bearing should be adjusted. Spin the wheel. Feel and listen for roughness in the bearing hub. If there is any roughness, the bearing must be replaced.

Remove the wheel, tire and bearing grease cap. Remove any lock and cotter pin, then undo the retaining



Purge the brake system of contaminants by flushing the fluid at each wheel.





Check the mounts of each nonstrut shock by pulling and pushing on the shock.

nut and washer. Pop out the outer bearing and pull off the wheel hub. Remove the grease seal that holds the inner bearing in the hub and throw it away. Never reuse the old grease seal.

Carefully wash the bearings in clean solvent. Let them air dry so you don't damage or scratch the rollers or races. Clean and inspect the wheel spindle. Look for heat bluing or deep scores on the bearings and spindle. Damaged components must be replaced.

Coat the bearing with wheel-bearing grease, forcing the grease around each of the rollers and into the roller cage. Place the inner bearing back in the hub and install a new seal. Partially fill the hub cavity with grease and put the hub back on the greasecoated spindle. Put the greased outer bearing in place and hold it there with its retaining washer. Put the nut on the spindle and lightly tighten it while spinning the wheel. Follow your carmaker's instructions regarding tightening specifications for the retaining nut. If you overtighten the nut, you can damage the bearing. If you're not sure of the tightening specifications, as a rule of thumb, tighten the nut only enough to keep the retaining washer from slipping beneath it. Replace the lock, cotter pin and cap.

Sure stopping

Inspect the brake system. Look at the brake hoses and steel tubing at each wheel. Inspect the hoses and tubing for cuts, tears and corrosion. Check all connections for leaks. Replace any suspect brake lines. Tighten any loose connections.

Also check how much friction material there is on all the brake shoes. Disc brakes usually have a large inspection hole in the caliper so you can see the lining on the shoes. Disc brake pads typically have a wear indicator in the form of a groove—once the groove is gone, it's time to replace the brake pads. Many cars also have an audible brake-wear indicator—a piercing shriek each time you step on the pedal indicates that the pads must be replaced.

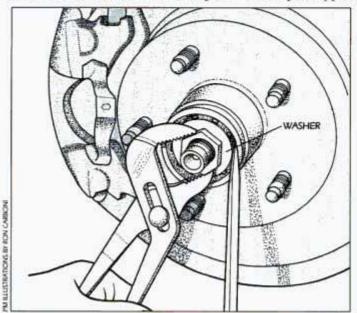
Drum brakes may have an inspection hole in the brake backing plate. If not, you must remove the brake drums to inspect the linings.

However, given the fact that the front brakes do most of the work—especially on front-engine/front-drive cars—chances are you will have to replace the front brake pads more frequently than the rear shoes.

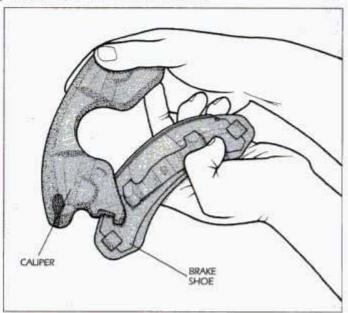
Most disc brake systems allow for quick and simple shoe replacement. Undo one or two retaining clips, remove the pins that go through the caliper and slide out the worn brake pads. To install the replacements, you must push the caliper piston back into its bore—without damaging its dust boot. This forces the brake fluid back into the master cylinder, raising the fluid level.

Before installing new pads, inspect the rotors for cracks, scores, chips or other damage. It's better to replace than resurface the defective rotor.

You should also flush the hydraulic fluid from the brake system if it has been in service for two years or more. The fluid collects moisture and other contaminants which corrode the brake lines from within. Flush the system as you would bleed the brakes, working your way around to all four brakes.

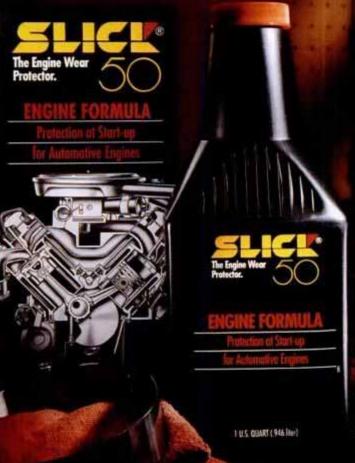


Only tighten a wheel-bearing nut until the retaining washer stops slipping. Use a screwdriver to check the washer.



On some vehicles, you must remove the brake caliper from the rotor to gain access to and replace the brake shoes.

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# THE WHOLE CAR TUNEUP TUNE UP YOUR INTERIOR



• Each time you take to the road, your butt is in the driver's seat, your hands are holding the steering wheel and operating all the controls and your eyes are looking through the windshield, at the mirrors and at the dashboard. So, if for no other reason than your own comfort and pleasure, you should take the time and effort to keep your car's interior as clean, fresh and functional as possible. After all, you spend hundreds—maybe thousands—of hours inside that passenger compartment each year.

Of course, it's an added bonus that

a like-new interior most favorably impresses your passengers and helps maintain your car's worth.

#### Cleanliness is next to...

The first step to tuning up the interior of your car is cleaning it. In fact, if there is nothing damaged in the passenger compartment, a thorough cleaning may be all that is needed to restore it to its original showroom condition. This is especially true if your car or truck has been subjected to the ravages of a particularly sloppy winter—one complete with lots of

tramped-in snow, salt and sand.

Begin by vacuuming the seats, floors and cargo area. Use a pointed nozzle attachment, if your vacuum cleaner has one, to clean in the crevices between the seat back and cushion, under the seats and between the seats and center console. Vacuum the insides of door and seat-back pockets, as well as any other storage bins.

Move the front seats all the way forward and vacuum the floor behind them, then run them all the way back and vacuum the floor in front. If your car has removable mats or carpet, re-



move them to vacuum them and the floor beneath. After you've vacuumed, club the seats—a little leaguer's baseball bat is the perfect-size club—and carpet to shake loose ground-in dirt. Then vacuum it all again.

If your car has vinyl upholstery, you can clean it with some household cleaner mixed in warm water or with a spray cleaner. Leather upholstery should be cleaned with a special leather-care product. Cloth upholstery may be cleaned with household upholstery cleaner.

If there are stains on the upholstery, remove them using the appropriate method and cleaning product. Dried food and other waterbased stains may be carefully scraped up using the edge of a spoon and then cleaned. Chewing gum can be stiff-

ened by chilling with an ice cube and then scraped off. Butter, oil and other grease-based stains should be scraped and treated with a solvent-type stain remover, according to the directions of the solvent's maker. Try to work from the edge of the stain toward the center to avoid leaving a ring.

Reclean the upholstery after removing any stains. Treat clean cloth upholstery with a fabric protector.

Remove the floor mats, scrub them, hose them clean and let them dry before putting them back on the floor. Carpeting and non-removable mats should be cleaned, either using warm water and a household cleaner or a special carpet cleaner.

Stubborn dirt and grime stains on the floor may need an old-fashion scrubbing. White salt stains can be neutralized with some vinegar and warm water.

Vinegar and warm water can also be used to clean smoke-scum-covered windows. Otherwise, use a quality window cleaner and clean, lint-free cloth or paper toweling to clean windows. Be sure to lower the windows an inch or two and clean their edges. When cleaning the inside of the



Foam cleaner, scrub brush and elbow grease will remove stubborn stains from floor mats and carpeting.

rear window, take care not to damage the defroster grid lines.

Also use glass cleaner to clean the rearview mirror, visor vanity mirror and the instrument lenses or cover.

Lastly, clean and polish the dashboard, window sills, armrests, center console, door and interior trim panels. Use a mild cleaning solution or one of the special cleaners.

Take care to clean window winders,

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clean their edges. When Brush on just enough conductive paint to fill the break in the cleaning the inside of the defroster grid. Clean thoroughly with solvent first.

door handles, dashboard switches, shift lever, steering wheel, steering column cover, radio and heater controls, direction-signal lever and the louvers for the dashboard vents. You can add luster to the cleaned surface by following the cleaning with a coat of special protectant. Do not treat the accelerator, brake or clutch pedals, steering wheel or shift lever with a product that leaves them slippery.

#### Attention to detail

As you clean the interior, note any damage that needs to be repaired. Tears or holes in the seat upholstery, cracks in the dashboard, armrests or vinyl door panels and missing or broken switches or controls ruin the effect of your concours-clean interior.

Small tears, cracks or holes

in vinyl—seats, dash or trim panels—can be neatly patched using a special repair kit. Mix the supplied ingredients and add appropriate coloring pigments to match the color of your interior. Then select the graining paper from the kit that matches the surface finish of the damaged area. Smear the repair mixture over the damaged area, lay the graining paper over the mixture and use the kit's heating iron

to cure the repair.

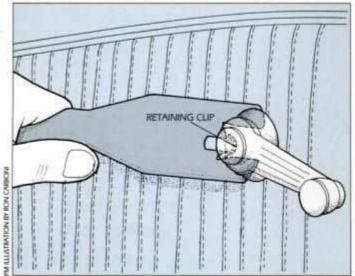
Severely weatherbeaten, torn or cracked dashboards can be improved by covering them with a preformed, molded dash cover.

Loose interior door trim panels can be reattached by replacing the broken pushclips with new ones available at auto parts stores, particularly those stores that specialize in body repair. If a small section of a trim panel is neatly torn, you can reattach it to its backing using trim adhesive.

Spray trim adhesive can also be used to reattach sagging headliner fabric by spraying the adhesive through a small slit that you cut in the headliner fabric.

Replace badly worn or damaged controls—armrests, window-winder cranks, radio controls—with new





Window cranks on some GM and other vehicles are held by a retaining clip. Push out the clip using this slim tool.

pieces. Duplicates are available at your dealership's parts department, while near-duplicate replacements are available at auto parts stores.

While some switch covers and buttons may pull off and snap on, most have a small setscrew or retaining clip. Look carefully before you pry.

Window-winder cranks either have a center-mounted retaining screw possibly hidden under a pry-up cover-or a hidden retaining clip. To replace a windowwinder crank, either remove the screw-which may be Phillips, Torx or Allen-or the retaining clip. To remove a hidden clip, retaining slide a special tool between the winder crank and door panel and push out the clip. To in-

stall the replacement, install the clip on the back of the crank and snap it into place on its shaft.

#### Looks good, works right

Also tighten and repair loose or damaged interior components such as sun visors, rearview mirror, heater/

defroster ducts and rear-window defroster.

You may be able to tighten a loose rearview mirror on its mount by tightening a setscrew. You can reattach a loose mount to the windshield using special mirror-mount adhesive. Thoroughly clean the glass with some isopropyl alcohol before attempting to reattach the mirror.

If the rear-window defroster has not been clearing the glass at all, check its fuse. If the fuse is good, check the wiring connections to the defroster grid. Clean any corrosion from the connections and recrimp loose connectors. Be sure that the ground connection is solid and corrosion-free. On hatchbacks and station wagons, be sure that the hatch itself is grounded securely to the rest of the vehicle.

If only one or a few of the lines of the rear-window defroster grid are not clearing, carefully check those nonworking lines for breaks. If you cannot see or feel the physical break or see where the grid may have come away from the glass, use a voltmeter to find the problem spot. Switch on

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the defroster and hold one of the voltmeter leads to the power buss at one end of the grid. Slowly move the other lead along the grid line. The voltage reading will drop very slowly as you move the lead. However, when the voltage drops precipitously, you have found the break in

the grid line.

If the grid line has merely detached itself from the glass but has not broken, carefully clean the glass around the grid line—without tearing the defroster grid—with isopropyl alcohol on a lint-free cloth. Then reattach the grid line to the glass by brushing either a thin film of clear nail polish or special defroster

repair paint over it.

If the grid is broken, you can repair the break using an inexpensive repair kit available at auto parts stores. The repair kit contains a special conductive paint, a thin brush and an adhesive template. Place the template over the broken spot in the grid line, aligning the slot in the template with the grid. Brush a small amount of liquid over the damaged area. Allow it to dry.

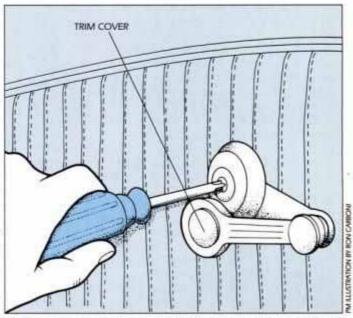
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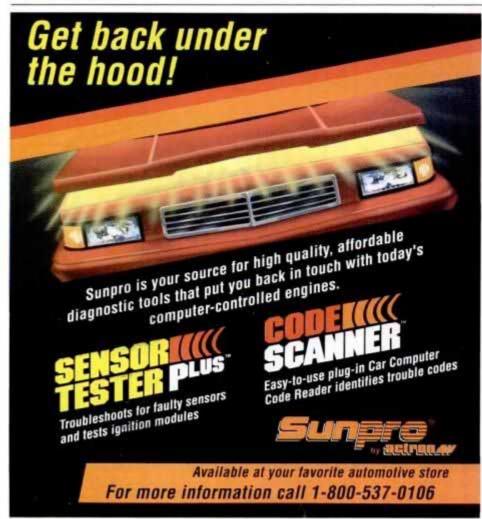
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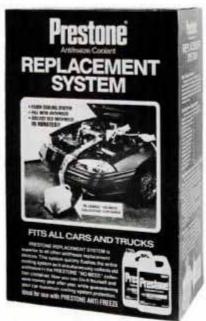
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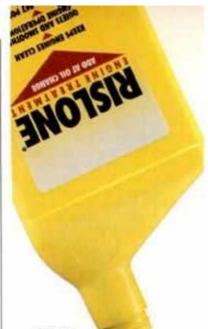
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BY JIM DUNNE, Detroit Editor



● An almost exact replica of the new European Ford Mondeo, this Ford compact will make its American debut late this year. As yet unnamed, the car will replace the Tempo/Topaz in the Ford and Mercury lineups. While the European lineup features a 4-door sedan, 5-door hatchback and station wagon, the American version will be built in the 4-door sedan-style only. Compared to Tempo, the car will be bigger overall, with a wheelbase stretched more than a half-foot to 106.5 in., and front and rear track widened 3.5 in. and 0.5 in.

#### Lincoln Continental

Longer and wider grows the Continental. With a 4.6-liter V8 engine replacing the 3.8-liter V6, Lincoln will be positioned directly against Cadillac's De Ville for the first time. A completely new exterior appearance will make the Continental look larger on the outside. Interior dimensions will remain unchanged. Prototypes like this (see photo below) carry the new passenger compartment sandwiched between current-style fenders, hood and trunk.

**Mustang Motor** 

Ford executives are in a tizzy. Press reports that the restyled 1994½ Mustang may be powered by Ford's 4.6-liter V8 engine are off the mark. Instead, the trusty 5.0-liter V8 will be carried over in the new model, at least for initial production. What has the chiefs concerned is that buyers may be disappointed when the more advanced engine is not part of the Mustang package. Still, the 5.0-liter V8 has a strong reputation as a top performance engine. That, and its lower price tag, should keep ponycar buyers happy.

Saturn/Olds

Despite denials, Olds and Saturn are planning a hookup that will link dealers and car models. First, the two GM divisions want to direct Saturn owners to Oldsmobile dealers when they want higher-priced cars. The key is a "transition car" that will be shared by Olds and Saturn. This lowpriced intermediate would fit at the top of the Saturn lineup and right in the middle of Olds' offerings. The linkup plan is ready, but now awaits an okay from GM headquarters. Be-cause cash is short at GM right now, there will be a delay in getting the plan off the ground. But when GM starts making money again, look for the Saturn/Olds car to make a quick appearance.

Chrysler V8

Chrysler needs eight cylinders to power its flagship New Yorker and LHS sedans. So look for the company to develop a V8 for the sedans, then use the same engine in the Thunderbolt—if that concept car gets the production green light. The 4.0-liter V8 in the Thunderbolt



V8 power and size increase will pit next-generation Continental against Cadillac De Ville.

now making the show-circuit rounds is a more modern engine than the 318-cu.-in. and 360-cu.-in. V8s that Chrysler now produces for its light-truck lines.

#### No V6 Saturn

Don't look for a V6 engine in the Saturn lineup soon. Saturn engineers have tried one already, and they don't think it's necessary. They put a 3.1-liter GM (Chevy) V6 in a Saturn test car to see if the bigger engine was worth the investment. "We want to stay at the affordable end of the market," reports one Saturn executive. "That V6 adds a lot of complexity. And we want to keep our ease of service and maintenance [with the 4cylinder]." Saturn's earliest plans included a donc V6 of its own. But that too is deemed unnecessary now.

In fact, don't look for important engineering changes in Saturn's models soon. As part of GM's cost-savings program, Saturn cut back its engineering head count by 38% late in 1992. That means Saturn will stick with its current chassis designs for at least the next five years. Meanwhile, watch for minor styling changes to continue each year.

#### **Universal Neon**

Chrysler will sell the 1994 subcompact model through two of its dealer bodies under one name—Neon. That means a Neon Dodge and a Neon Plymouth. The car is different in exterior styling from any small model Chrysler has offered to date. Its body shape is more rounded than anything you've seen from Chrysler or its competitors so far. Headlights have gone back to a round style to complement the body shape.

#### Chrome Wheels

More popular than ever are chromeplated wheels. A sprinkling are showing up at auto shows. And you'll see more on new cars in coming years. Modern ones are made of chrome plating over a cast-aluminum wheel. One problem in applying the chrome is getting a smooth surface on the aluminum casting. Most castings have a rough surface that bends the chrome sharply and causes early pitting. Two overseas companies are using high pressure to mold the wheels. This smooths out roughness and results in a long-lasting chrome finish.

#### Won't Die

Rear-wheel drive presents a problem at Chevy. While its Caprice is selling below expectations, there is still a big market in police fleets. Officers of the law prefer rear-wheel-drive cars. "A trooper gets out of a sample front-wheel-drive police car and says 'that's nice,' " reports a Chevy marketer. "Then they go over to the rear-wheel-drive cruiser." So whoever sells rear-wheel drive will get that market. Chevy doesn't want to leave the highly visible police-car market for Ford's Crown Victoria alone. That's a big reason for the Caprice staying alive.

**Grand Jimmy?** 

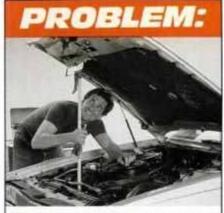
Look for GMC to offer two levels of the Jimmy sport/utility vehicle when a new model appears in 1995. While production ramps up on the new Jimmy, the current model will continue to be built. The plan is to sell the current Jimmy at a reduced price, the new model at a premium—a marketing recipe now used for the Jeep Cherokee and Grand Cherokee.

#### GM Midsize Sedan

Changes in GM's engineering assignments signal a major change in future rear-drive cars. As part of GM's cost-cutting, the midsize rear-drive sedan project was dropped from current schedules. At the same time, a key manager in GM's rear-wheel-drive project was transferred to Opel in Germany, where rear-drive midsize sedans are already in production. Put the two reports together with other information about GM's plans and you can predict that Opel will be the source of a midsize, rear-drive sedan for the U.S. market.



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The deadline for nominations is Aug. 27, 1993. Good Luck.

Joe Oldham Editor-In-Chief



#### **AUTOMOBILES**

### **NEW CARS**



you think again.

Due in dealerships this fall, the new pickups represent Dodge's first major redesign to its full-size truck line since 1972. The unique styling, which says truck in unmistakable terms, is only one element that promises to help Dodge increase its precarious share of the full-size pick-up market. The new Rams are also billed as having the biggest standard cab in the business, the first driver's airbag in a full-size pickup, standard rear-wheel antilock brakes (4-wheel ABS will be optional) and a 40/20/40 front seat with modular storage compartments behind it.

Even more compelling is the availability of a cast-iron truck version of the Dodge Viper V10—this in addition to the rest of the current Magnum engine line: the 3.9-liter V6, 5.2-liter V8, 5.9-liter V8 and 5.9-liter

Cummins turbodiesel.

The new Rams will come to market in a full range of body styles—standard cab, club cab and chassis cab—with 2wd and 4wd available across the board. Basic wheelbase dimensions in the Ram 1500 and 2500 models will be 119 in. and 135 in. A 5-speed man-

Magnum truck engine offerings.

ual transmission will be standard for most models, with two 4-

speed automatics available, one designed for heavy-duty applications. Initial production will be limited to the chrome-grilled version pictured above, but plans are in the works to offer the body-color grille displayed on a Sport edition at the Detroit show. Dodge also plans to revive its

famous Power Wagon badge, Power Wagon indeed.

Callaway SuperSpeedster

Basing his latest creation on a ZR-1 chassis and powertrain, Connecticutbased Reeves Callaway has unleashed the 750-hp twin-turbo version of what has become a continuous stream of seriously bad rides.

Ductile iron sleeves are added to the ZR-1 alloy block to contain the 17-psi turbo boost, which is routed through two intercoolers. Custom engine management software to handle the positive manifold pressure was written by AC Delco. The Vette's standard transverse composite spring

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Callaway twin-turbo super Vette boosts ZR-1 V8 engine output to 750 horsepower.



New LHS (above) and New Yorker round out luxury end of Chrysler LH sedan range. Posh LHS interior (upper right).

was replaced by coil-over shocks to make room for the plumbing, including twin dry-sump tanks for the turbocharger oil drains,

The chassis receives additional stiffening, and the fiberglass/carbon-fiber/Kevlar bodywork is wide enough to provide coverage for the Bridgestone P345/35ZR18 rear rubber. Brakes are Brembo billet Indycar pieces.

Production of the SuperSpeedster will be limited to 50 vehicles.

LH Goes Upscale

Anticipated since the launch of the original LH sedan trio—Chrysler Concorde, Dodge Intrepid and Eagle Vision—Chrysler is expanding offerings based on the new platform with two upscale editions: the Chrysler New Yorker and Chrysler LHS.

Though the two newcomers share the same wheelbase as the rest of the family—113.0 in.—at 207.5 in. overall, they're longer. And they're also heavier, topping out at 3503 pounds for the LHS.

Only one powerteam is offered—

Chrysler's 214-hp dohc 24-valve 3.5liter V6 and 4-speed automatic. Like the other LH sedans, dual airbags

Although pricing wasn't fixed when we went to press, the New Yorker and LHS are expected to fall into the \$25,000-to-\$30,000 range.

#### The Ultimate 3-Series

If you like BMW's nifty new 3series coupes and sedans, you're likely to experience even stronger emotions over the latest newcomers to the line.

One of them—the Convertible version—tells its story at a glance. The Convertible edition of the old 3-series was a strong member

of the lineup in terms of sales, and the new one looks even better.

The new hot-rod M3, however, raises a question, as well as the performance ante. Powered by a 3.0-liter dohc 16-valve straight-Six, the M3 goes from potent to sizzling. Thanks to its new infinitely variable cam

timing system and other tweaks, the M3 (M for BMW Motorsport) Six produces 286 hp and 235 ft.-lb. of torque.

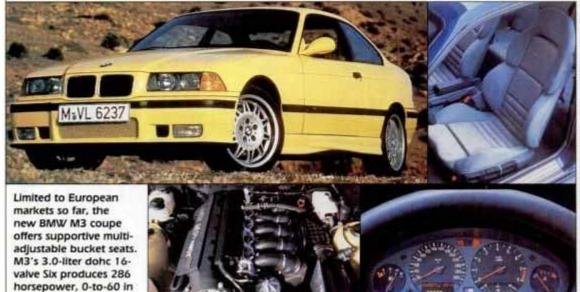
That adds up to a formidable 95.7 hp per liter and 0-to-60mph times of less than 5 seconds.

There's no question that this limited-production rocket will appeal to BMW faithful everywhere. But there is a question concerning its availability in the U.S., due to cost. BMW is looking at ways to get the price



BMW's handsome new 3-series Convertible is available as a mid-'93

are standard. Four-wheel disc brakes with ABS are standard equipment on both cars, and traction control is standard for the LHS, optional for the New Yorker.



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of a North American version somewhere within hailing distance of \$40,000.

#### New Cues For Q45

We all gave Infiniti lots of credit for taking a distinctive styling approach with the Q45 luxury sedan—in contrast to the derivative look of the Lexus LS 400. But the Q45's no-grille look didn't produce the kind of sales response Infiniti had in mind, and in its first update the car gets an extensive front-end restyling that includes a Jaguaresque grille, slightly larger

a viscous limited-slip differential.

Infiniti will continue to offer the Q45 in standard and touring (Q45t) editions, the latter with Nissan's Super HICAS 4-wheel steering system. A new variant—the Q45a—includes Nissan's Full-Active Suspension sys-

New front end, seating and trim highlight revisions to Infiniti Q45 for '94.

decades. Based on the Carrera 2, the Speedster is propelled by Porsche's classic 3.6-liter sohe air-cooled dualplug horizontally opposed Six, delivering 247 hp and 228 ft.-lb. of torque. Performance projections (with a 5-speed) are about the same as the Carrera 2: 0 to 60 mph in 5.5 seconds, with a top speed of 160-plus mph.

Designed primarily for top-down motoring, the Speedster's manually operated canvas top stows neatly under a nifty composite tonneau cover.

Look for pricing to start at \$64,000.



Introduced at the Detroit show, new Porsche 911 Speedster is based on Carrera 2.

headlights and foglamps integrated into the front airdam.

Other appearance changes are more subtle. The side mirrors have been redesigned to reduce wind noise, there's a new rear bumper and a bit more chrome trim.

Inside, the leather seat upholstery has been redesigned to provide a more conventional tuck-and-roll appearance. Another concession to conventional luxury appearance is the addition of a bit of wood trim.

Functional changes include the addition of dual airbags and pretensioners for the front seatbelts.

While the Q45's excellent dohc 32valve 4.5-liter V8 engine still produces stimulating power—278 hp at 6000 rpm, 292 ft.-lb. of torque at 4000 rpm—the chassis engineers have backed off on the suspension tuning to improve all-around ride quality. Antilock brakes are standard, as is

With 225 hp and chassis upgrades, the 9000 Aero is the hottest Saab ever.

tem, as well as traction control (optional on the Q45 and Q45t).

#### Fresh-Air Porsche

If fresh air can revive Porsche's stagnant North American sales, here's a car that displaces the atmosphere in style. And quickly

style. And quickly.

The 911 Speedster represents another update on Porsche's most hallowed—and thoroughly developed—series, dating back over three

#### Hot-Rod Saab

Here's the latest upgrade on Saab's steadily improving 9000 series—the hottest production car ever offered by the Swedish automaker. In addition to its distinctive cosmetic touches, the 9000 Aero brings 225 hp to the party, 25 more than anything else in the lineup.

The engine is Saab's familiar 2.3liter dohe 16-valve turbo Four, but in Aero tune, the turbocharger gallery is 10% bigger.

A number of chassis revisions promise to make the 9000 Aero quicker around corners. ABS and traction control are standard.

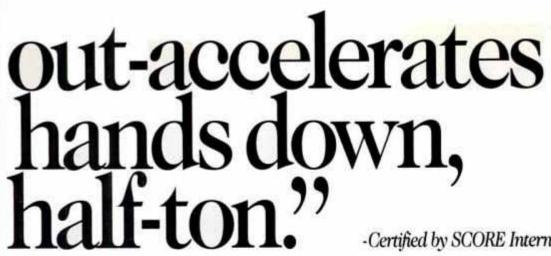
The Aero's leather-lined interior features new sport seats, with side bolstering worthy of a racing car.

Aero editions come with a 5-speed manual. A 4-speed automatic is available, at the sacrifice of 25 hp—the higher output engine is offered only with the manual transaxle.



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#### SCIENCE

# SCIENCE AND THE PRESIDENT

BY ABE DANE, Science/Technology Editor



• Like few presidents before him, Bill Clinton has seized upon science and technology as a keystone of America's economic future. Nearly a month before his swearing in, he'd already chosen his chief science advisor, Dr. John H. Gibbons—a step the last three presidents didn't get to until well into their first year. Now, a little more than a month into his presidency, and just before we go to

press, Clinton and his team have presented a comprehensive outline of what they intend to do.

Apart from the speed with which it was put together, the most striking thing about the report, titled "Technology For America's Economic Growth," is the underlying belief that the government has a big role to play in keeping America at the leading edge not only of military technology but also of industrial technology.

In this respect, it's a sharp departure from earlier policies, particularly those of the last two administrations. Never before has the U.S. government aimed for such tight coordination between government research and civilian industry. It's a path full of unknowns. But many feel it's an idea whose time has come.

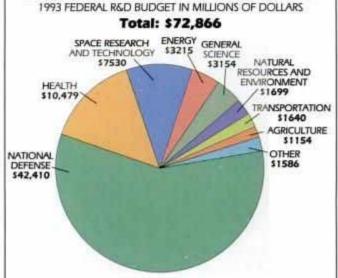
Although former Presidents Reagan and Bush both spent heavily on research and development, their policies reflected doubts about the effectiveness of targeting these funds in response to specific industry needs. Instead, they focused government research dollars either on long-term basic research or on clear-cut national goals, like defense and space exploration. If some of the resulting technologies spilled over and helped private companies, that was just a bonus.

Since World War II, this basic approach has produced some great commercial successes. Two of America's foremost industries—computers and aerospace—are rooted in mili-

tary spinoffs. But the pattern hasn't continued. Despite substantial gains in defense research-and-development spending throughout the 1980s, America's industrial dominance has measurably eroded. Meanwhile, however, our military has left its rivals in the dust.

As a result, there has been growing support for the idea that we need to do something like what we've done for the military for American business. Government has to get actively involved in directing the country's vast storehouse of scientific expertise toward things we can sell, while continuing to fund the basic research that keeps the storehouse stocked. Until Clinton's election, however,





tight coordination between The 1993 R&D budget inherited from the Bush administration is government research and 58% defense and 42% everything else. Clinton wants it 50/50.

this point of view had been confined mostly to universities because it was incompatible with Republican freemarket economics.

Now the advocates of industrial

policy are getting their shot.

So what's their plan? It breaks down into three broad goals, which will be approached through the resizing and redirection of a variety of existing programs, and several new initiatives. The total cost over a 4-year period: \$17 billion. Some of the new steps will be part of a supplement to the fiscal year 1993 budget now in effect. The rest will begin with the 1994 budget which takes effect this October 1.

The first and most complicated of the goals goes under the ponderous heading "Long Term Economic Growth That Creates Jobs and Protects the Environment." Devoted to these ends will be a variety of mechanisms for funding commercial R&D, and fostering cooperation between government and industry researchers.

A key instrument of this policy will be the Advanced Technology Program (ATP), part of the Commerce Department's National Institute of Standards and Technology. ATP, which parcels out matching grants to the developers of promising technologies, currently controls a relatively small budget of \$50 million, but that will swell by more than \$1 billion over the next four years.

This tremendous influx of funds comes in response to calls for the creation of a civilian version of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), which has gained a reputation for success in fostering budding military technologies. DARPA itself will remain part of the Defense Department, but will be renamed ARPA, signifying a shift toward technologies with commercial as well as military potential. NASA and the Department of Energy's National Labs will be asked to chip in by devoting some 10% to 20% of their budgets to cooperative research with private sector scientists.

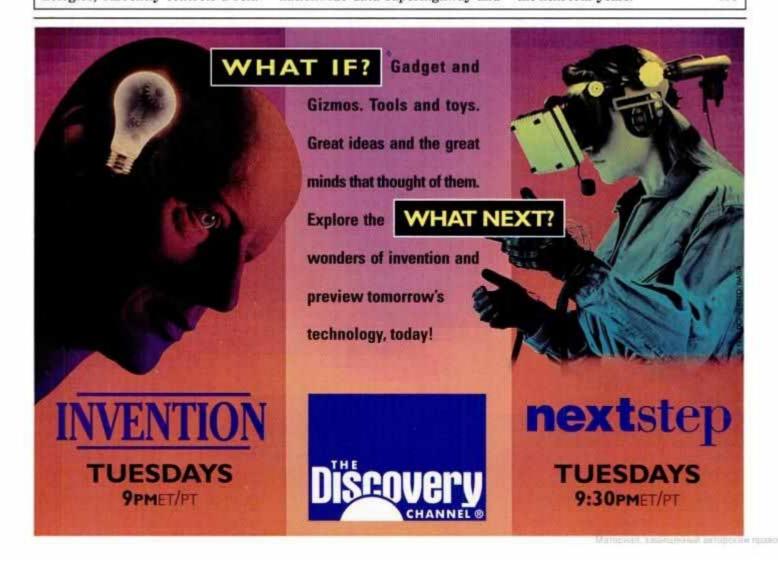
Also in the plan are such measures as tax breaks for investment in research, reform of antitrust laws to permit joint ventures and matching funds for education in manufacturing engineering. The other two goals—"Making Government More Efficient and More Responsive," and "World Leadership in Basic Science, Mathematics and Engineering"—encompass still more programs. And then there are the six free-standing initiatives including development of entirely new types of automobiles, a nationwide data superhighway and

improved manufacturing technology for education.

All in all, it's a tremendously ambitious package. Two big questions now loom: Can Clinton get it through Congress? And if he can, will it work? Critics of the whole concept of an industrial policy abound, and they point to the many massive, government-funded failures rusting by the wayside of technological progress.

Supporters counter that, like any other aspect of governance, industrial policy can be well or badly managed. Susan J. Tolchin, a professor at George Washington University and co-author of the book Selling Our Security, thinks Clinton's plan is a good start. "It was a signal to Silicon Valley and the whole tech community that they weren't going to be alone in the desert anymore, which is what they were for the last 12 years." She adds, however, that the plan doesn't adequately address the need for legal and financial reforms that would make the U.S. a better climate for business.

One thing that is clear from all of this is that President Clinton has staked his future on being able to nurture American technology. And while it's certainly possible to argue with his approach, his commitment and enthusiasm are a hopeful sign for the next four years.



#### **OUTDOORS**

### OFF-ROAD ODYSSEY

BY JOE SKORUPA, Boating/Outdoors Editor



• Remember when a steering wheel was surgically grafted to your hands? It was high school. You had just gotten your driver's license, and everything worth doing seemed to require driving, even visiting your best friend across the street. Hopping into a car on the slightest pretext was as automatic as breathing back then. Actually, it still is. But when it was new, it felt like exploring. Discovery was around every corner.

One of the biggest discoveries I made at the time was finding a secret network of roads that ran throughout northern New Jersey. This wasn't the biggest discovery I made at the time. After all I was a teenager and there were a lot of interesting distractions. Nevertheless, it was up there.

Anyway, I'd never noticed these side roads before, and there were dozens of them. They were unlike familiar roads, which were paved and graded. These roads were bumpy, off camber and followed the natural lay of the land. Most were dirt. Some had a thin base of crumbling asphalt. A few were virtually tire tracks that snaked into the woods.

Many of these roads led to dead ends. Several, however, really went somewhere, and the places they went were always interesting—an old farm house (read haunted house), a neglected (spooky) cemetery, an abandoned (secret) camp or, if we were lucky, another dirt (lost) road that climbed high up on the ridges. Although these expeditions were hard on family cars, my friends and I had great fun on these roads, and they quickly became our favorites.

Years later I discovered that my love for these roads had not diminished. Using well-equipped 4wd vehicles, I have explored the Great Divide, Death Valley, Alaska and the Yukon. And in doing so, I discovered another secret network of roads. This one runs through all 50 states.

There are, in fact, more than a million miles of dirt roads in America. At least 500,000 miles are on public land, and many lead to genuine ghost towns, cowboy camps, abandoned mines, historic sights and awesome natural wonders. The more I drive these roads, the more I realize what a fabulous resource they are.

However, it soon dawned on me that I was not alone in this appreciation. Four-wheeling or off-roading, a sport in itself, are popular in many areas of the country. Millions of hunters and fishermen also drive on these roads. And due to the stress of city living, more and more people are choosing to escape to the countryside on weekends and vacations. Rock climbing, trail hiking, wilderness camping, horseback riding and mountain biking, plus riding ATVs, dirt bikes and snowmobiles are becoming increasingly popular.

Uh oh, I thought a few years ago. Booming popularity often leads to booming market forces, and they both frequently spiral out of control. Boomers, unfortunately, all too often

kill the things they love.

Consequently, in 1990, I lobbied hard for Popular Mechanics to become one of the first corporate backers of a newly formed off-road environmental organization called Tread Lightly. At the time, Tread Lightly was in the process of departing from its government umbrella and becoming a self-funding, not-for-profit,

member-supported entity.

My lobbying paid off, and PM became one of Tread Lightly's founding members. I was named the magazine's official representative, and in surprisingly short order, I was elected to the board of directors. Today, I serve as the board chairman.

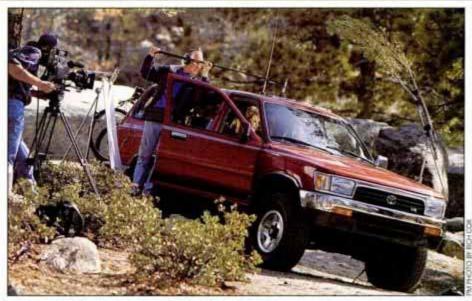
During its first three years of existence, Tread Lightly has achieved a surprisingly long list of accomplishments. This is due to the efforts of executive director Cliff Blake and his staff in Ogden, Utah. With the help of Lori McNeely, Brenda Randall, Tara Corgiat and Stew Jacobson, Cliff makes sure the Tread Lightly mes-sage reaches millions of 4-wheelers and others active in the outdoors. Much of this work is accomplished through the distribution of educational materials to the U.S. Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the automotive industry, the media and drivers' and hunters' education programs. Last year alone, Tread Lightly distributed \$70,000 worth of educational pamphlets, brochures and teachers' aids.

At the same time, membership in Tread Lightly has grown at a rapid pace. In 1990, the entire group could fit around a conference table. Today, with membership doubling annually, there are more than 70 corporate sponsors and more than 2100 individual and associate members.

Among the major corporate sponsors and benefactors are a who's who of the automotive world-Toyota, Jeep, Ford, Dodge, Isuzu, Mazda, Geo/Tracker, Nissan, Land Rover, Goodyear, Michelin, Warn Industries, Superwinch and many others. Nonautomotive companies include Ski-Doo, Polaris, Arctic Cat, Cole-man and Bass Pro Shops.

The main goal of Tread Lightly is to educate the outdoor public about environmental ethics and off-road responsibilities. In basic terms, Tread Lightly encourages people to enjoy the outback, but to do so without causing damage. Its mission statement declares that Tread Lightly will "protect public and private land through education. Emphasis is placed on responsible use of off-highway vehicles and other forms of backcountry travel, and on low-impact principles applicable to all recreation activities." In simpler terms, remember pro-use, low impact.

I must admit I was a little skeptical when I first heard about Tread Lightly. I had often come across areas where off-roaders had blazed new trails and ripped up terrain. I had also seen how the damage was compounded until the area had to be



On the set of the Tread Lightly video and cable production, "Where The Pavement Ends.

closed off. Could an organization that uses education and voluntary restraint as its only tools really prevent this kind of abuse?

After several meetings with Cliff and key automotive industry leaders, I realized that it could. To start with, Tread Lightly established a toll-free information line and developed a thriving national distribution network. Then, it produced educational materials and a video that will be

seen on cable TV this year. It also established a national educational conference to be held in Santa Fe, New Mexico, on May 6-8.

Future plans call for the production of several more videos, the establishment of seminar programs, coordination of trail-preservation programs, and much more. To learn more about Tread Lightly, write: 298 24th St., Ogden, UT 84402, or call (800) 966-9900.

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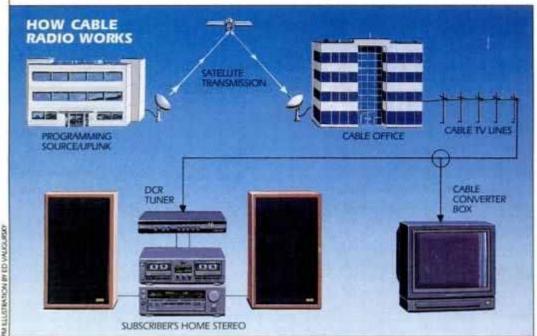


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#### **ELECTRONICS**

### D MORNING, E RADIO

BY FRANK VIZARD. Electronics Editor





 Given the almost ubiquitous nature of cable television, it was only a matter of time before cable radio became a reality.

Okay, your first reaction may be one of resignation. Television used to be free, now you get a monthly bill. Now you'll have to pay for radio as well. Great news.

Well, cable radio is good news for music lovers. And no one is saying free broadcast radio is dead either.

In a way, the radio stations themselves are creating the window of opportunity for cable radio. On the one hand, the type of music being broadcast by radio stations tends to be what's deemed the most popular. If you're a jazz or blues music fan, for instance, you're often hard pressed to find the same on the radio. In fact, you may have a tough time finding any music at all as radio stations increasingly adopt news and talk entertainment formats.

Secondly, while FM was once a high-fidelity (particularly as compared to AM) medium, this is no

longer the case. Disc jockeys may be playing compact discs but FM has a limited bandwidth that doesn't do justice to the dynamic range offered by CDs. This means you don't hear all the high and low notes present on the compact disc. Broadcast radio simply can't transmit the information. To a large degree, the digital age, represented by the compact disc, is threatening to bypass radio.

So, assuming you don't want to buy every CD released on the planet, an ideal music source would be a radio technically capable of producing CD-quality music. Here's where cable radio comes in.

Cable radio services already exist and have names like Digital Cable Radio, Digital Music Express and Digital Planet. Most services charge around \$10 per month. Digital Cable Radio now offers 38 channels of music, Digital Music Express offers 30 and Digital Planet has 26. Many of these channels are free of both commercials and disc jockeys.

Cable radio signals arrive in your

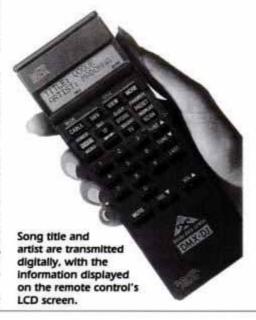
The cable radio signal piggybacks onto the cable TV signal. At home, a separate tuner processes the digital signal, which can then be heard in stereo on your audio system.

home by hitching a ride with the cable TV signal. The radio signals occupy only about one-tenth the bandwidth required for a television signal. Simply put, the radio signals get shoehorned into the space between TV channels. For cable operators this is a boon because they can generate extra revenue without giving up any cable space.

The cable radio signal, however, is processed by a separate cable box that acts much like a radio tuner, which connects to your home stereo.

What do you get for your \$10 per month? A lot of variety, judging by the program guide. At Digital Cable Radio, for example, recently added channels include Dance, Rap, Show Tunes, Traditional Country, Regional Mexican, New Age, Tropical Rhythms and Adult Acoustic Alternative. Add jazz, blues, classical, rock, love songs, big band, TV simulcasts and just about everything else to the mix. There's even a storytelling channel for children.

Cable radio also has one other nice



convenience feature. Nearly everyone has heard a song on the radio but has missed the disc jockey's identification of the song and artist. With cable radio, artist and song title are transmitted digitally with the music. Press a button and the information appears on an LCD screen on the re-

mote control.

Interestingly, while record companies have been wary of digital musical formats because of piracy concerns, digital cable radio is getting a positive reception. Sony and Time Warner Cable are investing \$20 million in Digital Cable Radio, the operation emerging as the industry leader. Digital Cable Radio, they believe, will help boost CD sales. The Sony Software and Warner Music labels will jointly program eight channels of music. This arrangement will allow the music companies to promote the artists and music they choose.

Digital Cable Radio, in Hatsboro, Pennsylvania, expects to grow to 50 channels this year and to 250 channels by the year 2000. Sports, news, education and foreign programming are planned. Digital Music Express is headquartered in Los Angeles and Digital Planet is located in Carson, California.

Just where does this leave our ex-

isting framework of broadcast radio stations? For the moment, they are in a bit of a bind, technically speaking, as far as the quality of the signal being delivered is concerned.

Cable radio, of course, is limited in the sense that wires can't be connected to portable and car radios. The

Federal Communications Commis-30 to 200 channels directly to sub-

sion is considering a satellite radio system that would digitally transmit scribers. A decoder built into the radio would unscramble the signal. Cost would be \$5 to \$10 per month. Lined up against this proposal is



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> the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB), representing the nation's radio stations. The association wants to develop an in-band digital transmission system that would be inclusive of existing radio stations. In any event, over-the-air digital transmissions aren't likely before 1995.

Personal Communicators

The science-fiction writer Arthur C. Clarke once noted that "any sufficiently advanced technology is indis-tinguishable from magic." Taking that thought to heart is a new Silicon Valley startup company called General Magic that proposes to develop a

line of handheld personal communicators.

What might seem to be a notion from the Star Trek television series has a lot of major players very excited. General Magic is a consortium comprised of some impressive names, including Apple, AT&T, Motorola, Mat-Sony sushita. and Philips. Admittedly, some big names are missing from the list, namely IBM, Microsoft and Intel. Indeed. the competition involving a product that doesn't exist is already fierce. Sun Microsystems, the largest manufacturer of computer workstations, intends to compete with a separate standard of its own.

What everyone is striving to develop is a handheld device that marries the computer and the telephone. These nomadic devices would be connected to larger communications networks by wireless radio links

While it may take some years yet for this prod-

uct to materialize, the technical standards battle is already beginning. General Magic has a communications platform called Magic Cap and a programming language called Telescript that it would like to see widely adopted. Video is also likely to be included farther down the road.

Next stage

After landing, the videotapes from my and Jay's planes were played on side-by-side monitors. There I was on the "Hero" camera, grunting and cursing while trying to escape, and there was Jay the "Hero" in pursuit, grunting and cursing as he tried to do me in. We watched ourselves laboring, determined, riveted. All the while behind our videoed heads the world was a swirl of green, blue, red clay and bright sunbursts as we wheeled and rolled our Mentors through the North Georgia sky. I was transfixed by what I was seeing—that couldn't possibly be me doing that. Yet it was.

My reverie ended when a cool can of brew was thrust in my hand and attaboy slaps hit my shoulder. I looked around at my colleagues in their sweat-stained flightsuits talking, laughing and recalling dogfights with their hands. And suddenly that F-4 that was never mine became a little less important.

#### INVISIBLE RAYS

(Continued from page 35)

years of studies have discerned no health risks from the radio frequencies used in cellular telephony. Nonetheless, the Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association has volunteered to bankroll new studies to be performed independently by the federal government.

In some ways, the comparison of ELF fields from electricity and appliances and the microwave radiation from cellular phones is an apples-

versus-oranges situation.

The ELF radiation from utility lines is a long-wave, high-power field. Portable cellular phones, meanwhile, propagate tiny waves at %10ths of a watt or less. The concern with portable cellular phones is proximity to the head, and with the new pocket models the microwave transceiver and antenna are in the handset, not

elsewhere in the car.

Companies like Motorola have always cautioned users not to grip the antenna-though mostly to prevent burns. Regardless, the Specific Absorption Rate for a cellular portable is 0.45 watts per kilogram-a fraction of the 1.6W/kg limit over a 30minute period recommended by the American National Standards Institute and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. By comparison, CB radios weigh in at 1.5W/kg and police radios at 3.6W/kg.

"With these devices and frequencies, you're concerned with the amount of energy absorbed by the tissue or any other material," explains Dr. Jerrold T. Bushberg, professor of radiology at the University of California. He, like Dr. Slesin, tells PM that with microwave equipment it's measurements of power density that matter, not field strength as measured in milligauss.

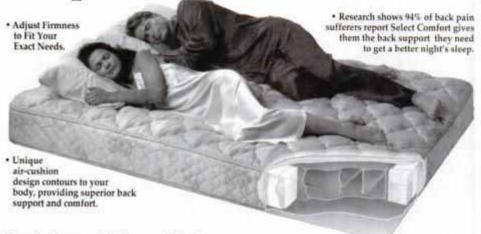
A milligram of prevention

If you've got a healthy dose of skepticism about things you can't see-and want to keep it healthy-there are some measures you can take to limit your exposure to EMF. You'll find specific recommendations in the accompanying chart on page 34.

Cellular telephone users have the greatest leeway—it's their nickel. As for ELF/EMFs from utility power lines, there isn't much anyone can do-even moving might not help. But prudence can be applied to appliances, where an ounce of prevention might not help, but sure can't hurt.

"With electromagnetic fields, dis-tance is your friend," says Dr. Slesin. "The farther away you are from an appliance, the better."

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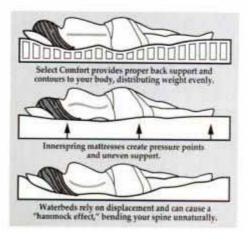


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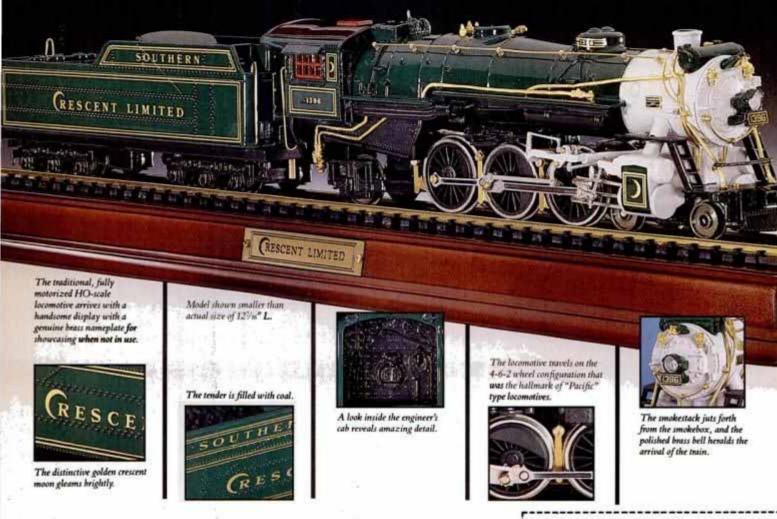
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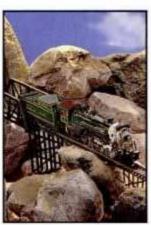
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THE NEW POLAROID

BY GEORGE SCHAUB

 For the past three years the engineers and scientists at Polaroid have been working on a secret mission, code-named the "Joshua Project." Leaks and teasers gave hints of what was to come and built anticipation to a high level, but there was no "Deep Throat" in the Polaroid hierarchy to spill the beans. The camera, first dis-tributed in Europe under the Vision moniker, is hitting U.S. shores this summer as the Captiva. Though we did get a quick hands-on in Europe last year, we waited until it was ready for the market

here to give it a true field test.

Ever since Dr. Edwin Land showed the world a 60-second print in 1947, the name Polaroid has been linked with instant photographic gratification. That first "instant" print was a sepia-toned black-and-white image, but loading the film, tugging the print from the camera after exposure, separating the sheets of paper and coating the print with gooey chemicals made for a somewhat messy experience and, all too often, a trial-and-error process for beginners. But no one denied that it was a miraculous achievement.

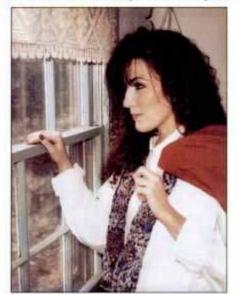


This is the actual size of pictures taken with the Captiva. Primary colors are rich and true. Pictures begin to appear in 40 seconds and are fully processed in less than 3 minutes.



Polaroid

viewer's eyes, even in broad daylight. But, given the configuration of the new Captiva camera, something must have seemed incomplete in the minds of the Polaroid engineers. Once the film was ejected from past





The Captiva pops up for shooting and folds for carrying. Film appears in window.

cameras, it sat in the jaws of the camera waiting for a hand to take it away and place it in a pocket or on a nearby table. The new camera behaves more like a marsupial than a mammal, holding the print within a camera "pouch" after exposure rather than ejecting it into the cruel world right after birth.

Those who still thrill from watching a Polaroid "come up" needn't fear, as the pouch, located on the back of the camera, has a clear window that allows you to witness the image as it emerges. It collects a full 10-shot pack of exposed film, and gives you a buzz when it's full.

Once you do get a hold of the print, you'll notice that it's smaller than those from the most recent Polaroid snapshot cameras. The image size is  $2.9 \times 2.15$  in., a rectangular format equivalent to a conventional wallet-size photo. However, the paper backing, which holds the plastic-enclosed picture, is  $2.5 \times 4.4$  in., and you can't cut the image away from the backing to fit it into your wallet. Do so, and

the careful arrangement of the image layers comes apart, and the image will discolor and fade.

Polaroid is quick to point out that the proportions of the image match those of TV and computer monitors (4:3). This may hint at a black box to come—one that uses the film to print out images from sources such as Photo CD and computer-enhanced imaging software.

As with most cameras aimed at the snapshooter, the Captiva has fully automatic exposure and focusing control. There are virtually no dials to set or buttons to push. There's even no need to carry fresh batteries, as each packet of film carries a battery for all the camera's power needs. The only controls are a lightendarken slide, which allows you to make pictures slightly lighter or darker to taste, and a self-timer.

Focusing works with what Polaroid refers to as a "Wink" system. Thousandths of a second before the actual exposure, the built-in flash sends out a beam of light. This is reflected back to the camera and tells it whether the subject is within or beyond close-focusing range. If it's more than 9 ft. away, a tiny solenoid is fired which drops a far-focusing correcting lens in the light path. That, and the "normal" focusing range of 2 to 9 ft. are the only two focusing ranges on the camera.

Because the Wink system, and the flash, are at the heart of the camera's operating system, every picture made with the camera uses flash. When the subject is more than 9 ft. away, the flash is ineffective and exposure is based solely on the aperture and shutter-speed control.

This flash-always exposure makes for some limitations. When shooting closeups (around 3 to 4 ft.), the flash tends to become the sole source of illumination, which makes the background go dark.

The solution is to back off slightly and take your shots from about 6 to 7 ft. away. This shooting distance provides very good exposure results that include both subject and background detail. And, if shooting indoors with flash, avoid going beyond 9 ft. from your subject, as the flash is ineffective beyond that range.

Once exposure is made, the film transports through what Polaroid describes as a "luge-like" channel for processing, and eventually the film appears in the window at the back of the camera. At first, a grayish plate appears. The first glimmer of a picture appears in 40 seconds, with the final print ready in 2 to 3 minutes.

The film itself is somewhat of a

warm-weather friend. Polaroid recommends shooting at 55° F for best results—shooting at lower temperatures can yield bluish results. For shooting outdoors on cool days, take the print out of the compartment immediately and place it in an inside pocket of your clothes.

The primary colors on the films we shot were rich and true, though fleshtones did appear somewhat sallow. On some closeups (2 to 3 ft. away), the pictures seemed somewhat overexposed, which gave faces a ghostly white appearance. Going to the darken control to compensate made the picture too dark overall.

The best results we got indoors were at an ideal shooting range of about 5 to 7 ft. Outdoors the camera performed admirably, though getting too close did make the background go dark even on sunny days.

All in all, the Captiva is an impressive piece of engineering that provides a fairly compact and lightweight instant picture experience. Though the smallish print size takes getting used to, the pictures are sharp with excellent color. As with all new systems—and this is a new approach to instant photography—experimentation and experience will help you get the most out of the camera.

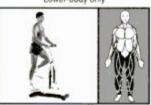
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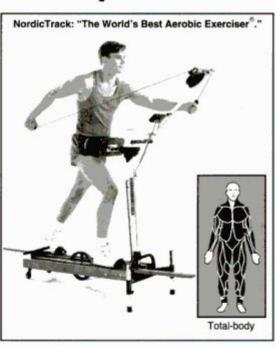
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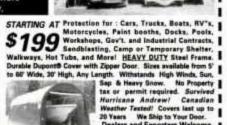




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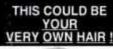


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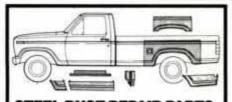
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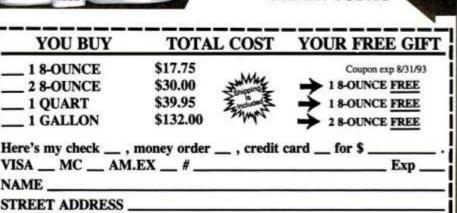
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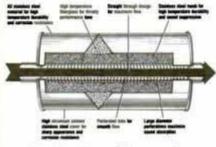
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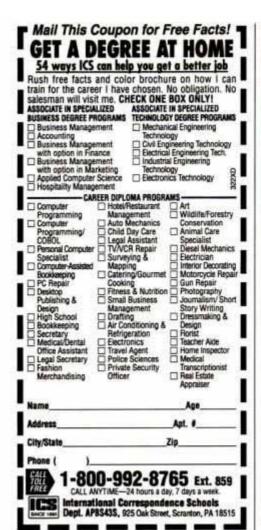


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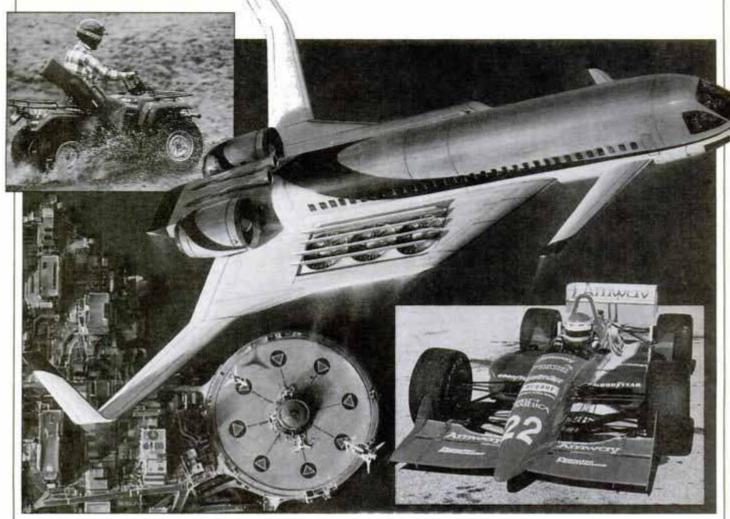
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