

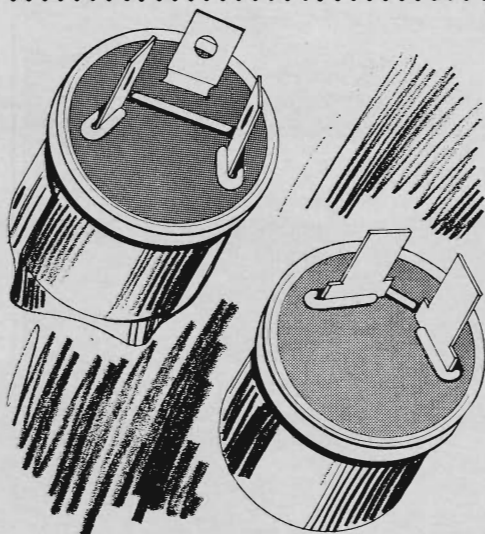


# Hints from the Model Garage

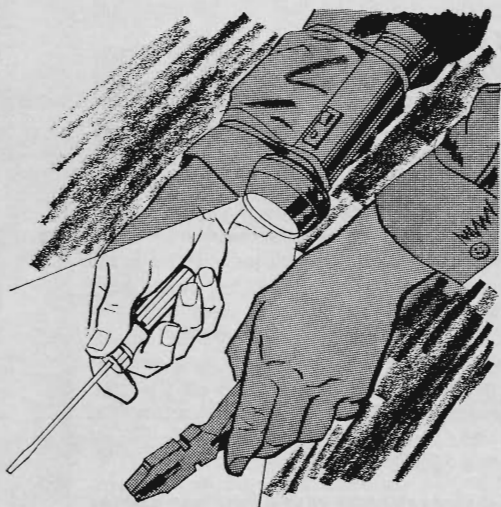


Exhausting air from a car is a problem. You can always get outside air in, but on many cars the only way of letting it out is to open a window. Vent panes are noisy at high speed and also set up drafts that hit the passengers on the opposite side. The

solution: Fabricate a piece of sheet metal, flat at the front and tubular at the rear, with gutters top and bottom to fit on top of the rear-door window glass and in the window seal. Hot and moist air is quietly sucked out. Paint the metal to match the car.



If your flasher unit fails, you can easily make a bypass, using a short wire (or a strip of folded metal foil) to connect the X and L prongs on the base of the unit. Refit the flasher unit in the socket and make flashing signals by switching on and off.



A flashlight should be part of your car emergency equipment. You can make your flashlight easier to use by putting a couple of large rubber bands around the handle. When trouble strikes, use the bands to hold the flashlight conveniently to your arm.

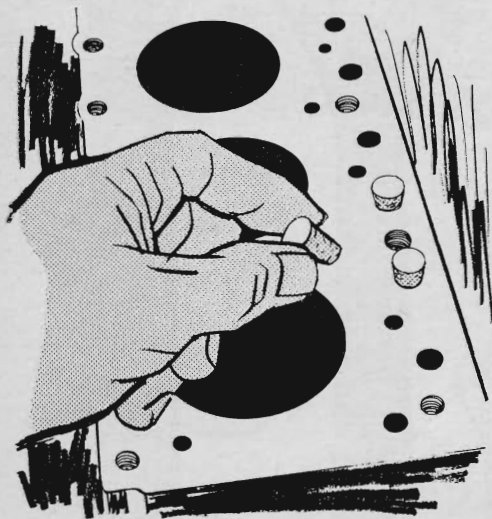
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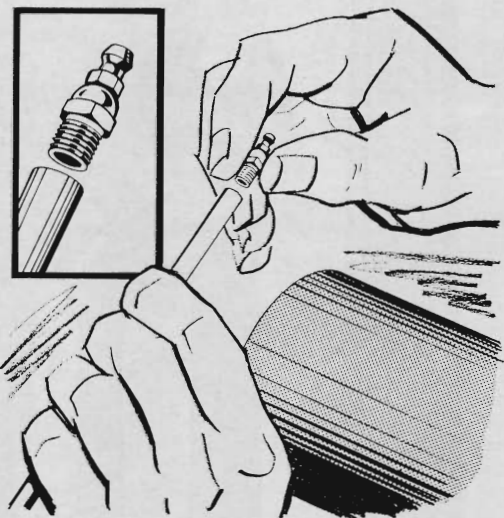
Waxing or polishing a car is less work if you use a regular mitt instead of cloths. The mitts are made in several sizes and usually have plastic or leather protective linings. Use one side to apply the polish, the other to smooth it down.



Bare spots on your mirror where the silver has come off can be fixed. Carefully remove the glass and cover the spots on the back of the mirror with tinfoil. Use clear, waterproof, adhesive tape to hold the foil securely, covering the patch completely.



Keep dirt and carbon out of the lifters by plugging up the pushrod holes whenever you're grinding the valves or decarbonizing the cylinder head. Ordinary medicine-bottle corks can easily be made to fit. Leave them in the holes until reassembly.



A leak in an external oil or brake line can be fixed by removing the line and screwing in Zerk grease fittings borrowed from the car's chassis. This will keep you going without an oil filter, or with three-wheel brakes, to the nearest garage.