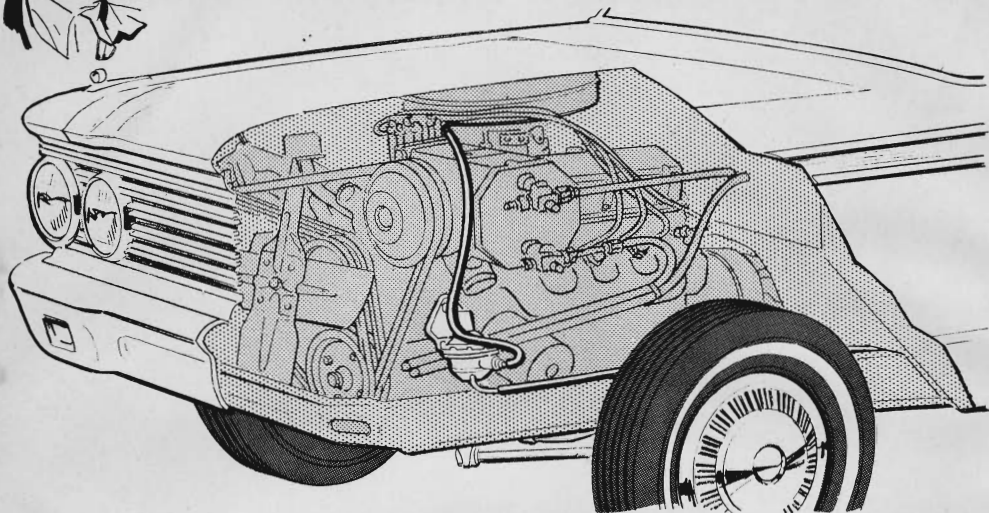


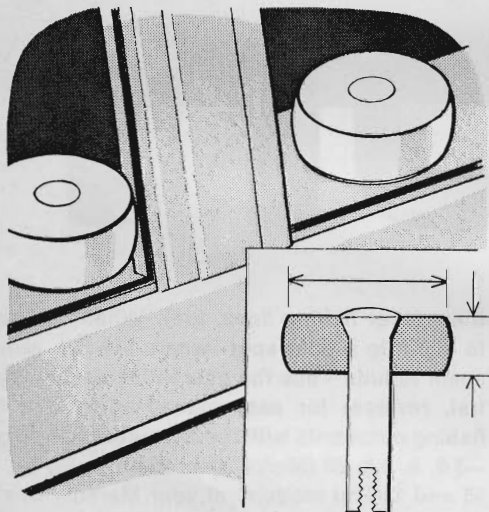


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When vapor lock persistently occurs on air-conditioned 1961-63 Ford V-8s, first make sure fuel-pump pressure is up to specification, then cut the metal fuel line from the gas tank a few inches from the fuel pump and replace it with

neoprene (a poor heat conductor). Connect the neoprene line to the metal line outside the engine compartment. Also, replace the metal line from fuel pump to carburetor with neoprene, re-routed around the air compressor.

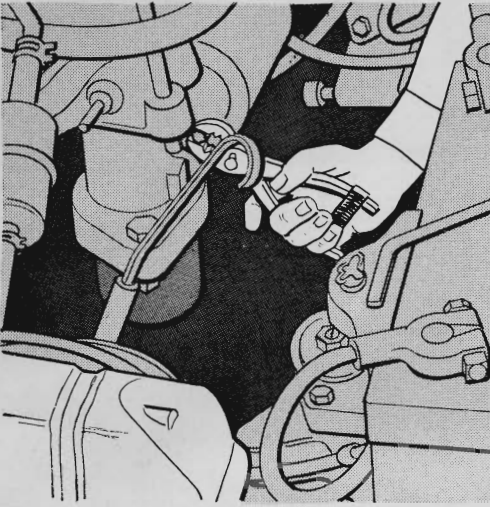


Door-lock buttons give a poor grip? Many do, especially if the locks are hard to operate. One fix: Make a $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch Micarta ring, countersunk in one surface, to fit the button. Remove the button, fit the ring, and reassemble. Now your fingers can easily grip the button, and the doors can be easily unlocked from inside.

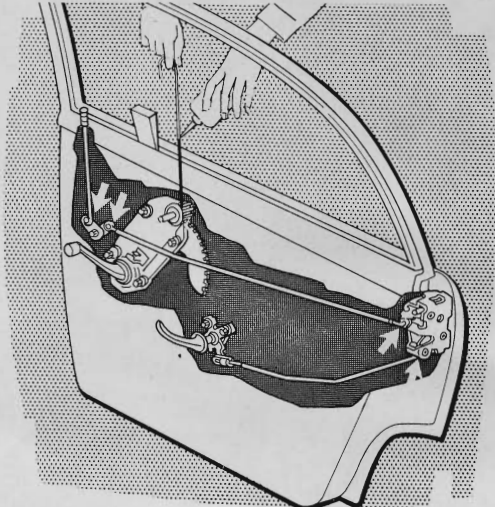


Cracked or burned distributor caps can be repaired with ordinary sealing wax until a replacement is found. Hold the wax so it will drip into the damaged area and melt it with a match or the flame from a cigarette lighter. Make sure the surface of the distributor cap is clean before you apply the wax.

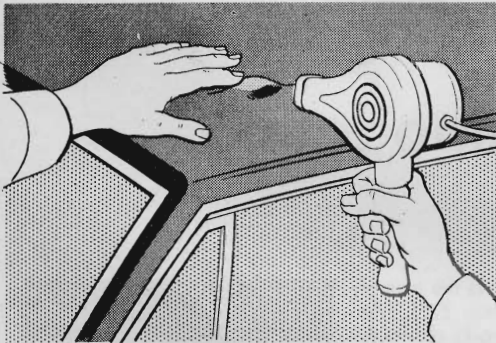
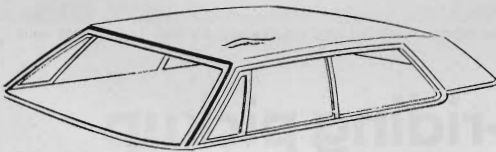
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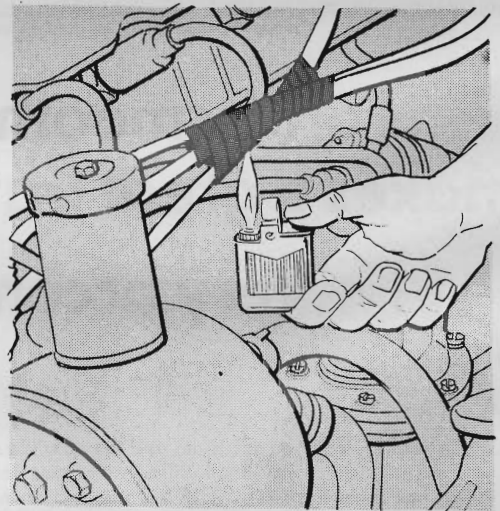
Getting a good grip on a bolt or nut with a pair of pliers is difficult if the fastener is where you can only reach it with one hand. The solution is to place a wide rubber band across the handles, holding them together. This way, you can turn your hand to get a new grip.



If side windows are hard to open and close, the mechanism may need oiling. Lower the glass all the way, wedge it to one side, and insert a stiff wire down to the mechanism. Oil deposited on the wire will follow it right to the desired part. This works with door locks, too.



Air bubbles in a vinyl-covered roof can be removed by heating the vinyl in the bubble area with a heat lamp or a Master HeatGun (available at power-tool stores). The loose vinyl shrinks when heated lightly and can then be pressed down with your hand.



Removing electrician's insulating tape wrapped around a splice on auto-lighting wires or wiring harnesses can be difficult, especially if the splice is in a cramped place. It will soften up and come off easily if you pass a match or lighter flame across the tape a few times.