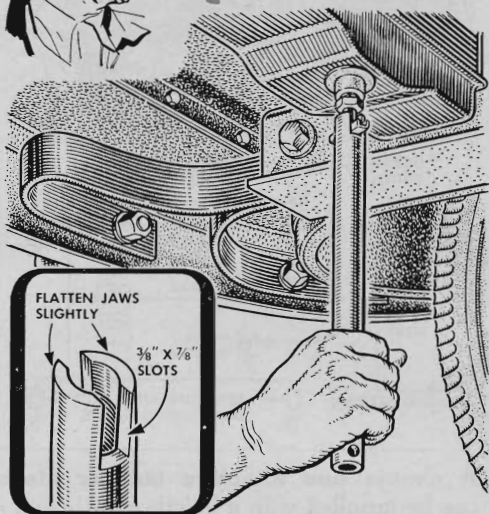
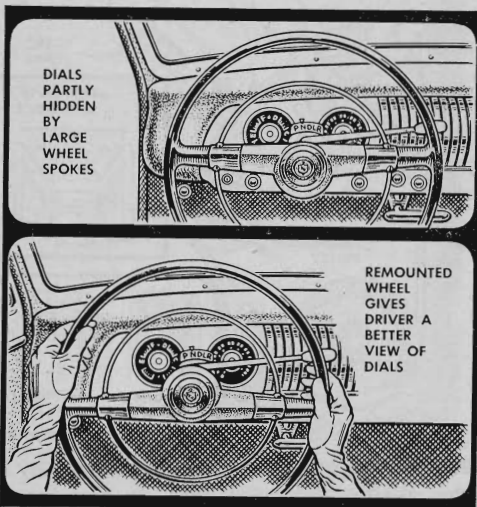




Hints FROM THE MODEL GARAGE



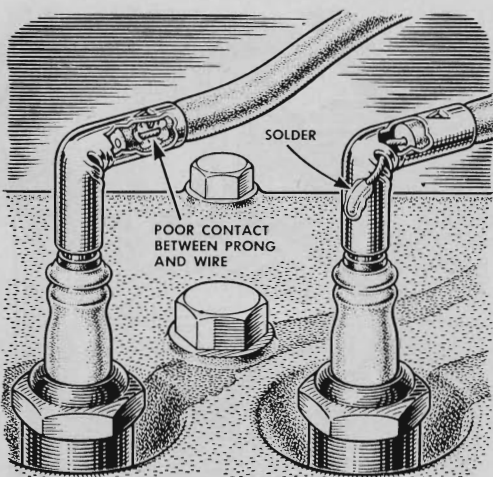
A wrench made from hardened copper tubing makes it easier to open and close a cooling-system petcock under the car. As you open the petcock, the coolant will run down the tubing, not your sleeve. Drill a hole in the end and hang it on a nail.



How high you sit may determine whether you have a clear view of the driving gauges through the steering wheel. On late cars with two-spoke wheels it sometimes helps to pull off the wheel, turn it 180° and remount it with the spokes below the center.

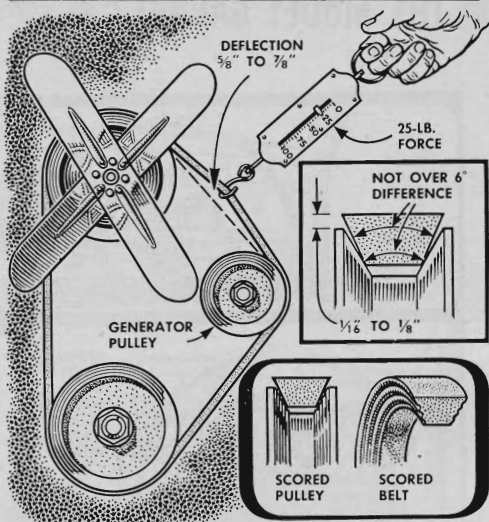


For emergencies, especially if several of the family drive, post a list of essential telephone numbers in the car. Include the policy number of your car insurance as well as the numbers of any personal-accident or hospital coverage that you have.

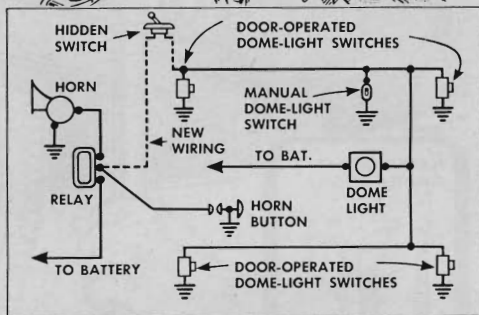


Hard starting may result from a faulty contact between the spark-plug wire and connector. In such cases, one mechanic suggests stripping back the insulation, replacing the connector and soldering the bare wire to the side of the connector.

MORE Hints from the Model Garage



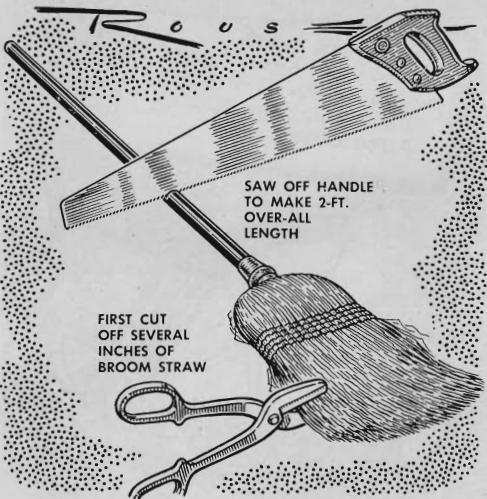
Fan-belt life may be shortened by any of the reasons indicated here. In installing a new belt, always make sure it is engineered (in cross section) to fit your particular pulleys. If a pulley is scored, your belt eventually will become scored too—and weakened. If too tight, the belt will damage water-pump and fan bearings.



A simple and effective burglar alarm can be installed with a length of wire and a single-pole switch. Use the wire to connect the horn and courtesy-light circuits through the switch. If anyone opens the door, the horn will blow. Hide the switch somewhere on the exterior of the car so you can shut off the alarm system.



If static sparks crackle from your fingers when you slide into or out of a car equipped with plastic seat covers, try keeping your hand on the door handle until you are settled or out. This will carry off the charge from your body.



A handy brush for cleaning road dirt from the underside of a car can be made from a discarded household broom. Shorten the handle with a saw and snip about 6" off the bristles, leaving just enough so you'll have a brush that's good and stiff.