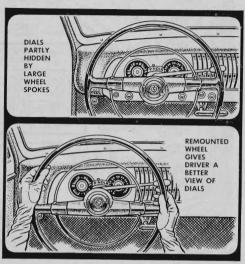


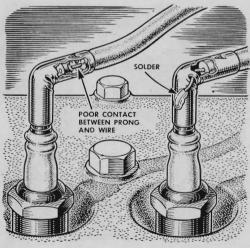
A wrench made from hardened copper tubing makes it easier to open and close a cooling-system petcock under the car. As you open the petcock, the coolant will run down the tubing, not your sleeve. Drill a hole in the end and hang it on a nail.



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.