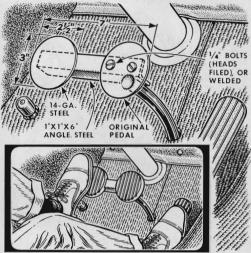
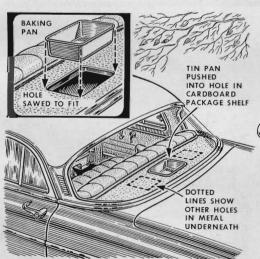
Hints from the model garage



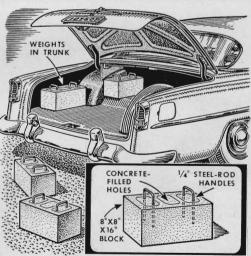
Parking downtown in a too-short space won't be a wrestling bout with your steering wheel if there's a store window opposite your parking spot. You can usually see from the reflection how your car lines up with those on either side of you.



A two-footed brake pedal is a real convenience on an automatic-shift car. This sketch shows an extension that puts the pedal within easy reach of your left foot. Weld an extra pedal to the extension. A dealer will sell you a pedal pad.

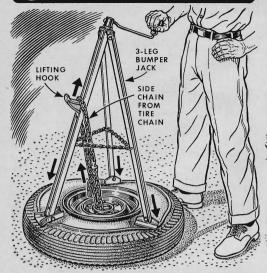


Small objects won't roll around if you set a baking pan into the package shelf. The sheet metal under the cardboard of the shelf usually has several holes to reduce weight. Locate one and cut the cardboard to fit the pan so that it drops into place snugly.

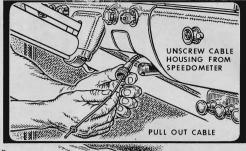


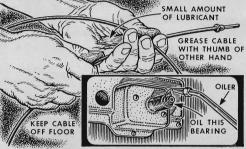
Weights in the trunk will add traction to the rear wheels, especially in a car that has its weight concentrated at the front. For winter driving, heave in several concrete blocks. Rods set in the blocks will make them a lot easier to handle.

MORE Hints from the Model Garage

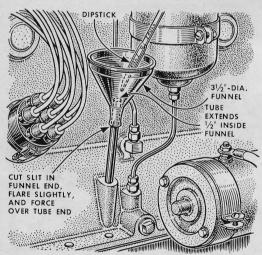


Breaking a frozen tire bead with a jack is an old trick. But here's that stunt in new form, using a tripod jack. Run a sling—an old tire chain or towline rope is fine for this—through the wheel hole, between the lifting hook on the jack and a crosspiece set under the wheel. Cranking will cause the legs to force the bead away.

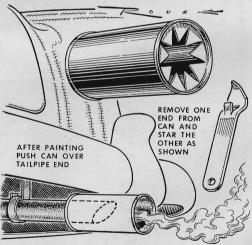




A jiggling speedometer needle, accompanied by whirs and ticks, is a signal that your speedometer cable needs lubricating. It's recommended every 10,000 miles in any case. Rub light graphite grease on the cable—sparingly within 6" of the speedometer-head end. And put a few drops of oil on the bearing at the back of the head.



Dipstick tubes are hard to see in a dark garage. You can end fumbling—and greasy sleeves—with a small funnel. Cut a short slit in the spout of the funnel and force it over the tube as a guide. Remove the funnel occasionally and wipe it clean.



A no-cost tailpipe extension can be made from a beverage can. Remove one end of the can and make notches in the other, cutting them so closely together that a starshaped piece of metal drops out. Push tabs back up and shove jagged end on tailpipe.