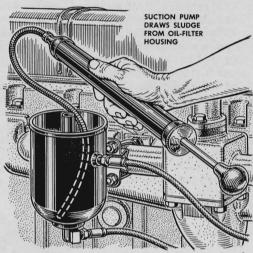
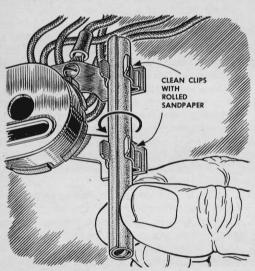


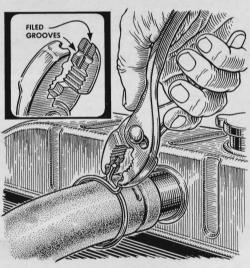
Remove a stuck-on oil-pan gasket without tedious scraping by passing a blowtorch over it. Don't burn the gasket; just heat it until it loosens and peels off easily. Wipe the pan clean before applying the torch, so that the oil doesn't ignite as you play flame around the edge.



Changing an oil-filter cartridge? it's important to remove the sludge from the bottom of the filter housing. If there's no drain plug, this gook can be drawn out with an inexpensive suction gun used for draining and filling differentials. Then wipe the housing clean with a rag.

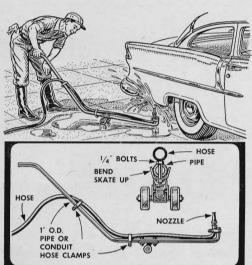


Electrical accessories will give peak performance if the inside surfaces of fuse clips and the fuse ends are clean; corrosion adds resistance to low-voltage circuits. Sand them lightly and bend the clips together slightly for tighter contact.

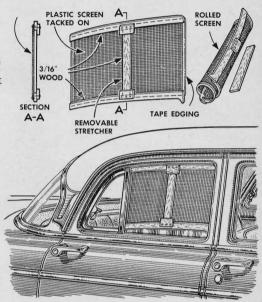


Spring-type hose clamps can be removed easily if grooves are filed in the jaws of a pair of pliers to keep the spring tabs from slipping. File a set of grooves parallel with the jaws and another set across the jaws for use in all positions.

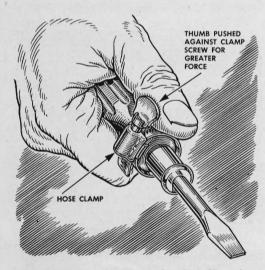
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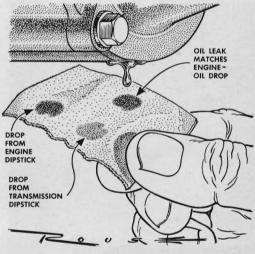
Flush dirt from the underside of a car without getting yourself wet by clamping the hose to a dolly made from a 6' length of pipe and half a roller skate. Bolt the skate to the pipe and bend up a handle. To avoid a geyser, turn on the water after pushing the dolly under the car.



These car screens roll up for compact storage when not in use, yet they can be installed in minutes. Tack plastic screen to an upper and lower spreader shaped to fit the contour of the window. Insert a strip of wood to stretch the screen and secure it by raising the window against it.



Get a better grip on the handle of a screwdriver by tightening a worm-gear hose clamp around the handle near the shank of the blade. Grasp the tool so that your thumb bears against the clamp screw in the direction you're turning.



To locate an oil leak, pull the dipsticks from engine and automatic transmission and let a drop of oil from each fall on a white blotter. Then hold the blotter under the car to catch a drop of leaking oil. Compare the colors.