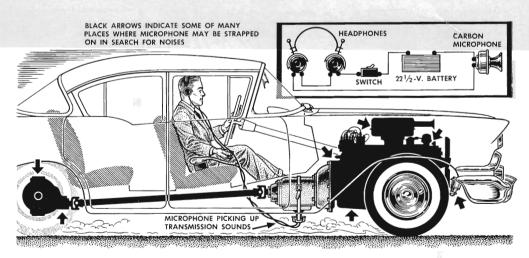


Noisy hubcaps can be silenced by coating the entire inner surface with body undercoating. Brush the material out to the edge of the cap and over the clips that hold it in place. This insulates the cap at all places that touch the wheel.

Like a big rubber band, a rubber tirechain tightener can be used to keep an open trunk lid from flying up and down when hauling large objects. Clip several of the hooks to the underside of the lid and to the bottom edge of the bumper.



Hard-to-locate noises that occur only when a car is in motion can be pinpointed with this inexpensive microphone outfit. Wire a carbon microphone—the type found in surplus telephone equipment—to a $22\frac{1}{2}$ -volt battery and a set of low-

impedance headphones. Strap the mike in different positions in the suspected area and listen while you drive. When the noise comes in loud and clear, you've found its source. The mike will locate rattles, noisy gears, and clicking valves.