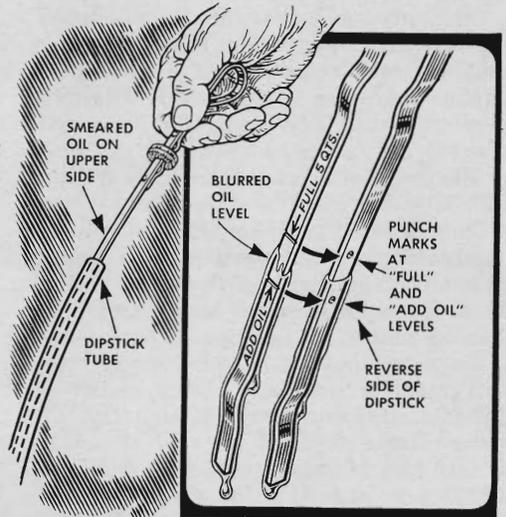
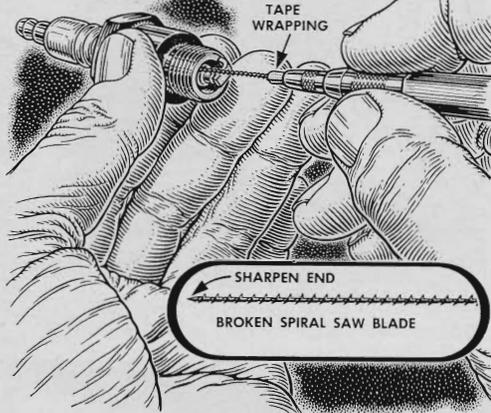
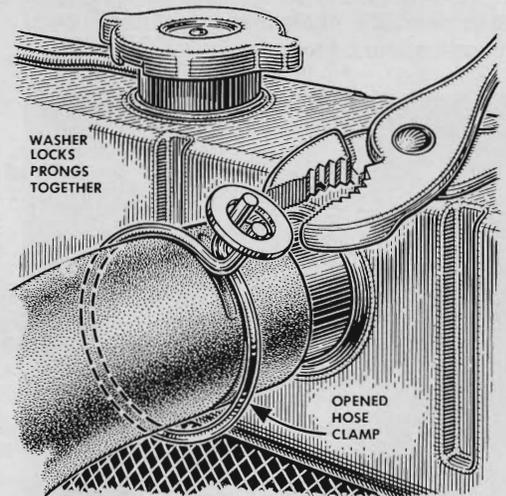
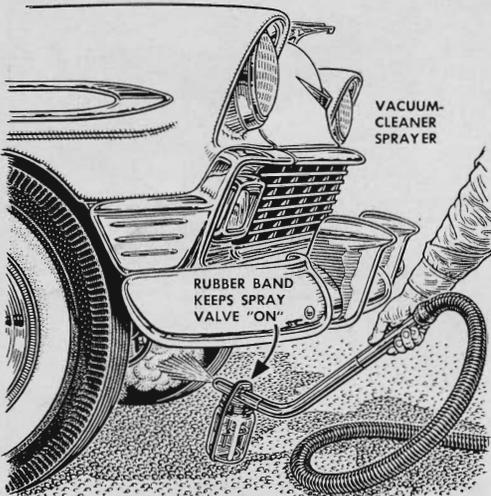


Hints from the Model Garage



For cleaning spark plugs, a piece of spiral saw blade chucked in a drawing pencil makes a handy tool. It's especially good for scraping inside the plug. Sharpen the tip for best results. Shim the other end with tape to fit the chuck.

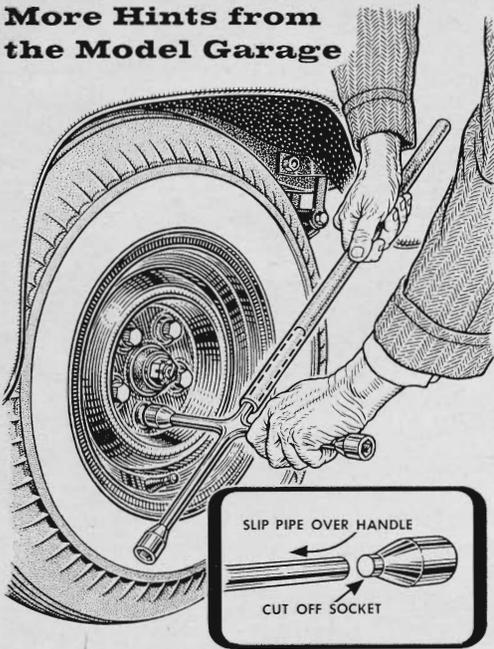
Reading a dipstick is easier if you prick-punch marks at the "full" and "add oil" levels on the reverse side. The lettered side of a late-model stick often gets smeared with hot oil when withdrawn from the curved guide tube.



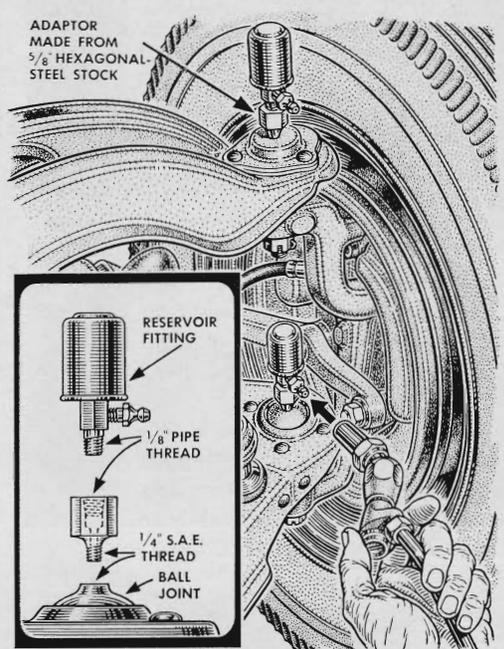
To degrease the underside of a car, use the spray attachment of a household vacuum cleaner to apply kerosene. A rubber band will keep the valve open so you can reach under the car. Let the kerosene soak in, then hose off the dirt.

To hold a hose clamp open slip a washer over the prongs. The open clamp will then be easy to remove and replace without special tools. Prongs can be compressed for the washer by squeezing them together with ordinary pliers.

More Hints from the Model Garage



Loosening wheel lugs is easy if you have leverage. Cut off the lug-wrench socket next to the one that fits your car. Then slip a two-foot pipe extension over the shaft. Women will appreciate this if they ever have to change a tire.



Ball joints won't run dry when greased continuously by these reservoir fittings. Grease pumped into the spring-loaded fittings is fed into the bearings as they require it. Your car will always run as if it just came off the lube rack.



"Tack" notes to the dash panel with a small magnet—the type sold in stationery stores for kitchen use. They're strong enough to hold without sliding. You can use them to hold addresses, maps, or reminders of errands to be done.



Clean the sump, too, when changing paper air-cleaner elements. Dirt, trapped in the sump after being stopped by the filter, may find its way into the carburetor. Best practice is to remove the whole assembly before taking out the filter.