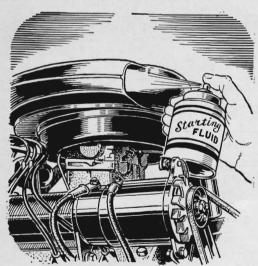


The padlock on the spare tire beneath a truck can be protected from rust, mud, and dirt by slipping a plastic bag over it. Squirt a few drops of light oil into the bag, and fasten it over the lock with a gardener's twist-on plant tie.



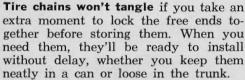
If your car is balky and hard to start on cold mornings, try spraying starting fluid into the air intake while the car is cranked. The fluid, available in pressurized cans at auto-supply stores, will fire at once and save draining the battery.



To maintain side visibility when driving in heavy snow, run the front door windows up and down occasionally. The felt strip in the door frames will clear snow from the glass, permitting you to see through both windows at crossroads.

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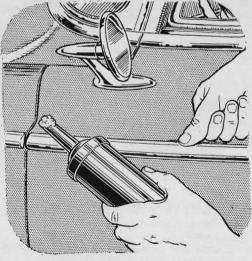




You'll save your back and the deck of your station wagon by placing heavy loads on a loose piece of carpeting. This makes it easier to push the object into the wagon, and you have only to yank on the carpeting to pull it out when unloading.



You can work in the dark with both hands if you fasten a flashlight to your forearm. Use masking tape or heavy rubber bands to hold the light in place. Its beam will always be focused on the work area as you move your hands about.



Rust under molding strips can be prevented by pressing calking compound between the *top* edge of each strip and the body of the car to keep slush and water from running in behind. Leave the bottom edge of the trim open for ventilation.