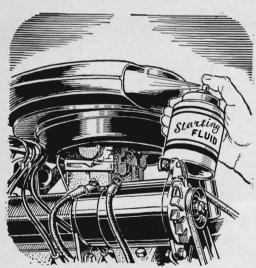


The padlock on the spare tire beneath a truck can be protected from rust, mud, and dirt by slipping a plastic bag over it. Squirt a few drops of light oil into the bag, and fasten it over the lock with a gardener's twist-on plant tie.



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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