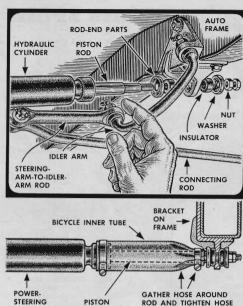


You can hush rattles in a spare-tire cover with this trick. Cut a slit around the inside diameter of an old bicycle inner tube and slip the tube over the rim of the cover. The cover will still fit its opening—but snugly and quietly.

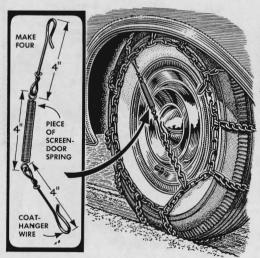


Exposed power-steering pistons, found on some cars, pick up dirt and grit that ruin the hydraulic seal. You can stop this by covering the pistons with sleeves cut from a bicycle inner tube. Fasten the sleeves on with hose clamps.

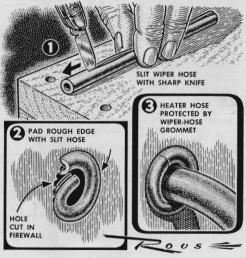
CLAMP ONLY SLIGHTLY

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Stop broken chains from clanking by carrying along a few of these spring clips. Cut 4" lengths from a screen-door spring and bend hooks from coat-hanger wire. They're faster to use than repair links and they hold the chains under tension.



A heater hose won't fray where it passes through the firewall if you make a grommet like this. Slit a length of rubber windshield-wiper hose down the middle and slip the hose over the rough edges of the drilled-out hole in the firewall.