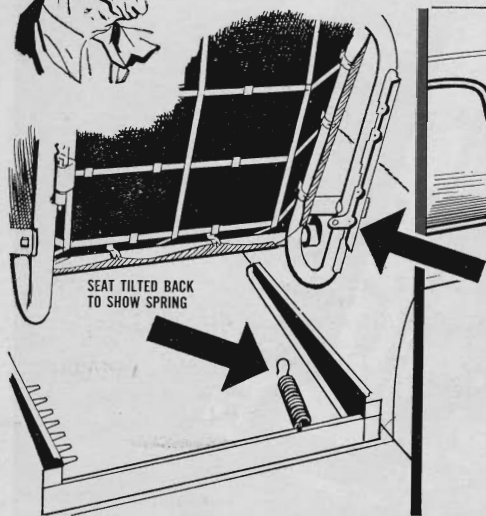# Hints from the Model Garage
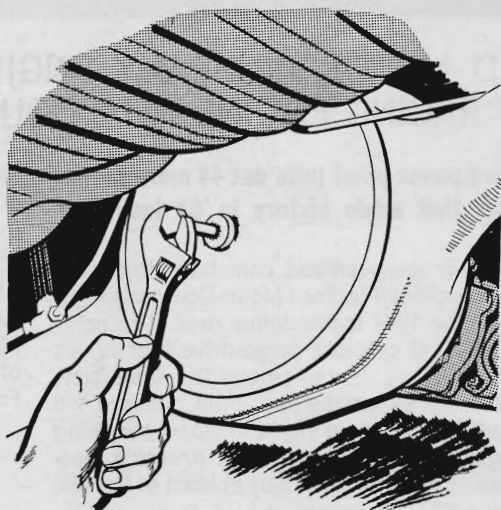
A **worn-out driver's seat** needn't be a problem in a Volkswagen or in most other bucket-seat-equipped cars. Merely switch driver's and passenger's seats to equalize the wear. On the Volkswagen all you need to make the swap is a screwdriver. Disconnect the retaining spring under the seat, pull the seat forward, and take it off the track. Some foreign sedans require no tools at all. In many sports roadsters, seat backs are secured by nuts, which are easily loosened with a wrench.
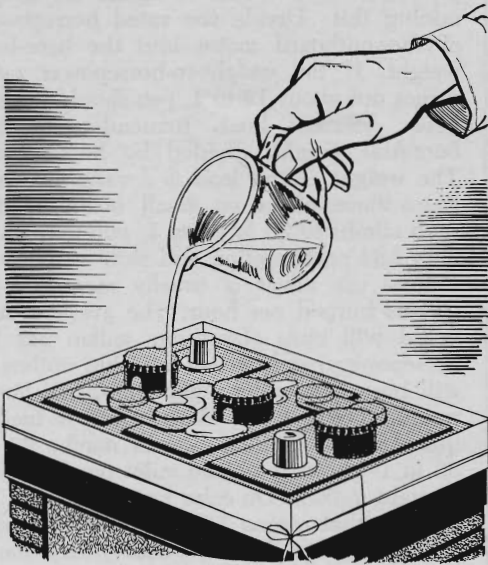
SEAT TILTED BACK TO SHOW SPRING

Removing an old gasket during an engine overhaul can be a chore. Instead of wasting time with a scraper, liberally brush on some paint remover. Allow a few minutes for the paint remover to soak in. You'll find that the gasket peels off easily.
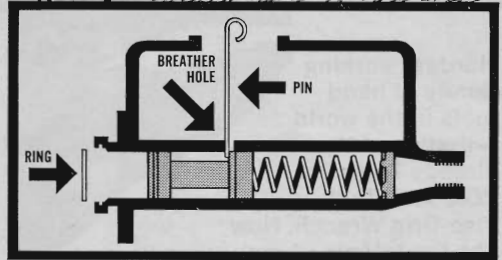
PAINT REMOVER

A recessed rear-axle plug can be unscrewed even when the inside corners have been stripped. Drive a bolt into the recess and weld it to the plug. Twisting the bolt with a wrench loosens the plug, allows it to be retightened for further use.

Asphalt-topped batteries last longer if protected with a thin layer of paraffin wax. Wash the battery top and build a cardboard dam around it; a string holds the cardboard. Pour ⅛″ of wax over the top to seal cracks that often form there.

In rebuilding some master brake cylinders, it's easy to install the piston stop and ring by pushing the piston into the cylinder until it passes the breather hole. A pin in the hole holds the piston out of the way while you install the piston stop and ring.

Windshield scratches seemingly made by worn wiper blades may actually be caused by excess windshield sealer oozing from the bottom molding. Wipers pick up this abrasive, cause streaking. Remove smeared sealer with a razor; wash with solvent.

When a muffler must be cut loose, saw the exhaust pipe the easy way. Remove the blade from the hacksaw frame and replace it upside down, with teeth pointing toward the handle. By cutting from the top down, you get more leverage and less binding.

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