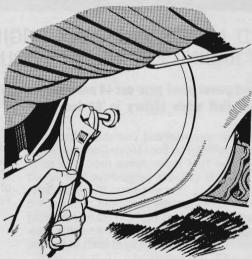


A worn-out driver's seat needn't be a problem in a Volkswagen or in most other bucket-seat-equipped cars. Merely switch driver's and passenger's seats to equalize the wear. On the Volkswagen all you need to make the swap is a screwdriver. Disconnect the retaining spring under the seat, pull the seat 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.



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.



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.