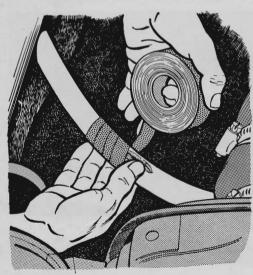


Protect the chrome on your bumper with this simple trick when you have to give or get an emergency push: Drop a pair of rubber cushions made of old tire sections over the bumper guards. Cut the sections from any discarded casing and make a hole on each side, inside the bead. Loop a rope through and knot it on each end. The rope, when slipped over the guards, keeps the cushions from slipping. You can store the cushions in the trunk over your spare tire where they'll always be easy to find.



It's easy to repair a torn heater hose by wrapping a couple of layers of plastic electrical tape around the tear. First coat the area with contact cement. When it's dry, stretch the tape tightly over the break and at least 2" beyond it at each side.



A king-size warning signal, in case your car becomes disabled, can be made from one of your hubcaps. Spray the inside of the hubcap with red enamel. While it is still tacky, throw over it a handful of red reflective-glass beads sold at art stores.