



Hard cranking and early firing? Test for end play in the distributor shaft. Connect a timing light to No. 1 plug; disconnect all others. Crank, watching the timing mark. If firing is too early, pull the distributor drive gear and insert spacer washers between the gear and housing.

Leaky hot-water valves in a heater warm a car interior when heat isn't wanted. To save an expensive heater-element repair job, install a copper fitting valve in the hot-water line between engine and heater element. Close this water valve in the spring, reopen it in the fall.



When rocker panels rust out, replacements are costly for all cars and hard to get for imports. Here's a way out. Bend some coat-hanger wire to the exact shape of the panel and take the pattern to a sheet-metal shop. They can fabricate a rocker panel quickly and inexpensively.



Setting point gap on a Corvair by cranking the engine with the starter and getting the high spot on the cam, is a hit-and-miss deal. For precision, put a %" offset box wrench on the main drive-pulley nut. Moving the wrench turns the cam and enables you to set the gap.