

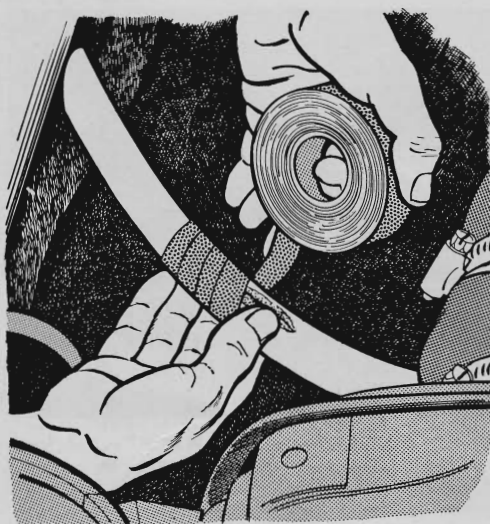


# Hints from the Model Garage



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.

## More Hints from the Model Garage



You can safely store cans of partially used motor oil or transmission fluid by slipping a plastic coffee-can cover over the top of the container. The plastic is just the right size for quart cans. It keeps dust out and fits tightly to make the cans spillproof.



Make a dipstick guide from a polyethylene funnel so you can replace the measuring stick without fumbling. Cut off the funnel at the narrowing end until it can be pushed over the dipstick tube. The flexible plastic's "give" allows a tight force fit.



Date it when it's new and you won't forget how old your battery is. Use a sharp point to scribe figures on a cell post or connector, fill them in with white calking compound, and wipe off the excess. The reminder will be legible despite engine grime.



Make your auto flashlight breakproof by wrapping the smaller turns of a cone-shaped furniture spring around the body at the head. This will give the lens the same kind of protection the wire guard gives to the trouble light you use in your garage.