

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.