

# Condensation is cause of many muffler woes

Mufflers, brakes and shock absorbers are important elements to your car and need special maintenance.

Al Martin, owner of the Midas Muffler Shop on Guelph Street, noted the most common reason for muffler deterioration is not driving the car often enough.

"Condensation stays in the exhaust system and causes it to rust," Mr. Martin said.

But, excessive noise or exhaust smells in the car may not always mean the system needs to be replaced, he said. If an owner encounters

these symptoms, he should have the system checked. It may be that parts are loose.

Short-run driving will wear down the brake system especially if the driver hits the brake pedal hard and fast consistently, he said. This type of driving may eventually warp the rotors and drums, causing the brakes to fall completely, Mr. Martin warned.

The best method is to come down on the pedal gradually, slowing the car to a stop.

Shock absorbers may last the life of the car, but can be unpredictable

in certain makes. Shocks stabilize the car. If an owner finds his ride is bumpier than usual, it might be an indication that the shocks are weak.

Shock absorber fluid cannot be replaced. Once the shocks start to leak, they must be replaced, Mr. Martin said.

Although motorists may replace brake fluid themselves, they should have the system checked regularly.

Replacing the fluid in a leaking system is merely a stop-gap measure, he said.

Mr. Martin also noted that all drivers should warm up their cars before they start to drive. A brief warm-up in the morning will increase the life of the car.

Motorists who drive their cars just around town, might also consider taking the car out on long runs from

time to time. The car which is used on long-distance rides on a regular basis will last much longer, Al Martin said.

"Your muffler will last three times longer," he added.

Midas Muffler Shop specializes in muffler, shocks and brake maintenance and replacement. For more information call the shop's manager Brad Penfold at 873-1621.

## Include tire rotation in car care schedule

"Let it snow," say the owners of front wheel drive cars who can enjoy plowing through winter with ease. The concentration of the engine and transmission's weight over the driving wheels greatly improves traction.

However, this feature does put a disproportionate load on the car's front tires, which not only steer and drive the car but also carry extra braking burden plus most of the weight.

Front tires may wear twice as fast as those in the rear, which is why most manufacturers emphasize the importance of periodic tire rotation (criss-crossing of tires) on front drive vehicles.

For optimum wear, says Car Care Council, tires should be rotated about every 6,000 to 8,000 miles.

Look for unusual tread wear patterns, says the Council.

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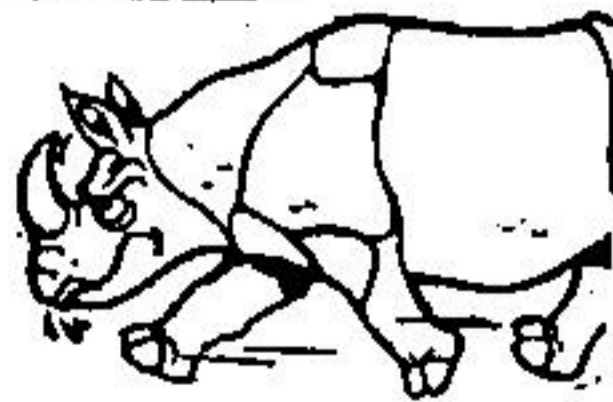
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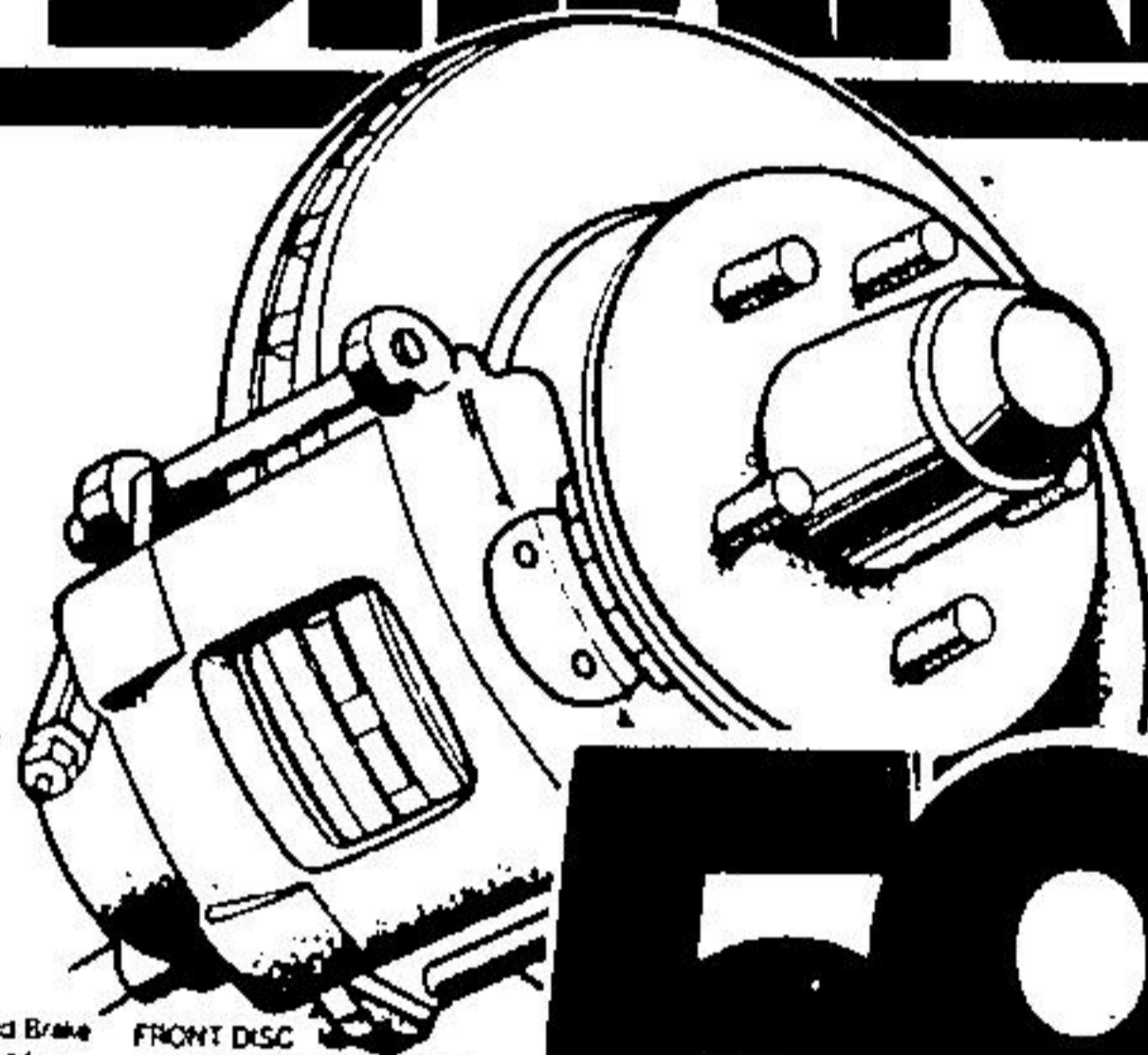
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