

Prepare your car's cooling system for a trouble-free summer

In today's busy, fast-paced environment, no one wants to be plagued by car troubles. But with the hot summer months ahead, your car may very well be put to the test.

To help you prepare, there are very simple and fast preventive measures you can take to safeguard against vehicular woes. Maintaining your car's cooling system is one of the most important preventive maintenance tasks you can do.

The following tips offered by the makers of Prestone will help you get your car ready for trouble-free summer driving.

In cooling systems with antifreeze/coolant recovery reservoirs, the radiators should be full of antifreeze. Cars without recovery reservoirs should have an antifreeze level about one inch below the

filler neck when the engine is cold.

Just because your coolant is providing ample anti-boil protection does not mean that the antifreeze is in the best working condition.

For example, the rust-inhibitor package may have lost its effectiveness. When the protective chemicals no longer work, rust may accumulate and clogging may occur.

As a rule, the entire cooling system should be flushed and refilled with fresh antifreeze each year to maintain optimum efficiency.

The makers of Prestone Advanced Formula Anti Freeze/Coolant have a program that actually guarantees your radiator against any type of coolant-related damage for a period of one year. By flushing and refilling with specified Pre-

stone products, you qualify.

The "Prestone Radiator Guarantee" program is available nationwide to all types of automobiles and light-duty trucks—regardless of year, make or

mileage.

Should a cooling system fail, the brand has a network of over 30,000 service centers waiting to repair any radiator damage suffered.

Preventive maintenance is the key to prolonging the life of your car. By following a few simple steps, you can ensure cooling system longevity, performance, and guaranteed protection.

Make sure to examine car's hose clamps during spring checkup

A quick spring car care checkup is one way of helping to prevent major breakdown problems during the upcoming hot summer season.

Most automobile owners remember to examine major parts of the vehicle for problem areas; however, hose clamps, which play an important role in keeping these parts in good working order, are oftentimes completely overlooked.

Hose clamps are located in many areas under the hood of an automobile, including the radiator, heater, fuel line, vacuum line and emission control system.

Not replacing worn clamps can lead to overheating or other serious breakdowns, according to the Ideal division of Parker Automotive, a manufacturer of automobile hose clamps, thermostats

and flashers. Their recommendation to all car owners is to look for, and replace, any missing, damaged or rusty clamps, and tighten any loose ones.

One thing a car owner should keep in mind, however, is that soft hoses, such as the silicone hose used on fuel injection systems, require special clamps. Ideal manufactures such clamps, which have a special protective liner for these soft hoses.

Hose clamps are inexpensive too. Readily available from any parts outlet, they are easily installed with a screwdriver or nut-driver.

An inexpensive investment in hose clamps today could help prevent a more expensive car repair in the future.

Used cars, too, can be saved from inner body rust-through

Automotive corrosion technology has come a long way in recent years, but inner body rust will remain a threat to the lifespan of vehicles as long as they are built with steel and other corrosion-prone materials.

As a result, aftermarket rust protection companies like Ziebart work diligently on behalf of consumers to help control corrosion once the vehicle has left the assembly line.

But what about older vehicles that have not benefited from new corrosion technology? The average age of automobiles on the road today is approaching eight years, according to the Motor Vehicle Manufacturers Association.

In fact, vehicles 10 or more years old now account for 27.3 percent of the total vehicle population.

Most of these vehicles, including those that already have developed rust, can be saved from a premature trip to the scrap yard, says Ziebart. Ziebart pioneered an

engineered system of automotive rust protection in 1963, and is the industry front-runner in the development of state-of-the-art corrosion technology, specifically designed to inhibit rust in used vehicles.

Ziebart supports its position as the industry leader by offering a complete, no-charge rust inspection to determine each used vehicle's specific rust protection needs.

"We find that car owners who would like to extend the productive life of their vehicle are searching for a low-cost option which will protect and preserve them from corrosion," says Dan Janssen, president of Ziebart Corporation.

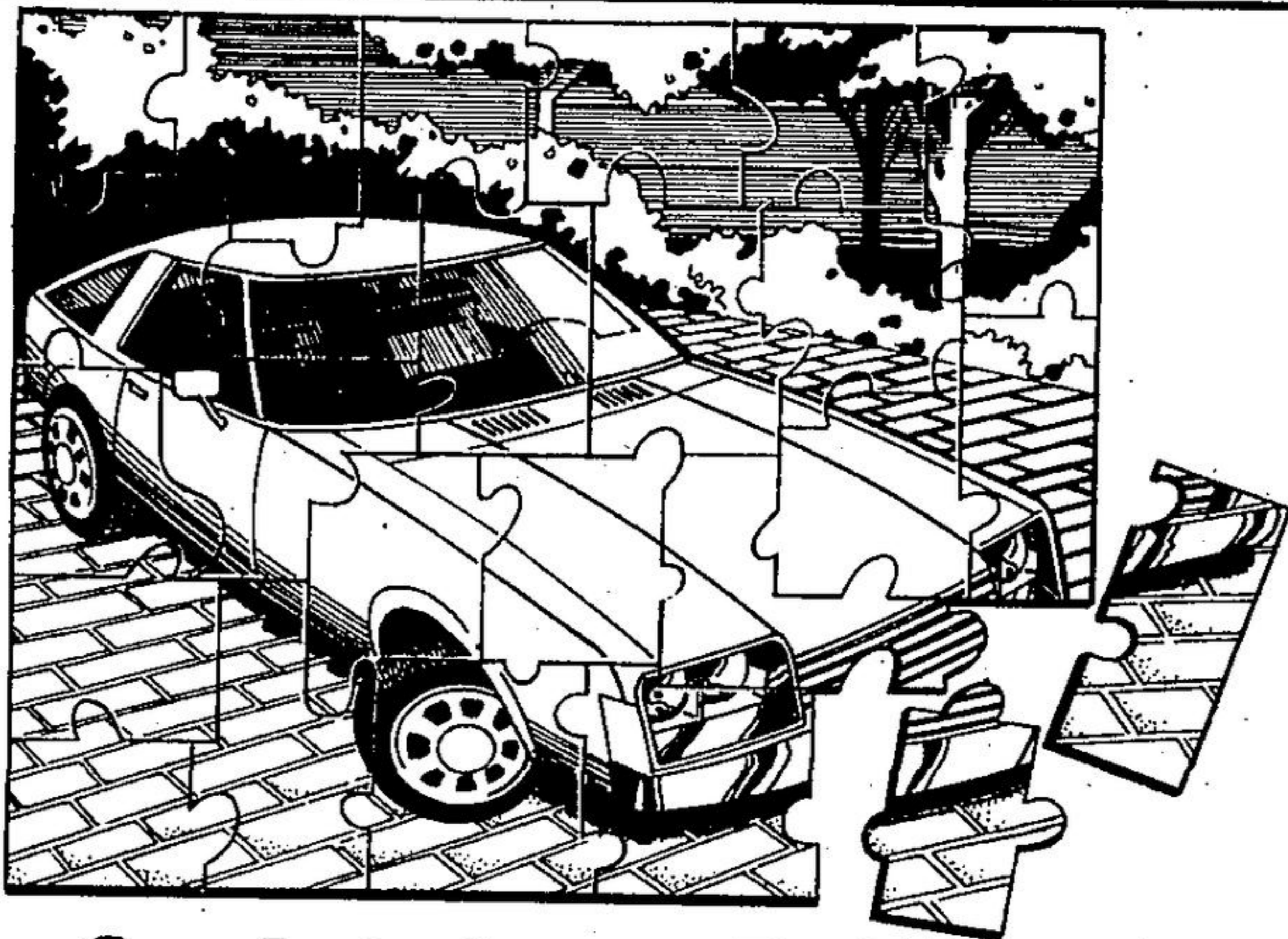
That option is possible with Ziebart's multi-level Used Car Rust Protection Systems I to IV. The result of years of research and development, as well as extensive field and laboratory testing, the systems feature a specially-designed sealant—Formula Xtra—which incorporates the latest in corrosion technology.

Systems I and II offer low-cost, short-term rust protection with annually renewable sealant coverage of up to 36 critical areas of the vehicle that are most susceptible to rust.

Long-term, total protection of used cars is available with Systems III and IV, both of which provide corrosion protection to 84 areas of the vehicle and which are offered with a Ziebart warranty.

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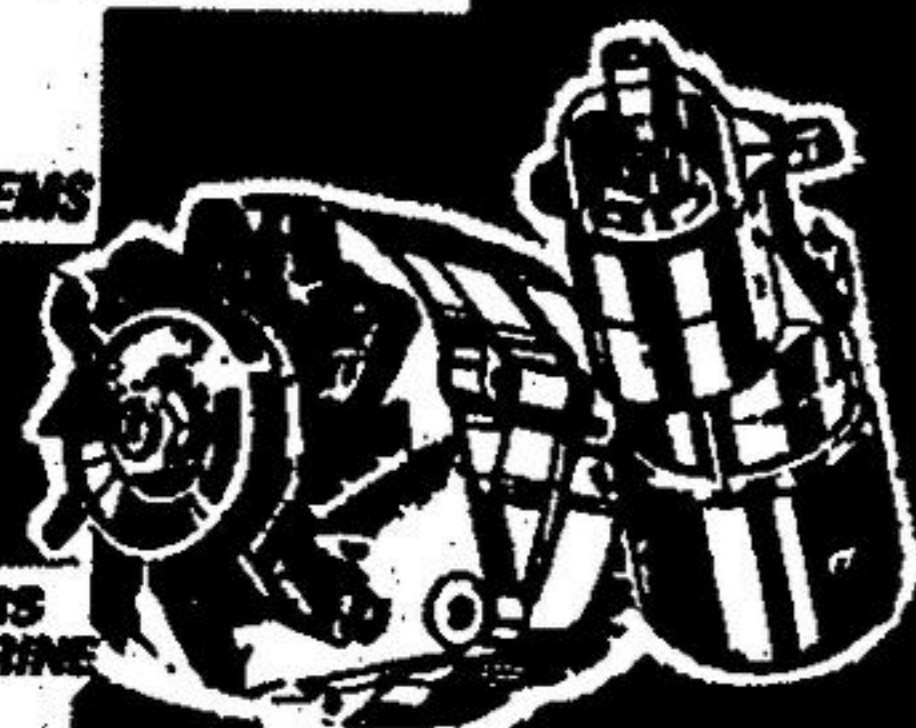
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