

Don't lock yourself out of your car

The motorist tends to show almost a limitless capacity to get into predicaments while doing no more than normally using his or her car.

The following dilemma keeps repeating itself with only minor variations:

Mother takes her three youngsters shopping with her late Friday afternoon. The youngest of the children, six-year-old Herbie, gets the keys from mom to open the trunk for the armloads of groceries everyone else is carrying and that is exactly what he does. When the trunk lid lock releases he pulls the key out before he allows the lid to go up—out of his reach. All the bags and boxes are deposited in the

trunk and Herbie is doing his best to help.

Accidentally he drops the keys somewhere in the trunk and never notices it until the trunk is shut and the tired family faces the locked car without keys.

I remember another panic-stricken mother who used the power trunk release to open the trunk for the store attendant and then stepped out of the car to supervise the transfer of goods.

Meanwhile her lively 2 1/2-year-old genius took a fancy to the shiny inside door lock plungers and pushed them both in. Now there was mother, locked out of her two-door car and there was Junior, looking at her from inside with a gleam in his eyes

that said "Boy, this is fun!" The keys were in the ignition.

The cars with the exposed inside door lock plungers near the bottom of the glass are relatively easy to break into without damage. The newer vehicles use different systems that are much more difficult to open without a key.

The best answer, of course, is to carry a separate set of keys. This is relatively easy for a man who can store them in his wallet.

In some cases, such as our first example, an extra set of keys in mother's purse would have solved the problem. In the second example the purse would have likely stayed in the car.

A magnetic box with extra

keys under the hood would not be very practical because of common use of an inside hood release. A suitable hiding place probably would be located with some effort.

There are two easy ways to cut extra keys. The most common one is to trace a sample key. In the absence of a sample key, the alternative is to cut one by the key code. If you know your key codes, most dealers as well as some locksmiths can cut extra keys for you at low cost.

Key codes are indicated on the GM factory vehicle invoices and can be obtained easily from the selling dealer. If the selling dealer is unknown, any GM dealer can be requested to contact the local

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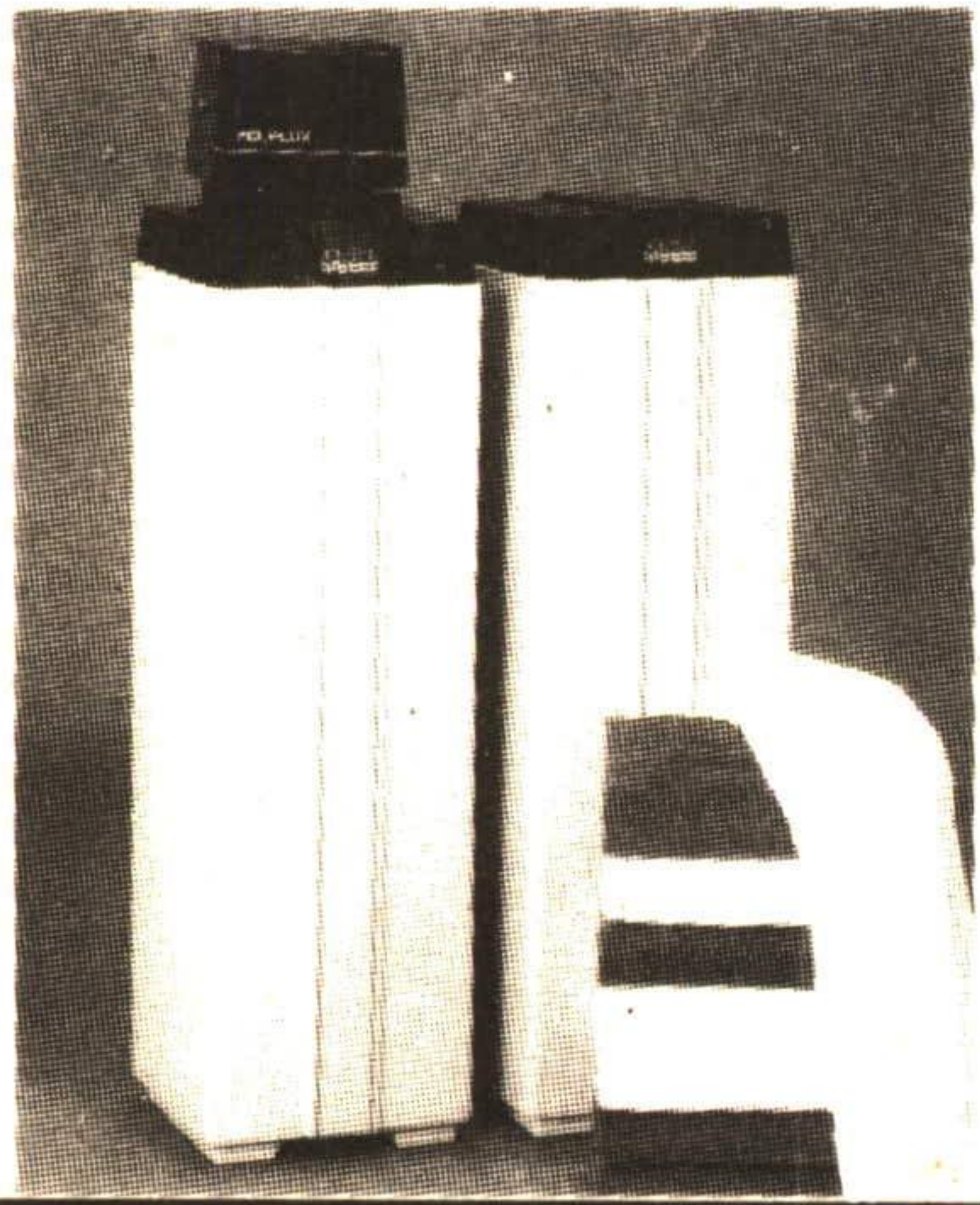
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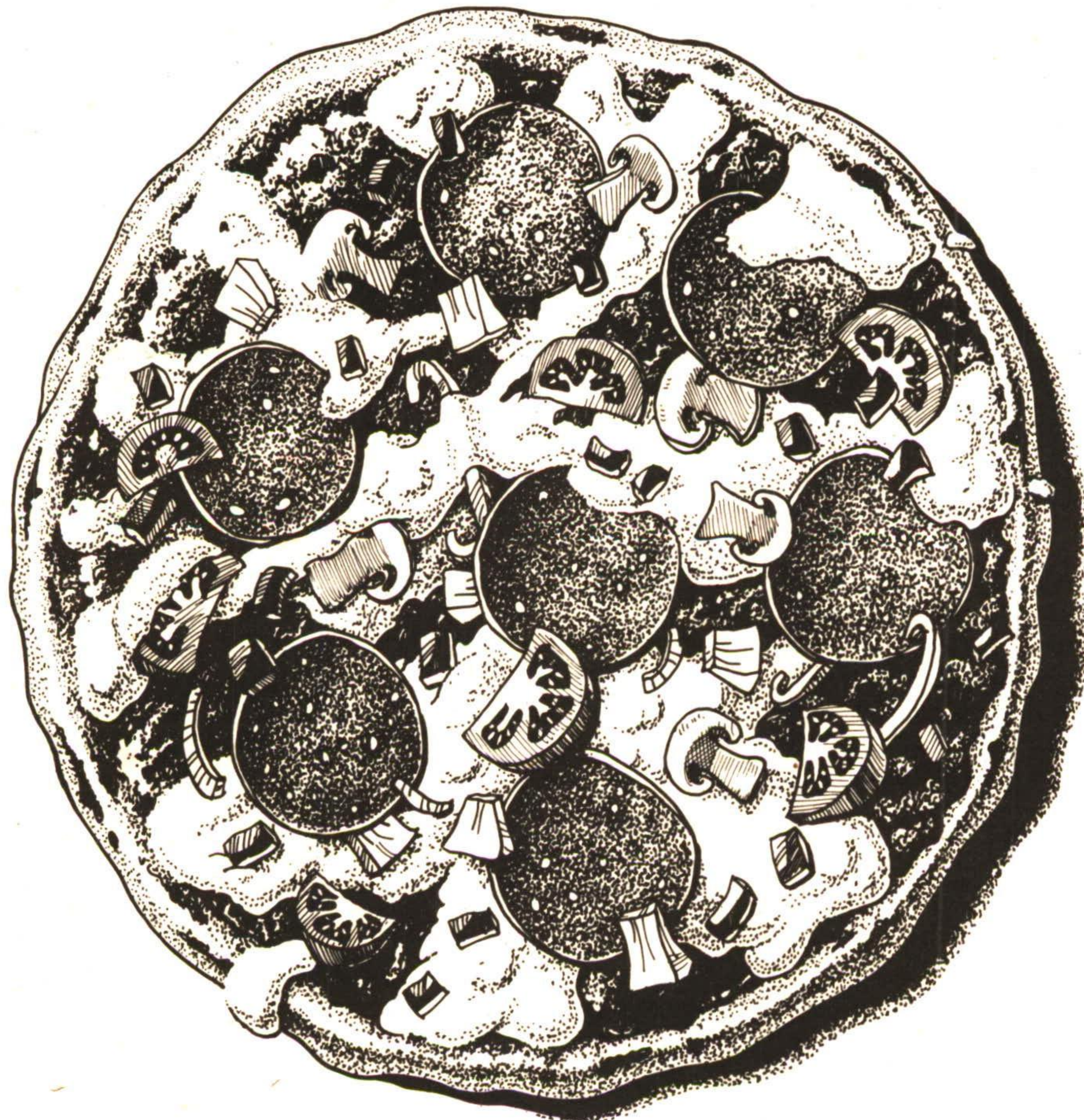
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