

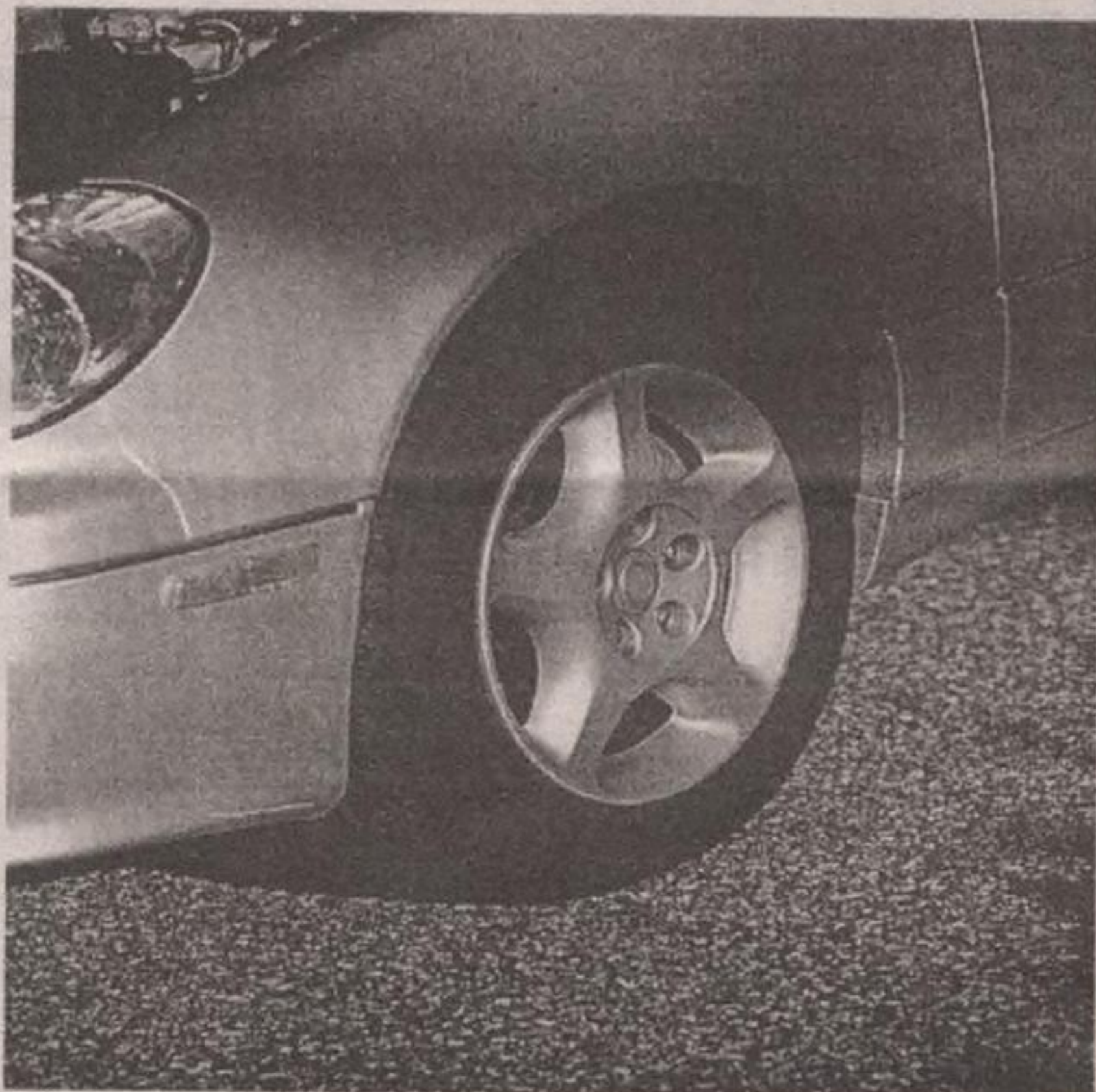
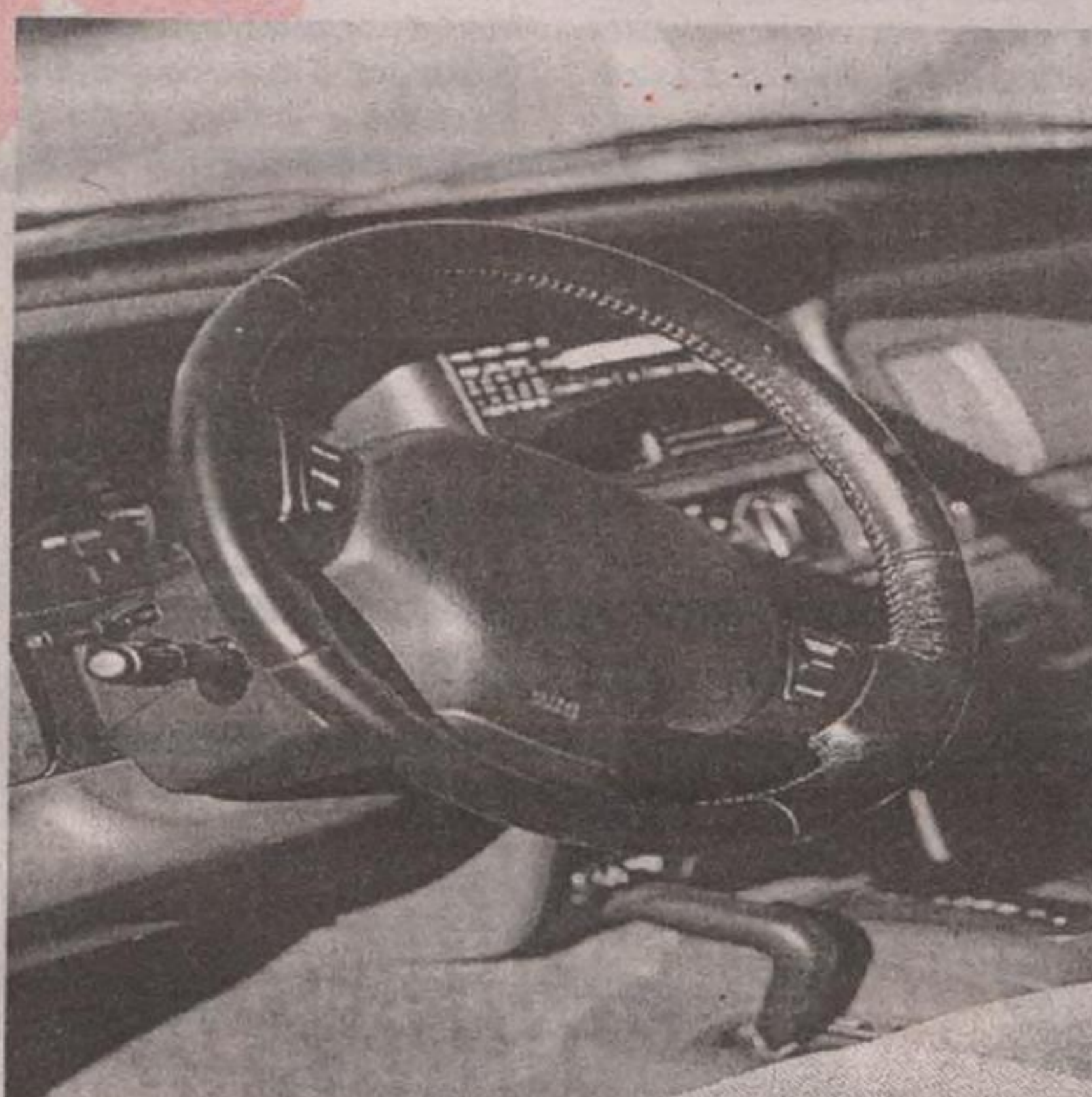
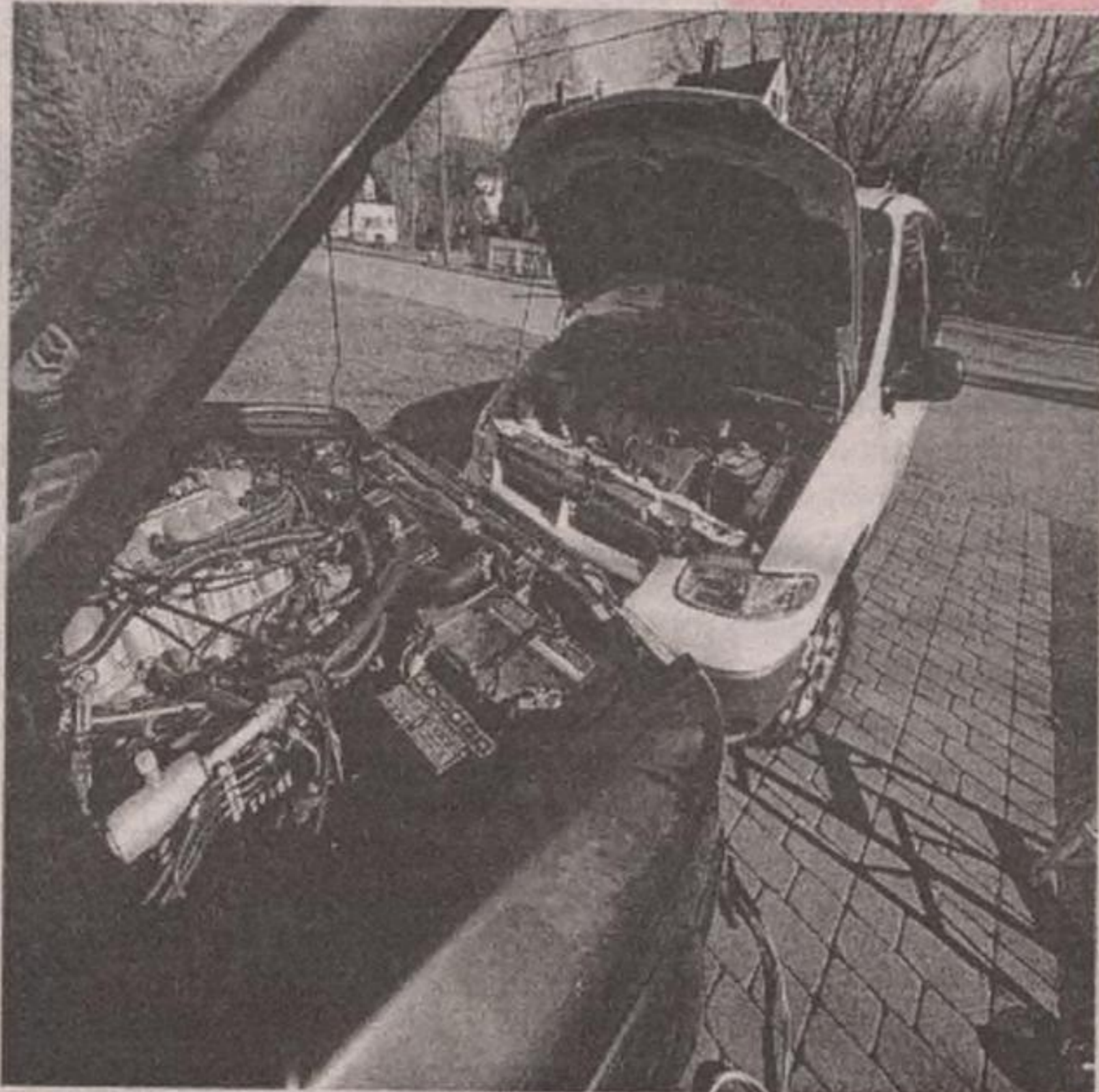
Spring CAR CHECK

Stop-and-Go Driving Puts Stress On Your Motor Oil

According to statistics, 63 percent of all motor-vehicle trips equal six or fewer miles. However, usually engines require as much as six miles of travel to reach normal operating temperature, and the oil may take even longer. The end result of these frequent short trips is an accumulation of water, fuel and acids in the motor oil and the formation of sludge and varnish in the engine.

This is yet another reason why more passenger-car owners are turning to synthetic motor oils to protect their engines in stop-and-go service, often referred to as severe service driving conditions. The excellent acid control and molecular stability of synthetics keeps corrosion in check and inhibits the formation of sludge and varnish. Their extremely low pour points also help provide easier cold-weather start-ups and faster protection as the oil quickly circulates to critical engine components.

As new vehicles become more expensive to own and maintain, motorists are finding it increasingly important to take care of their current cars and trucks.



Keep Cool, Prepare Your Vehicle for Warm-Weather Driving

Many motorists have experienced the inconvenience of an overheated car. The familiar open hood complete with streaming smoke is a common picture on highways across the country. In fact, next to flat tires and empty gas tanks, overheating is one of the leading causes of breakdowns. Once your car has overheated, there is little you can do to get the engine started again before the car cools down - and that can be a very long time. The best way to handle an overheated vehicle is to take precautions before you begin a road trip. The following advice will help you avoid breakdowns due to overheating.

You are aware of what the heat and sun can do to your body if you are not properly hydrated - you can suffer from heat exhaustion. The same idea applies to your vehicle. Common causes of overheating are a lack of coolant, because of a hose leak, or a restriction of the coolant flow, due to a closed thermostat, plugged radiator, or a broken or slipping drive belt that is not turning the water pump. During dry summer months, you should check your coolant level once a month. Other times of the year, it is suggested that you perform a twice-a-year inspection of the cooling system to avoid a roadside emergency.

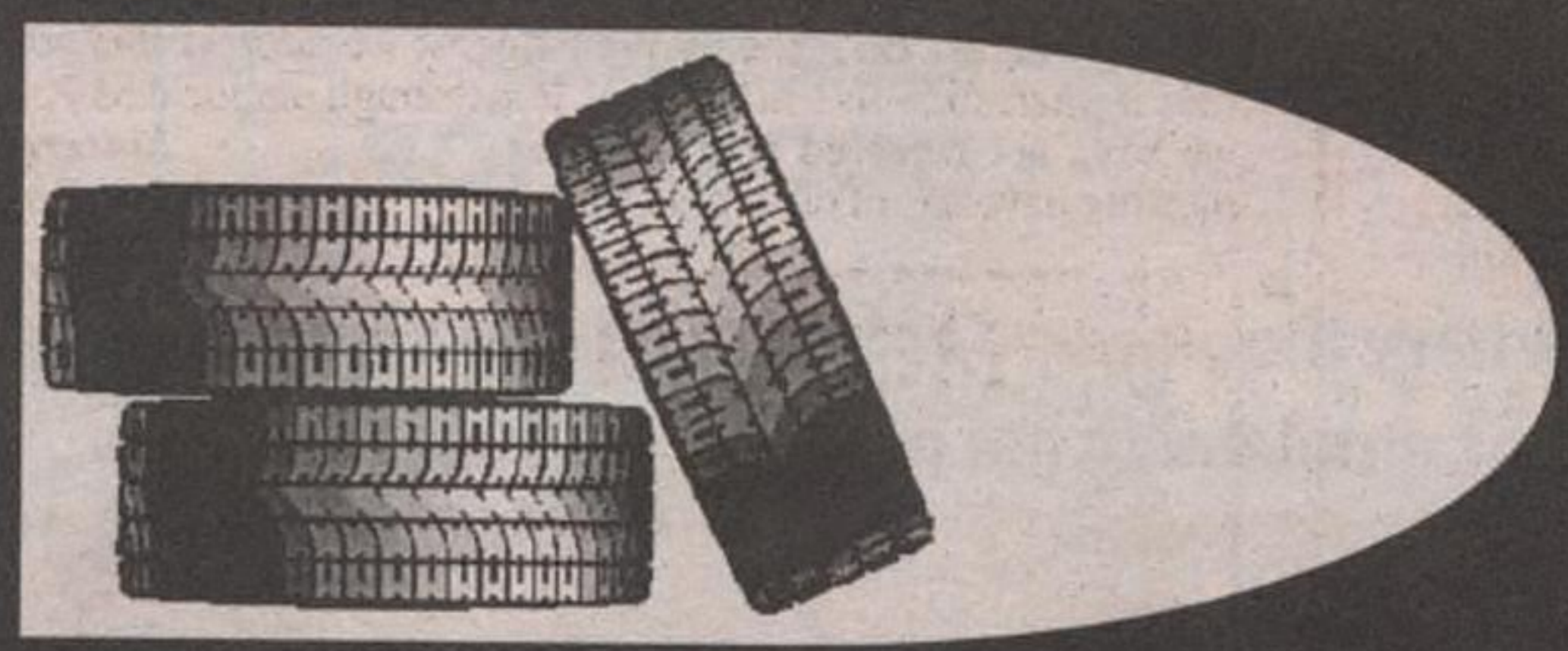
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