



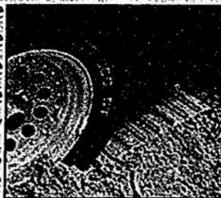
Free oil? What about BOB?

According to the creator of BOB, the Bottom of the Bottle drain recovery system, there are more than three billion one-quart motor-oil bottles sold every year in North America, and typically an average of four- to five per cent of their precious contents remains inside, destined for the dumpster. Do the math and that residual oil adds up to about 150 million litres (enough to fill an oil tanker or two) tossed into landfills each year. The reason? It takes a long time for gravity to completely drain the upside-down bottle . . . more time than patience, obviously. BOB, from Plastic Oil Products (POP), can inexpensively help both do-it-yourselfers and service stations save time and money and help reduce waste. The gadget, which essentially holds the bottles upside down as they drain into another bottle, is surprisingly simple. It can be configured to stand on its own or hang from walls, including pegboard, and fits together in a couple of minutes. Each unit holds five bottles, but if you want to drain more, simply insert the outlet of one unit into the back of the other. The easy-to-use BOB sells for just US \$10 and is distributed through The Eastwood Company. Call 1-800-345-1178 or visit bob2000.com for more details.



Don't get stuck without this

When venturing onto unpaved rural roads, getting stuck in the mud is a definite possibility and almost a certainty if you're slipping and sliding on a rain-soaked backwoods trail. For a little mobility insurance, get yourself Tow Truck In a Box. This product consists of three patented linked traction plates specifically designed to get you across mud, sand and snow and ice. The plates grip the surface while your tires get maximum traction from the top-side lateral bars. Each of the 7x 6.5-inch sections is made from durable aircraft aluminum and easily hooks with the other pieces to provide ramp-like traction. If your plans include travelling where you expect to encounter more than your share of hazards, the Tow Truck can be lengthened by simply adding extra kits (the plates are identical, so linking more is simple). Each Tow Truck In a Box sells for US \$30 and is available through dealers or direct from the manufacturer. For a better look and more information email info@towbox.com or log on to towbox.com.



Hood ornaments

You just don't see hood ornaments on many new vehicles these days, do you? Fans of these once-popular add-ons will be happy to know they're still available in uniquely interesting designs. Gem Collectibles of Forest Park, Ill., produces a wide assortment of ornaments, from the 'Jester' (top left) to, of course, numerous styles of winged creatures. Canine lovers will also find an assortment of hood figures, including basset hounds, boxers, bull dogs, German Shepherds, greyhounds and poodles. Aside from traditional chrome, Gem makes hood figures in gold-coloured chrome as well as marble finish. And winged figures can be fitted with painted or illuminated wings. Installing the ornaments is simple since most attach with a couple of screws from the bottom. Gem offers about 180 designs starting at around US \$20. To get a better look at the company's cast of hundreds, visit gemcollectibles.com or call 1-800-488-1378.

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