



## TOURING TIPS & MAINTENANCE TECHNIQUES

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### Removing difficult slotted screws:

It's sometimes difficult to turn a worn slotted screw because you can't put enough pressure on the screwdriver while turning it. If you have a square shank screwdriver and an appropriate sized crescent wrench you can put pressure on the driver with one hand and easily turn the crescent wrench with the other hand.

### Short circuit search:

If you suspect a short circuit in your car's wiring is the reason for a blown fuse, connect a bulb in place of the fuse. While you or a helper watches the bulb, shake and flex any suspect parts of the wiring loom – when the bulb goes out or flickers, you've found the suspect section.

### Pressure Testing a Radiator:

Cut a bicycle inner tube in half and fasten each end to the radiator's top and bottom pipes. Blank-off any overflow pipes then pressurize using a pump, via the inner tube valve. Set your pump for about five pounds pressure and watch for any leaks (if you filled it with water) or if the radiator is submerged in a pan of water, any leaks will show as escaping bubbles.

### Testing Compression:

You can make your own compression tester by using a valve from a tubeless tire and a mechanical pressure gauge. First remove each plug and disconnect the HT lead at the distributor. File the base of the rubber tire valve until it seats snugly inside the plug-hole. Then fit the tire gauge on the end of the valve and hold it firmly in place while a helper engages the starter.



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