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TANKFUL OF TOOLS

I was cruising around in my Datsun the other day and stopped in at a local non-service station for a sip of gas and saw a guy filling his toolbox with gas! The box was mounted in the bed of his Toyota 4x4 mini-truck and it looked like it was made out of aluminum. I was so stoked out about this I forgot to ask him where he got it until after he'd left the station. Do you know where he bought the spare tank? He had to open the lid to get at the gas cap. How many gallons to they hold?

Vince Waterton
Orange, California

You're in luck, Vince, 'cause both companies we know about are in Southern California. Wingmaster Co., Dept. ST, 3900 Foothill Blvd., La Crescenta, CA 91214 and Jim Conner Performance Product, Dept. ST, 1360 Hill St., El Cajon, CA 92020—Jim Conner makes a full line of mini-truck accessories, as well. The amount is variable, but is usually about 40 gallons.

UNKNOWN NOISE

I've got a 1979 Ford pickup with a small V-8 engine and automatic transmission. The other day while I was bouncing around the ranch, I started hearing an exhaust leak. The damn noise is driving me nuts. I can't find it anywhere and neither can my local dealer. We tried everything in the book, including throwing water on the exhaust system over its whole length and still can't find the leak. Have you ever heard of this?

Sean McKinney
Pawnee, Oklahoma

Yes, it happened to a friend recently. The noise is caused by an exhaust leak in the rear of the driver's side cylinder head. The hole is normally used to mount the alternator on the forward end of the right side head. When the head is reversed for use on the left side, the hole is plugged off. Your plug simply fell out. Look for a