

Save money on gas

Significant savings on the cost of fuel for those who use motor transport to reach their objectives in the Great Outdoors, are in the cards for those who will observe some thoroughly tested suggestions.

As a starter, those who may be buying new cars this year will find that the efficiency of motors has been stepped up substantially by the makers.

However, the driving habits of individual motor vehicle owners can have a profound effect on the miles per gallon they manage to get out of the new cars.

Thus, much of the advice that is to be followed by those who own older cars is equally applicable to driving a new car. For example:

OBSERVING THE 55-MILE SPEED LIMIT can yield a 20 percent gain in fuel economy, say the experts, on faster driving.

A STEADY SOFT FOOT on the accelerator also helps to conserve fuel, while...

JACK RABBIT STARTS cause wasteful

drain on the fuel supply, extra wear on the drive chain and the tires. Avoid them.

AVOID IDLING — another caution — idling causes wasteful drain on the fuel supply because it gets you nowhere.

IF YOUR NEW CAR has been driven 10,000 miles, it would be wise to take it in for a tune-up.

WHEN PLANNING a trip, the wisest thing an automobile owner can do is to take his car to a reliable service center for a complete check.

KEEP TIRES PROPERLY inflated. Tire pressure checks cost you nothing. Improperly inflated tires put a wasteful fuel drag on your car.

FINALLY — wise drivers headed for the Great Outdoors do their driving "on the top of the tank," which means when the gasoline level reaches the half way mark, they fill up. By doing so, they never get caught short of fuel.

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Future Shock?

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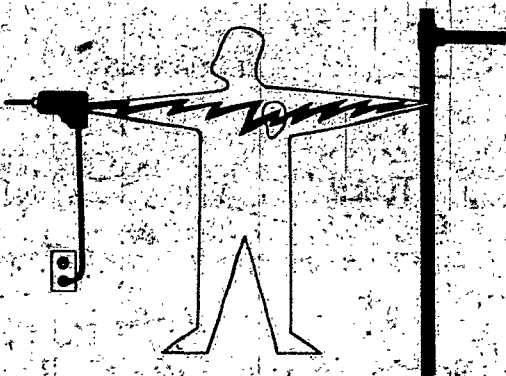
Escaping electric current from faulty equipment or appliances always tries to return to the ground. It naturally chooses the easiest path. As illustrated, this path can be your body if you happen to have direct contact with the ground. Water is a good conductor and, in these cases, affords the connection to complete the circuit.

How can you protect yourself if a malfunction of the circuit occurs? The answer is the ground-fault interrupter, or GFI.

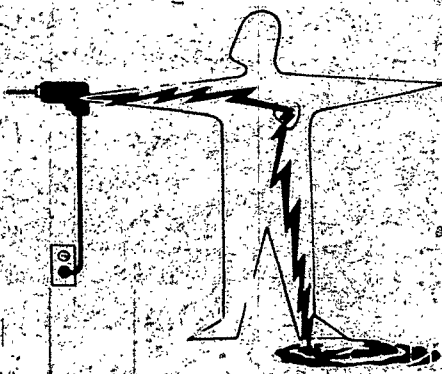
A GFI is a small device which, when mounted on a circuit or outlet, will detect current leaks (also called ground faults) from a circuit. The GFI senses leaks that are far too small for a fuse or circuit breaker to detect, but still are large enough to be lethal. It immediately switches off the electricity, before damage can occur.

Ground-fault interrupters are so essential for electrical safety, especially outdoors where puddles and damp ground are common, that the National Electrical Code has made them mandatory in many areas. You now must have a GFI on any outdoor outlet, on all electrical equipment used with portable swimming pools, and even on any bathroom outlet.

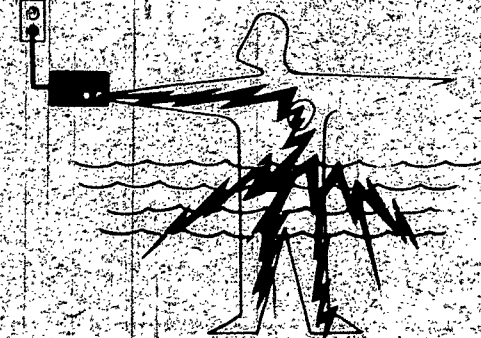
How do you purchase a GFI? Call your electrician and he'll install one. Or you can check with an electrical supply house, a department store, a building supply house, or a hardware store. For additional information, call RG&E's Residential Department at 546-2700, extension 2751. This one small investment could be a real life-saver.



Hand to hand shock path



Hand to foot shock path



Hand to submerged body shock path

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