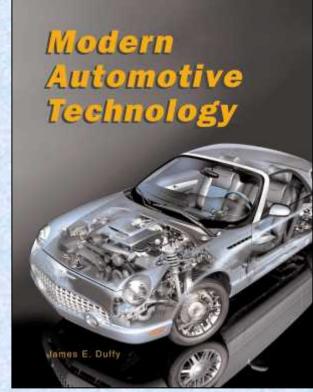
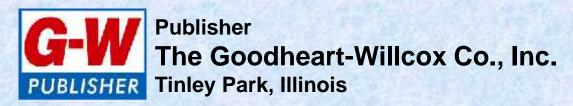
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# Chapter 5 The Auto Shop and Safety

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### Safety



If basic safety rules are followed, an auto shop can be a safe and enjoyable place to work

### Auto Shop Layout

- There are several different areas in an auto shop
- These areas include:
  - repair area
  - toolroom
  - classroom
  - locker room

### Repair Area

- Includes any location in the shop where repair operations are performed
- Normally includes every area except the classroom, locker room, and toolroom

### **Shop Stall**

- Small work area where a car can be parked for repairs
- Sometimes, each stall is numbered and marked off with lines painted on the floor

### Lift

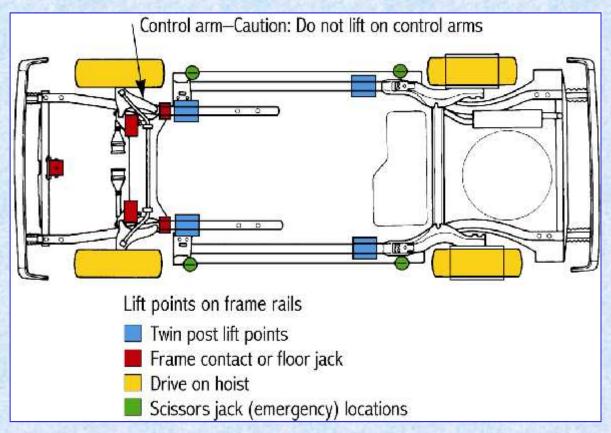
Used to raise a vehicle—useful when working under the car



### Lift Safety Rules

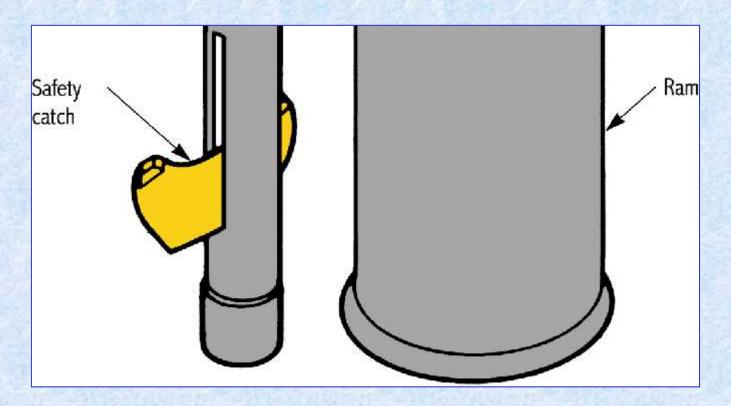
- Ask your instructor for a demonstration and get permission before using the lift
- Center the vehicle on the lift, using the lifting points described in the service manual
- Check ceiling clearance before raising trucks and campers

### Lifting Points



Recommended lifting points for a specific vehicle

### Safety Catch



Make sure the lift's safety catch is engaged before working under the vehicle

### Alignment Rack



Specialized stall used when working on steering and suspension systems

### Alignment Rack

- When using a rack, the car should be pulled on the rack slowly and carefully
- Someone should guide the driver and help keep the tires centered on the rack
- Obtain a full demonstration before using the alignment rack

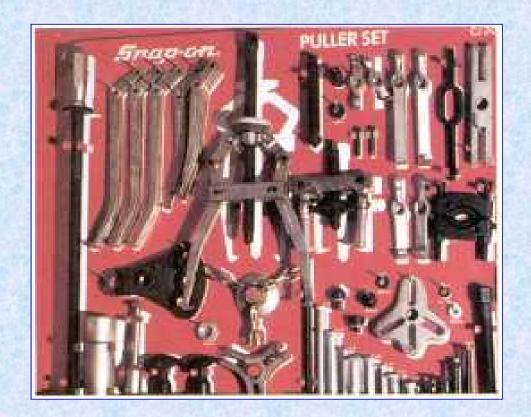
### **Outside Work Area**

- Some shops have an outside work area
- In good weather, this area can be used for auto repairs
- Always raise the shop doors all the way and pull cars through the doors very slowly
- Check the height of trucks and campers to make sure they will clear

### Toolroom

- Shop area normally adjacent to the main shop or classroom
- Used to store shop tools, small equipment, and supplies
- When working in the toolroom, you must keep track of shop tools
- Every tool checked out of the toolroom must be recorded and called in before the end of the class period

### Toolroom



Keep all shop tools clean and organized

### Classroom

- ☐ Used for seminars, demonstrations, and other technician training activities
- May also be used for employee meetings

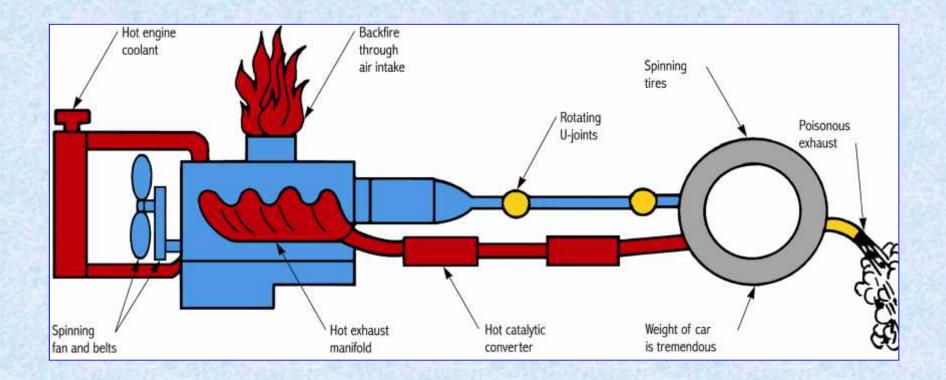
### Locker Room

- Usually located adjacent to the main shop
- Provides an area for changing into your work clothes
- Always do your part to keep the locker room clean and orderly

### Shop Safety

- Every year, thousands of technicians are accidentally injured or killed on the job
- Most of these accidents result from a broken safety rule
- While working, constantly think of safety

### **Potential Dangers**



These are just a few of the dangers present around an automobile

### Types of Accidents

- Be aware of and try to prevent six kinds of accidents:
  - O fires
  - explosions
  - asphyxiation
  - O chemical burns
  - electric shock
  - physical injuries

### **Plan Your Actions**

- ☐ If an accident or injury occurs in the shop, notify your instructor immediately
- Use common sense when deciding whether to get a fire extinguisher or to take other actions

### **Fires**

- Capable of causing severe injury and permanent scar tissue
- Every precaution must be taken to prevent fires
- □ There are numerous combustible substances found in the shop:
  - gasoline
  - oily rags
  - paints and thinners

### Gasoline Safety Rules

- Store gasoline and other flammables in approved, sealed containers
- When disconnecting a fuel line or hose, wrap a shop rag around the fitting
- Disconnect the battery before working on a fuel system

### Gasoline Safety Rules

- Wipe up gasoline spills immediately
- Keep any source of heat away from fuel system parts
- Never use gasoline as a cleaning solvent

### Storage of Combustibles

- Soiled rags should be stored in an approved safety can
- Paints, thinners, and other combustibles should be stored in a fire cabinet
- Never set flammables near a source of sparks, flames, or heat
- Note the location of all fire extinguishers in your shop

### **Electrical Fires**

- Result when a current-carrying wire touches ground
- Wire can heat up, melt the insulation, and burn
- Other wires can then do the same
- □ To prevent electrical fires, always disconnect the battery when instructed to do so in a service manual

### **Explosions**

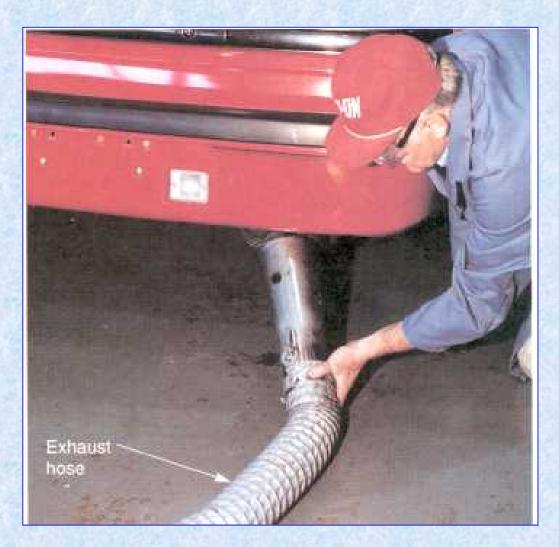
- Rapid, almost instant, combustion of a material that causes a powerful shock wave to travel through the shop
- □ There are several potential causes of explosions in the shop:
  - hydrogen gas emitted by batteries
  - fuel tanks or containers
  - sodium-filled engine valves
  - welding tanks and propane bottles

### Asphyxiation

- Caused by breathing toxic or poisonous substances
- Causes dizziness, headaches, vomiting, and even death
- Automobile exhaust gases cause most cases of asphyxiation in automotive shops

### Asphyxiation

Place an exhaust hose over the tailpipe of any vehicle running in an enclosed shop

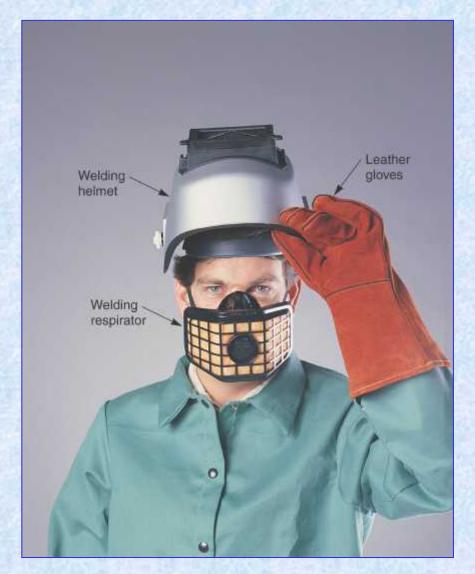


#### **Harmful Substances**

- Other shop substances are harmful if inhaled
- These substances include:
  - asbestos dust from brake or clutch linings
  - parts cleaners
  - paint spray

### **Harmful Substances**

This technician is wearing a respirator for protection from toxic welding fumes

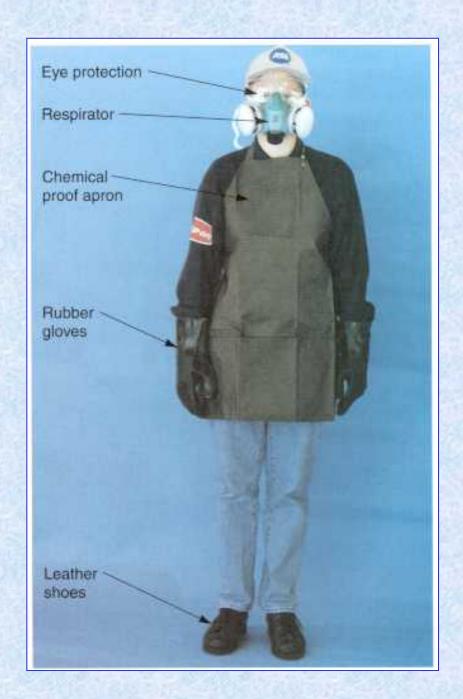


### **Chemical Burns**

- Solvents, battery acid, and various other shop substances can cause chemical burns
- Always read the directions on all chemical containers
- Wear proper protective gear when handling solvents and other caustic materials

### Chemical Burns

Protective gear for preventing chemical burns



### **Carburetor Cleaner**

- Very powerful decarbonizing product that can severely burn your skin in a matter of seconds
- Wear rubber gloves when using carburetor cleaner

### **Electric Shock**

- Result of electric current passing through parts of your body, causing injury or death
- Can occur when using improperly grounded electric power tools
- Never use an electric tool unless it has a functional ground prong
- Never use an electric tool on a wet shop floor

### Physical Injuries

- Can result from hundreds of different accidents
- You must evaluate every repair technique
- Decide whether a particular operation is safe and take action as required
  - For example, if you are pulling on a wrench as hard as you can and the fastener will not turn, stop and find a wrench with a longer handle

### General Safety Rules

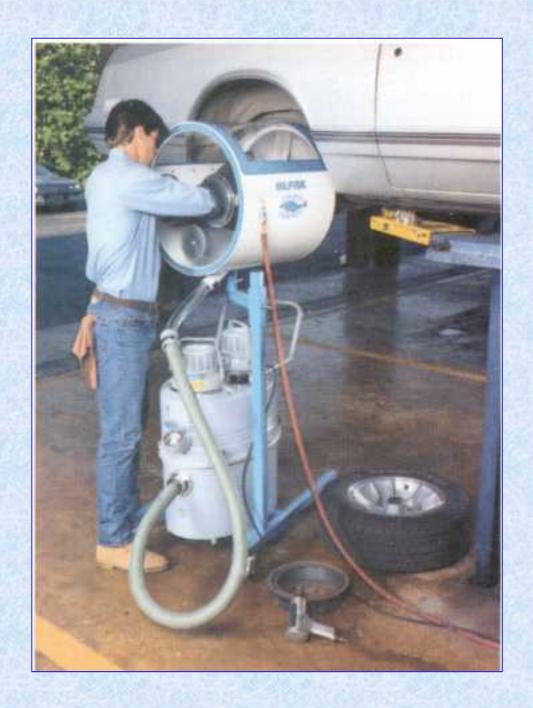
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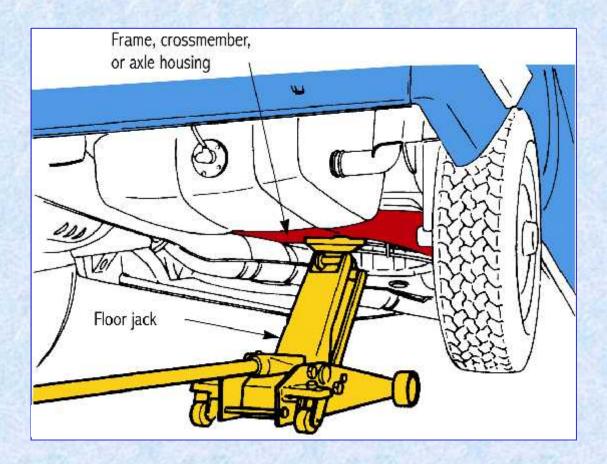
- Wear eye protection during any operation that could endanger your eyes
- Avoid anyone who does not take shop work seriously
- Keep your shop organized
- Dress in an appropriate manner

- Never carry sharp tools or parts in your pockets
- Wear full face protection when grinding, welding, or performing other hazardous operations
- Work like a professional
- Use the right tool for the job

- Keep guards or shields in place
- Lift with your legs, not your back
- Use adequate lighting
- Ventilate when needed
- Never stir up asbestos dust
  - asbestos is a carcinogen
  - do not blow dust from brake or clutch parts

Use an enclosed vacuum system to remove asbestos dust from parts





Jack up a vehicle slowly and safely



Never work on a vehicle not supported by jack stands

- Drive slowly when in the shop area
- Report unsafe conditions to your instructor
- Stay away from engine fans
- Respect running engines
  - when the engine is running, make sure the transmission is in park or neutral, the parking brake is set, and the wheels are blocked

- Do not smoke in the auto shop
- Read material safety data sheets when in doubt about any dangers
- Obtain instructor permission before using any new or unfamiliar power tool, lift, or other shop equipment

### Material Safety Data Sheet

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