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### Can we just be friends?

Business expert Neil Pattemore gets to grips with the issue of professional relationships.

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### Eccentric products galore

The UK's biggest array of the latest weird and wonderful tools, technology and toys to help you with the job in hand.

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## Motor Codes compulsory

Internet tyre firm insists that it's network of independent garages sign up to the SMMT-run garage scheme.

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## Garage owners on mystery shop

A number of workshop managers air their views on magazine reports, the state of the industry and more.

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## Fried Combo: Problem van fix

Technical expert James Dillon discovers a simple job on a small Vauxhall, missed by referring garage.

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The tech doctors from Valeo resolve issues with burnt starters and slipping alternators this month.

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## Braking to bits: Alpine pad test

We catch up with a leading brake part manufacturer to find out what is involved in developing friction lining.

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## Automatic wire feed

If you're after a MIG/MAG welder that offers a simple set-up then look no further than the Synergic single phase 13/23-V from GYS. Select the welding mode, wire thickness and metal type, set the current and you're ready to go - the best wire speed is automatically chosen.

The compact machine is rated 180A at 25% duty cycle and is said to be ideal for less experienced welders.

The machine has been designed to weld mild steel, stainless steel and aluminium using solid wires ranging from 0.6 to 1mm diameter at speeds ranging between 1 to 15m per minute using a welding current between 25-180A. It comes supplied with a 4m long welding torch and earth clamp.

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### Prolong injector cleaner launched

Prolong has introduced a new injector cleaning technology to clean fuel injectors from clogging deposits to allow an efficient performance and economy. The bottle is made of plastic which when used together with the top fuel tank. The treatment cleans the fuel system through spray and as the fuel begins to be replaced an optimum efficiency fuel economy is often improved and fuel burning is smoother & also cooler.

Prolong injector cleaner is suitable for all petrol fuel injection engines.

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A range of car wheels have been launched by Luffa available in five sizes: 7.5 x 17" and 8 x 17", 8 x 18" and 9 x 18". The new Luffa car wheels have a modern design that will effortlessly make other wheels on these cars - that of the Luffa. When you buy the wheels the correct tyre, valve stem and other accessories are also manufactured to go with the wheels which is a guarantee of a perfect fit and maximum safety.



### Suck and Blow with Laser Tools

The Laser Tools Blow/Suck kit will be used to clean and to do a variety of jobs in various fields. Laser Tools is a complete system with suck and blow attachments and can suck up dirt, dust, oil, coolant, antifreeze, and other fluids with the suction or the push of a button. It can also be used to clean your car's interior and exterior.

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### A spray gun built to last

The Luffa's Corona spray gun has been designed to last. It is a quality product of 100% steel and requires only 100psi. The construction is made of stainless steel and is compatible with both solvent and water-based coatings. The spray gun is built to last and is supplied with a 1/2" hp for the hose and a 1/2" hp for the nozzle. The spray gun is built to last and is supplied with a 1/2" hp for the hose and a 1/2" hp for the nozzle.

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