



HMM PRODUCT TEST: inShield Wiper windshield cleaner

We're all car guys in the office, regardless of what we drive, but what's common among all of us is the occasional need to deal with a hazy windshield. It's not because the vent controls do not work, but rather due to the accumulated buildup of fine dirt and dust, which impedes vision.

No doubt you've experienced the same thing we have: driving home after a cruise night, reaching for any rag or napkin to wipe the film of filth from the inside of the windshield to help eliminate the glare of oncoming traffic. It's a temporary fix, at best, and if you actually remember to clean the glass when you get home, you'll be reminded that windshield angle and wrist contortion rarely match. In the end, the streaks remain.

Thanks to a simple device called the inShield Wiper, you do not have to be triple-jointed to clean the tempered glass in your collector car (or daily driver, for that matter). Directions are simple: Slide the pad—and its microfiber cleaning sponge—onto the back of your hand.

We could not resist the urge to try it out on our Chevelle SS, which gets cleaned pretty regularly. According to the instructions, you can use the pad dry, or apply a light mist of your favorite glass cleaner to the microfiber sponge—we opted to use a cleaner.

The pad absorbed the pressure exerted on our knuckles, and by using the back of the hand, we didn't feel any excessive or awkward pressure in our wrist. In fact, it made cleaning behind the mirror extremely easy.

Even with the frequent cleaning the Chevelle receives, we were surprised at the amount of grime removed from the glass. We even used it on the rearview mirror and side glass. What's particularly nice is that the inShield is small enough to fit in a door pocket, console compartment or the glove box.

Cost: \$9.99; 2-pack, \$17.99

Contact: inShield Wiper, 630-450-5541, www.inshieldwiper.com



Hood Inserts

New hood inserts specific to the 1969 Plymouth Road Runner and GTX are now available from Auto Metal Direct. Faithfully reproduced from OEM units, the inserts are manufactured in premium die-cast metal with mounting studs. Fully coated with EDP, they are licensed by the Chrysler Corporation; hardware and gaskets are included. Cost: \$299.95. Contact: Auto Metal Direct, 866-591-8309 www.autometaldirect.com.

Auto Lift

Powered by a corded electric hand drill, the low-rise, low-profile EZ Car Lift from EBM Design can raise a 4,400-pound car a full 26 inches off the ground. The lift consists of two lifting ramps and two cross bars that can be assembled with a box wrench or a socket and driver; additional cross bars are available to accommodate anything from a compact car to a full-size wagon. Designed to rise vertically, optional casters can be attached so the car can be moved. When lowered, the lift sits four inches off the ground and can be stored against a wall, beneath your car, or in separate sections tucked between the wall studs. Cost: \$1,995. Contact: EBM Design, 800-392-2754, www.ezcarlift.com.



Brembos for GM

In an exclusive partnership, GM AFX Muscle Car disc brakes by Brembo are now available through Classic Performance Products. A snippet of the system's features includes two-piece rotor assemblies with billet aluminum bells and "float" bushings to allow the rotors to find their true center; four-piston calipers are also part of the package. The Brembo system is applicable to 1964-'72 Chevelles (and other GM A-bodies), 1967-'69 Camaro and 1968-'74 Nova models. Cost: \$3,595. Contact: Classic Performance Products, Inc., 714-522-2000, www.classicperform.com.