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ATTORNEY'S CORNER

This month's column is kinda wonkey but did you ever wonder what it means when you are pumping low octane (87); mid-grade octane (91) and higher octane fuels?

An octane rating, or octane number, is a standard measure of a fuel's ability to withstand compression in an internal combustion engine without detonating. The higher the octane number, the more compression the fuel can withstand before detonating. Octane rating does not relate directly to the power output or the energy content of the fuel per unit mass or volume, but simply indicates gasoline's capability against compression.

In simple terms, octane rating is a measure of how heat resistant a fuel is in order to prevent knocking. In other words, octane doesn't improve combustion, it prevents the air-fuel mixture from igniting before it's supposed to. The higher a fuel's octane, the more it resists knocking. Octane is a hydrocarbon, a molecule made up of just carbon and hydrogen atoms bonded together. It has 8 carbon atoms; that is why the name begins with oct-.

What is "knocking"?

In a typical engine, the air-fuel mixture is compressed and is then ignited by the spark plug. This burning normally takes place very rapidly, but if the unburnt portion of the fuel in the combustion chamber is compressed too much, the unburnt fuel will self-ignite (detonate) before the main flame front reaches them. Shockwaves produced by detonation can cause much higher pressures than engine components are designed for, and can cause a "knocking" or "pinging" sound. Knocking can cause major engine damage.

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ERGONOMICS ON THE SHOP FLOOR

Performing vehicle service can be physically demanding, especially when working with tires. Many older technicians can tell you that the years of heavy lifting, bending and strain can take its toll on one's physical health over time.

To minimize the likelihood of injury and pain, it's important to keep proper form and keep ergonomics top of mind to reduce pain, strain and injury in the process of doing your job.

Ergonomics is all about having the job fit the person instead of making the person strain to fit the job. Even the smallest adjustment in design, equipment and approach can help prevent injury.

Considerations for workplace ergonomics include four core areas: physical factors; environmental conditions, such as lighting and temperature; the job performed and its repetition over time; and the tools used for the task.

On the shop floor, fitness matters. There's a right way and a wrong way to do certain physically challenging tasks on the shop floor. Train yourself and your team on the recommended approach. The right ergonomics can keep you safe.

For instance, back injuries are common during the repair process, so it's important to protect your back from unnecessary strain.

When lifting batteries or other heavy objects from the engine compartment of a vehicle, lean into the vehicle, pressing your thighs against the fender. Then lift the object with both hands. Don't reach. Keep your elbows close to your body and turn using your feet, not at your waist.

Lower the item onto a bench or workstation using your arms to lower it; don't bend at your waist. Move the object to work bench and lower onto bench. Use arms to lower, and do not bend at waist. When inspecting under the dash, use mirrors. No need to get into an awkward position or twist your body to get under there --- use inspection mirrors instead.

The main point is to avoid strain wherever possible. Take a moment and think about the task at hand before you begin working on it. Consider the tasks you do most often and how to reduce any strain. Above all, pay attention to your body. If you're tired or sore, consider ways to adjust the task or use the better tools to minimize the strain so not to cause further aggravation or worsen the condition.

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NEW FEDERAL RIGHT TO REPAIR BILL **INTRODUCED**

WASHINGTON —February 2023- Congressman Neal Dunn, R-Fla., has reintroduced Right to Repair (R2R) legislation that is supported by several automotive aftermarket associations.

The bill, H.R.906, Right to Equitable and Professional Auto Industry Repair (REPAIR) Act, which has been referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, seeks "to ensure consumers have access to data relating to their motor vehicles, critical repair information, and tools, and to provide them choices for the maintenance, service, and repair of their motor vehicles and for other purposes."

The bill similar to one introduced a year ago by Rep. Bobby Rush, D-Ill., is designed to ensure affordability, accessibility, and a strong supply chain by safeguarding a free and competitive repair market for the nation's 292 million registered passenger vehicles and millions of commercial vehicles, according to a memo from the Auto Car Association (ACA) and Motor Equipment Manufacturers Association (MEMA).

Bipartisan co-sponsors include Brendan Boyle, D-Pa., Warren Davidson, R-Ohio, and Marie Gluesenkamp Perez, D-Wash.

The bill is supported by the Tire Industry Association (TIA), the ACA, CAR (Consumer Access to Repair) Coalition, MEMA and the Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA).

"Right to repair remains a top priority for TIA members and a national law would provide for much needed clarity and direction in vehicle repair. TIA has supported efforts on both the state and federal levels in recent years," TIA said in a statement.

According to the associations, the bill entails:

- Preserving consumer access to high quality and affordable vehicle repair by ensuring that vehicle owners and their repairers of choice have access to necessary repair and maintenance tools and data as vehicles continue to become more advanced.
- Ensuring access to critical repair tools and information. All tools and equipment; wireless transmission of repair and diagnostic data; and access to on-board diagnostic and telematic systems needed to repair a vehicle must be made available to the independent repair industry.

- Ensuring cybersecurity by allowing vehicle manufacturers to secure vehicle-generated data and requiring the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to develop standards for how vehicle generated data necessary for repair can be accessed securely.
- Providing transparency for consumers by requiring vehicle owners be informed they can choose where and how to get their vehicle repaired.
- Creating a stakeholder advisory committee and providing them with the statutory authority to provide recommendations to the FTC on how to address emerging barriers to vehicle repair and maintenance.
- Providing ongoing enforcement by establishing a process for consumers and independent repair facilities to file complaints with the FTC regarding alleged violations of the requirements in the bill and a requirement that the FTC act within five months of a claim.

"The REPAIR Act would give owners, including the rural communities in my district, secure access to critical data so the service center of their choosing can replace parts and repair their vehicles. I am proud to support competition in the vehicle repair industry and this important legislation," he said.

"There are hundreds of neighborhood mechanics in Philadelphia," Boyle said. "The last thing those small business owners need is to be boxed out of making a living. This legislation would not only protect the business relationships between automobile owners and their mechanics, but it also ensures consumers continue to have more options on where to go for repairs."

Davidson added: "By prohibiting vehicle owners from accessing and sharing data they generate, manufacturers stop consumers from accessing third-party repair shops.

"American vehicle owners have a right to control their data, and a right to access third-party repair shops, tools and parts," he said.

"Working families in rural America can't afford to take a day off to drive their car to the dealership for a costly repair. The REPAIR Act is a bipartisan solution to improve vehicle data access laws to give working families more choices for repair when their car breaks down," Perez said.

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"I appreciate Representatives Dunn, Boyle and Davidson for their leadership on this issue, and look forward to working in a bipartisan fashion to improve repair laws for families who work for a living."

The new bill is an attempt to make R2R a national issue after similar provisions were approved by Massachusetts voters in 2020.

In May 2021, the FTC released its Nixing the Fix report, which highlighted barriers that vehicle manufacturers have instituted to squash a consumer's right to repair. The FTC supports expanding consumer repair options and found "scant evidence" for repair restrictions imposed by original equipment manufacturers.

In July 2021, President Biden issued the "Promoting Competition in the American Economy" executive order that encouraged the FTC to address anti-competitive repair restrictions.

In December 2022, the Digital Fair Repair Act was signed into law by New York Gov. Kathy Hochul.

The supporting associations said they are encouraging automotive aftermarket companies to contact the legislators in their districts to also co-sponsor the bill by visiting repairact.com.
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Social Security

STOP SOCIAL SECURITY -RELATED SCAMS

National Slam the Scam Day
March 9, 2023

On National Slam the Scam Day and throughout the year, we give you the tools to recognize Social Security-related scams and stop scammers from stealing your money and personal information. Share scam information with your loved ones. Slam the Scam!

Recognize the four basic signs of a scam:

1. Scammers **pretend** to be from a familiar organization or agency, like the Social Security Administration. They may email attachments with official-looking logos, seals, signatures, or pictures of employee credentials.
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3. Scammers **pressure** you to act immediately. They may threaten you with arrest or legal action.
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Ignore scammers and report criminal behavior. Report Social Security-related scams to the SSA Office of the Inspector General (OIG).

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Luxury Vehicles of the Hudson Valley
Poughkeepsie, NY



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For Sale: 32-year Auto Repair Shop and Used Car Dealership in Pawling, NY. Business and real estate for sale. Including repair, dealer and NYS Inspection licenses. Established 1990. 3 bay garage with office on environmentally clean .45-acre paved site directly opposite Metro North train station in Pawling, NY. This is a busy town and you will be busy on day 1. The owner will consider staying on staff for a transition period and will also consider a partial leaseback. Partial terms available for qualified buyers. Email all inquiries to jdowneyauto@yahoo.com.

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REFERRALS

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TRIVIA QUESTION

What is happening on March 9, 2023? Call the office with an answer for a chance to win a free month's dues.

I hope you enjoyed reading this month's bulletin. If you have any questions, feel free to call the association. We are here to help you and your industry.

Regards,

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