Here's how to detect a few signs of trouble

What do you do when your engine starts making smoke signals? When your automatic transmission won't transmit? When your starter won't start? When your starter won't start if you're a mechanic, you may respond why calm assurance. If you're a layman, though, you probably panic. To help you keep your cool (not cold), O'Hara Datsun in Livonia has passed along a few tips.

When you turn on your car's engine, a loud tickbig note comes from under the hood.

All automobile engines are lubricated and to a
certain extent cooled by motor oil. Without sufbeine toil, the engine quickly wears out from internal heat and friction.

The condition of the control of the control
should be checked immediately, even if the tickpig lasts only for a few moments when the engine
is started. Most engine problems occur because of
lack of oil. Between regular oil and filter
changes, the oil level should be checked frequently.

When you accelerate, a high-pitched, squeaking Boise comes from under the hood. The water pump and alternator, as well as accessories such as air conditioning and power steering, are driven by belts connected to pulleys which are boited onto the front end of the engine. If the belts become too dry or too loose, they begin slipping on the pulleys and make a high-pitched sound much like the squeaking sound chalk makes on a blackboard. Tightening the belt of applying a special lubricant may be all that is needed.

needed.
In the winter, a loose belt can easily cause frouble: If the battery isn't charged enough because the alternator belt is slipping, your engine might not turn over fast enough to start. This is especially common after driving at night with lights, heater, windshield wipers and defroster on.

Your car's automatic transmission suddenly begins to slip and then shifts abruptly. In an automatic transmission, force is carried by fluid in the torque converter rather than by friction between the clutch disc and flywheel. If the transmission fluid gets too low, the torque con-verter is not able to transfer engine force to the

verter is not able to transfer engine force to the transmission. The transmission fluid also serves other important functions—such as lubrication and cooling—and should be checked whenever the car develops an unusual shifting pattern. Automatic transmission fluid should be changed every two years, and the transmission bands (friction devices responsible for shifting gears in the automatic transmission) adjusted at the same time.

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You are driving along when you hear a suspicious hiss. The car hesitates and stalls. As the hissing continues, white smoke begins to rise from under the hood.

Probably the white smoke is really steam. Open the hood with caution and see if you can locate where the noise and steam are coming from. Often you will find that one of the radiator hoses has a hole. Since the engine may have overheated, don't do anything until it has had time to cool thoroughly.

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Do not try to remove the radiator cap. Since the cooling system is pressurized, you risk getting scalded if you remove the cap before all the pressure has escaped. Never pour cold water into the radiator while the engine is hot; that could cause the engine block to crack. Driving the car when the engine is overheated can do extensive and expensivew damage.

When you brake, there is a screech and the car pulls to one side. Your car may need new brake shoes, if it has drum brakes, or new brake pads, if it has dise brakes. If brake shoes or pads are not replaced in time, groves will be worn into the brake drums or discs frotors) and they will have to be replaced also, which can be expensive. (Many types of dise brakes make some noise during braking even though the brake pads do not need replacement.)

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