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We all have relationships with our car. For some of us, it's a long commute made better by a few creature comforts. For others, it's a grease-under-the-fingernails, built-

not-bought passion. However deep that relationship runs, here are some gift ideas to help power your Christmas shopping.

— TYREL LINKHORN, BLADE STAFF WRITER



▲ **Toolbox:** Everybody who works with their hands needs a good toolbox to keep their gear sorted. You can't go wrong with a Craftsman toolbox. There are lots of options, but we like this 53-inch, 500-pound capacity eight-drawer box that comes on lockable casters and includes a wooden workstation on top. **Get it at Sears for \$269.99.**

▼ **Wrangler half-doors:** Being that this is Toledo, home of the Jeep Wrangler, the odds are pretty good you've got somebody on your shopping list who drives one. Mopar has tons of accessories. I've always liked the Wrangler half-doors, which you can order through **Yark Automotive Group for \$1,340 installed.**



▲ **Get a grip:** Here's a good one for somebody who works on their car and likes to support local entrepreneurs. The Grypmat, a non-slip tool organizer, allows you to keep your wrenches and sockets neat and tidy, and easily within your reach. And it was invented by a University of Toledo graduate. **grypmat.com. Prices range from \$30 to \$70.**



▲ **Mechanic's Creeper:** Often times, working on your car means you're on your back, scooting underneath the chassis. A creeper makes that a little easier and more comfortable. Some of them will also convert to a mechanic's seat, combining two products in one. **Home Depot, \$27.20.**



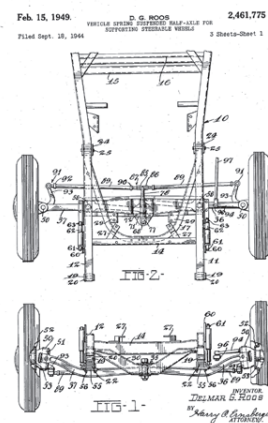
◀ **Dash Cam:** A dash cam essentially serves two purposes. It lets you document and preserve your road trips and can provide video proof of any incidents you might encounter on the road. There are lots of choices out there, but the Falcon Zero F360 is an intriguing option that has a pair of cameras that can be aimed in a number of ways, including recording inside the cabin — something rideshare drivers might like. **Walmart for \$149.95.**

▼ **Forza Motorsport 7:** There are always new racing games coming out, but some of the most lauded come from the Forza series. Forza Motorsport 7 came out in October and has been getting rave reviews ever since. Some of the high points are insanely high levels of detail, lots of cars, and changing weather conditions throughout a race. It's available for PC and Xbox. **Target for \$51.99.**



▲ **Digital tire gauge:** Need a stocking stuffer? How about a digital tire gauge. It's cheap and easy to toss in a glove box. Plus, having the right air pressure in their tires will help their car get optimal fuel mileage. **Meijer has one for \$8.99.**

▶ **Patent Art:** For the historian or mechanically minded person on your list, there are loads of prints that turn old-school mechanical patent drawings into tasteful wall art. You can get them lots of places, but Etsy is always a good bet. For an added local connection, there's even one of a Jeep axle design by legendary engineer Delmar Roos. Get it at **etsy.com/shop/GnosisCollageArt**. They have different sizes. **Prices range from \$7.99 to \$43.**



▲ **Sony's XAV-AX100:** Just because a car was made pre-Apple CarPlay or Android Auto doesn't mean it can't be upgraded. There are a number of aftermarket receivers out there that can integrate a smartphone. We found Sony's XAV-AX100 model to be well reviewed. It works with Apple or Android and includes a physical knob for adjusting the volume. **Best Buy for \$349.99.**



▲ **Keep it clean:** A quick blast of soap and water at the self-serve car wash will only get a vehicle so clean. If you've got someone who really loves their car and likes it to be spotless inside and out, a full detailing package would make a great gift. Some services will even come to you. **Toledo Mobile Detailing has packages for cars starting at \$99. toledomobile.net.**

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