



Heading Home from the Hardware Store Head Scratchers

With all due respect to the legitimate do-it-yourselfers out there, it seems a certain portion of so-called home improvement “experts” own a vehicle that’s two sizes too small for the task they’re trying to perform. I mean, just take a look at these fine examples plucked from the numbskull layer of the gene pool.

Although the first guy at least owns a truck, he seems oblivious to the fact that he’s about to give his fellow drivers a crash course in plywood aerodynamics. Ah, but never fear, restless reader, he has his plywood secured with a piece of twine ... and we all know that twine is a magical material capable of supporting tons of cargo, right? And the second guy, well, let's just say he's about to get his first practical lesson in "How to Ruin Vehicle Suspensions 101." But look on the bright side ... he won't need to use his busted car while he's recovering from the injuries he'll sustain trying to get the tractor off his brand new Cougar pickup.

The last guy -- well, I really can't really hound him too much. After all, I don't know many people who haven't done something like this. I must encourage you not to transport things in this manner. However, if you must (as I'm sure most of you will, whether you're supposed to or not), just make sure you're able to keep both hands on the wheel, that your vision is unobstructed, and that you're not depending on your own strength to keep something from flying away. Oh, and keep in mind, if you're in an accident, that object in your car will become your enemy really quick.

Folks, we've all seen people do things like this. We've all shaken our heads, snickered, and muttered things like "idiot" under our breath. Keep that in mind the next time you're about to exit the hardware store parking lot. Ask whether anyone will be doing that to you on your ride home. If you answer "probably", then it's time to get a bigger truck -- or pay to have someone deliver the load.

