

Grease & Oil Drips

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My Model A really enjoys marking its territory. It must have learned that from my wife's dog! Why it even marks its territory inside its nice warm garage! The Model A pickup that is, and not the dog. It will drip grease, engine oil and transmission oil. Sometimes I get a drip towards the rear of the Model A. The cleaner I need my shop the more the Model A will leak!

My temporary fix is the following; NAPA auto parts sell a product called "Drip Pan". It is just an oversized cookie sheet. I use the large size which is 25" x 47" under the engine and transmission. I also use the medium size which is 18" x 25" under the universal joint area. These work good to contain the oil and grease drips making clean up faster and easier.

Another good idea is to use old cookie sheets. These are usually 10" x 17". I use one towards the rear of the Model A. I have discovered that if I place one there the leak will stop, but the minute the sheet is removed the Model A will drip. I also have another cookie sheet I use when I am working on small parts such as carburetors, distributors, water pumps and starters. The lip is high enough so small parts are contained and any gasoline, grease, or oil is contained and will not leak all over the work bench. I also use some of the round 2" deep by 9" diameter cake pans. These items are readily available in the kitchen when the wife goes on the Lava Ladies events, or they can be purchased at garage sales for 10 cents.