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LASER WIRE BRUSH SET **£36** 01926 815000; www.lasertools.co.uk

Getting all of your engine parts spotless during a rebuild is paramount for a quality job, but carbon and oil deposits can be stubborn to remove. This 20-piece set from Laser Tools features brushes in six diameters (9-19mm) that can be used to clean up most surfaces – from main and big-end bearing caps to threads and valve stems. Three types of brush are included for each diameter – nylon, brass and stainless steel – making the set suitable for use on both cast iron and softer aluminium, while a 6in extension and quick-change shank make it easier to reach awkward areas.



Nifty Laser set is ideal for cleaning up mechanical parts during a restoration

ICE PASTE POLISH **£19.99** 01695 716610; www.halfords.co.uk

Get your classic gleaming with the latest addition to Turtle Wax's Ice range. The 227g tub contains a synthetic paste that's claimed to give a deep 'wet-look' shine. On test it did exactly that and was easy to use: just apply the paste evenly with the sponge and allow it to dry for 5 mins before buffing to a shine with the microfibre cloth.



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MOBI WASHER **£149** 01243 574726; www.mobiwasher.co.uk

Most pressure washers require mains power and water supplies, but this new Mobi unit features a 17-litre water tank and a mains-charged battery so you can use it unhindered by cords. With a 3m hose, its variable nozzle delivers 43.5-130.5psi of water pressure, depending on the shape of the jet. The tank is detachable for easy filling and the base has wheels so it's manoeuvrable even when the tank is full. There's also a shoulder-strap for carrying it, and the unit can run off a 12V cigarette socket when the battery is flat. While it can't be expected to match the force of a mains-powered washer, it was surprisingly effective on test and would come in handy for cleaning your classic while you're away on a rally or at a show.



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SU TO WEBER CARBURETTOR CONVERSION **£351** 01932 787100; www.webcon.co.uk

If your classic's SU carb is worn or troublesome to tune, a twin-choke Weber could be the answer. An offshoot of Webcon's work on replacing US-spec TR6s' twin Strombergs, this progressive twin-choke Weber kit bolts on to any SU-equipped engine with a 1⁵/₁₆in manifold port. It includes manifold, linkage connectors and air filter.

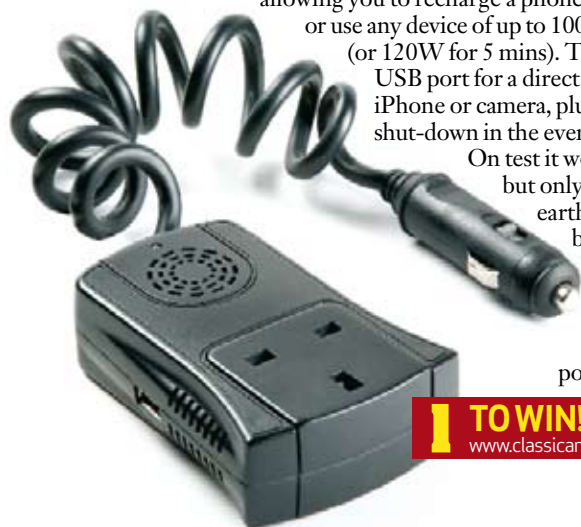
JAGUAR BRONZE BAULK RINGS **£123.38** 01543 472244; www.bighealey.co.uk

Denis Welch has extended its Jaguar parts line with these bronze gearbox baulk rings, a direct replacement for those in Jaguar all-synchro 4.2-litre 'boxes'. The set of four is also suitable for use in gearboxes with straight-cut gears. The baulk rings feature a thicker section than the standard items, which should improve longevity, and Denis Welch also produces heavy-duty steel rings for the 'more aggressive' driver.



VOLTAGE INVERTER **£34.99** 0113 213 2000; www.ringautomotive.co.uk

The evocative period experience of classic motoring is the reason most of us pursue our passion, but that doesn't mean you need to be without the wide array of gadgets that modern technology has given us. This useful Voltage Inverter from Ring Automotive is designed to plug into your car's cigarette-lighter socket and converts 12V DC current to 240V AC, allowing you to recharge a phone, power a laptop, or use any device of up to 100W for four hours (or 120W for 5 mins). There is also a USB port for a direct connection to an iPhone or camera, plus an automatic shut-down in the event of an overload.



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GORILLATORCH **£29.99** 01628 799901; www.amazon.co.uk

Joby's flexible lamp has been around for a while, but has been improved – and made ideal for classic toolkits – with the addition of magnetic feet. That means you can fix it to the underside of your bonnet or on the inner wing, leaving your hands free. It has a dimmer control and is powered by three AA batteries.

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BEETLE PETROL TANK **£179.99** 001 866 521 9922

VW owners plagued with fuel blockages from a rusty tank can sort the problem once and for all with a new tank from MidAmerica Motorworks. Made to original factory specification, the tanks cater for two models – 1971-'74 and 1975-'79 – with the former featuring a threaded plug to enable easy access to the in-tank fuel filter and the latter suitable for the fuel-line plumbing on fuel-injected versions. Hose kits and fuel sender units are available separately.

