

# CARGO

The RattleBuster CD kit emits frequencies and tones to establish what is making rattling noises in a car



## Shine, sing and get rid of rattles

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**World's Best refresher** Back in May, *CARGO* featured Canada's own Frank Duarte, whose high-quality, premium World's Best Wax contains higher-than-standard amounts of carnauba wax, separating itself from mass-produced recipes that are overflowing with silicone. The Toronto-based entrepreneur makes his second appearance on this page with his Surface Refresher, a spray-on product that intensifies the car's finish between wax applications. Featuring more of that heralded carnauba content, the product does not contain any alcohol or silicone, has a non-scratching formula and will effectively clean light dust, water spots, bird droppings, glass or chrome. Like World's Best Wax, the Surface Refresher arrives in a container that looks more Gucci than Canadian Tire. Combine this with some other offerings such as the Clay Cleanse and Auto Shampoo and you'll have to forgive us if we think Duarte's running some sort of car spa. \$25; visit [www.worldsbestwax.com](http://www.worldsbestwax.com).

**A CD for the OCD** The line between the obsessive-compulsive and neurotic and the simply caring car owner can get blurred when you begin to hear a rattling sound behind the dashboard. Or is it in the wheelwell? Or under the hood? And, is it an isolated noise or is the car going to fall apart at any moment? We empathize — memories of tersely instructing Mrs. CARGO to drive around the block as we scurried around the interior trying to identify where the noise that was driving us batty was coming from. And, when you finally turn up at a mechanic's, Murphy's Law dictates the sound just disappears, impossible to recreate or fix. Fortunately, the RattleBuster CD kit saves

time, trouble and obsession by emitting from the car stereo various frequencies and tones designed to establish exactly what is causing the rattling sound. It is a reasonably priced first step toward peace of mind. Or you can just turn up the car radio and ignore the rattles altogether. \$18; visit [www.rattlebuster.com](http://www.rattlebuster.com).

**Big, beautiful buttons** Clarion's new VRX575USB DVD multimedia station with seven-inch touch-panel control has one subtle refinement that we deem revolutionary. The buttons no longer look like car stereo buttons, but are big and clearly labelled like a high-end home unit. This is not the only reason to buy a new stereo, but it does offer a glimpse into the attention to detail Clarion was going for when it stacked this puppy together. Featuring Magna Bass EX dynamic bass enhancement, iPod direct control and dual-zone capability, the product has a USB connector so users can play their audio and video from a flash drive. It's also DivX certified, allowing the VRX575USB to read video files encoded with compression, taking up less storage space but retaining high quality. And, while an array of other specs adds to its mystique, we still cannot see past those big, glorious user-interface buttons. For consumer electronics, like real life, sometimes it is not what's inside that counts. \$800; visit [www.clarion.com](http://www.clarion.com).

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