

# THE COMPLETE IDIOT'S GUIDE TO

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turning—and put your  
pedal to the metal.

You're no idiot, of course. You may be all revved up to refurbish that Mustang or Corvette you've always wanted, but find yourself stalled in the garage due to the amount of work—and cash—involved in such an enterprise.

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- ◆ An examination of a car's major components including the chassis, engine, wheels, electrical wiring, and upholstery—and what to expect to fix during restoration.
- ◆ The legal paperwork necessary for owning, driving, and displaying your prize.



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