

SPLISH, SPLASH! Car runs on water, inventor claims

PLANS FOR A new car engine are all wet, but that's good news because this fantastic invention is supposed to run on plain old tap water.

This is not some pipe dream. The man behind the pollution-free engine Enerex is Yoshiro Nakamatsu, the famous "Edison of Japan" who invented the computer floppy disk and digital watch.

So people listen when Yoshiro says his Enerex engine will run on tap water and can

create three times as much power as a standard gasoline motor. "It will generate electricity for any purpose," he boasts. "Petroleum will exhaust in 100 years."

The 62-year-old wizard says listening to Beethoven's Fifth Symphony and swimming help him maintain his creativity. It must work. Yoshiro has obtained more than 2,000 patents in the U.S. and Japan.

Yoshiro says he plans to modify his engine so it can be used to power a special road vehicle. Major car manufac-

turers must be shaking, knowing their production of gas engines could sputter and stall if Enerex takes the country by storm.

Yoshiro also displayed some of his other creations at the Monroeville Expo Mart in suburban Pittsburgh, including packages of "brain food." This is a snack that tastes like seaweed but is supposed to contain "good elements" to encourage clear thinking.

Other lesser-known and sometimes silly inventions were also on hand at the expo.

David Cecil of Zippertie Enterprises proudly displayed the latest rage in tie-less ties.

"You'll never have to tie your tie again," he says while knotting the tie with a hidden zipper. "A perfect double Windsor knot. A hundred percent silk."

Kirk Renaud of DesignTech International showed off his company's Quietwake alarm clock. The device vibrates under your pillow to wake hearing-impaired persons or individuals who rise at a different time than their bedmate.



• YOSHIRO AND his Enerex Invention

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very surprised.

Inventor's amazing car runs like a top — on AIR!

Inventor Jack Simpson has logged over 500,000 miles in his modified Datsun station wagon and hasn't stopped for gas yet. That's because his incredible 20-year-old econobox runs on air alone!

"She's cheap to drive, that's for sure," said Simpson, 65. "I rigged her to run on air during the gas crisis back in the 70s and she hasn't let me down yet.

"I still have to buy tires and oil. Other than that, she doesn't cost me a cent."

The retired inventor who lives in San Jose, Costa Rica,

refuses to say how he modified the old car to run on air instead of gas but hinted that a pair of special "air carburetors" did the trick.

The wagon's engine appears to be stock with the exception of a pair of thin brass hoses and two jar-like containers positioned where the factory-installed carburetor used to sit.

The motor's emissions are so clean you can actually breathe the exhaust without

getting sick. "I've tried to sell my idea to Detroit but they don't want to hear about it," said Simpson. "Of course, everybody knows the big auto companies are in bed with the big oil companies. If everybody modified their cars like mine all those boys would be out of work."

A test drive of the 1970 Datsun 510 indicated that the inventor is right. The car's engine is incredibly quiet at high speeds and when it's idling you can hardly hear it.

The car also has plenty of pep, going from 0 to 60 m.p.h.

in 11 seconds flat. "It's a sweet little machine if I do say so myself," said Simpson.

"I've turned the odometer over five times without a major repair.

"The engine runs much cooler than those gas-fired jobs so there's a lot less wear and tear on internal parts."

Friends have begged Simpson to alter their cars to run on air but he refuses to do it because he's afraid the secret of his air carburetors will get out. "Any mechanic could build them once he took a look at mine," said Simpson.