

# Classic Car Expert Reveals Top 10 Essential Harbor Freight Tools That Every DIY Enthusiast Should Own

*Popular YouTube Channel "Guys With Rides" Shares Cost-Effective Tool Solutions for Vintage Vehicle Restoration*

FLEMINGTON, NJ, UNITED STATES, August 25, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Rudy Samsel, Co-Founder of Guys With Rides, just released a comprehensive guide identifying the top 10 Harbor Freight tools that have become indispensable for classic and collector car enthusiasts. The video, part of over 950 educational automotive content pieces on the channel, showcases affordable alternatives that deliver professional results for DIY mechanics.

"If you're a DIY-er like me, you'll find that buying a tool you'll use half a dozen times makes perfect sense when you'll likely wear out before the tool

does," explains Rudy, who serves as a trusted dealer-free resource for classic car enthusiasts. "These Harbor Freight tools, totaling about \$400, have been lifesavers in my garage, and I've featured them throughout my video series."

The Top 10 Essential Tools Include:

1. Icon 25-Piece Screw Extractor Set – Rudy's number one recommendation for removing stripped screws and bolts, featuring marked drill sizes and socket specifications for reliable results.
2. Fuel Line Clamping Set – Specialized forceps that prevent hose damage while working on fuel and vacuum systems, superior to traditional vice grips.
3. Screw Impact Hammer – Essential for removing rusted flathead screws commonly found on



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German vehicles' brake rotors.

4. Remote Starter Switch – The Viking 2000 P-CAMP unit serves dual purposes for starting vehicles and testing 12-volt electrical systems.

5. Tap and Die Set – Invaluable for cleaning cross-threaded bolts and determining bolt sizes for restoration projects.

6. Soft Blow Hammer – A one-pound sand-filled "persuader" perfect for delicate work on sway bar bushings and other components.

7. Extra-Long 16-Inch Plier Set – Two-piece set including straight and angled options for accessing hard-to-reach areas.

8. 12-Piece File Set – Complete hand file collection including rat tails, triangular, and half-moon rasps for precise material removal.

9. Viking 2000 P-CAMP Remote Starter – Portable power source ideal for testing solenoids and electrical components on modern vehicles.

10. Braun Long LED Under-Hood Light – Featuring both hook and magnetic mounting options for versatile lighting solutions.

Real-World Testing and Applications

Throughout his extensive video library, Rudy has demonstrated these tools in action across various projects, from Porsche 928 intake refreshes to brake jobs on Honda Civics. Recent applications include glow plug replacement on an Audi A3 TDI and timing belt work on vintage Porsches.

"Every time I've used the screw extractor set, it's been a lifesaver," notes Rudy. "When you're working on old cars, you need reliable tools because you'll invariably encounter rusty bolts and stripped screws."

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