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Putting together a 13-piece orchestra from a warehouse full of car parts is about as tough as making a silk purse out of a sow's ear. But Ford Motor Company has such an orchestra, and it is one of the feature attractions at the Ford Pavilion at San Antonio's HemisFair'68.

The unusual "Autolite-Ford Parts Harmonic Orchestra" is an animated musical combo built entirely of car parts by Display and Exhibit Company of Detroit, developer and producer of the Ford HemisFair'68 exhibit. The orchestra "plays" specially composed fiesta music for visitors to the Ford Pavilion.

The xylophone part is tapped out on spring leaves, and rhythm is kept on a drum-head stretched across a brake drum. There's a glissando played on a harp made of brake cables stretched between a drive shaft and a transmission housing, and the plunk of a banjo strung with choke wires. Trumpets are made from a section of axle, and the booming bass viol is bowed with an oil dipstick. The "instruments" sway and swing to the music.

Even the music stands are made of windshield glass, and have electric windshield wipers that swish in time to the music.

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