

SAVVA Technical tip 161 – Magic Magnet

Has anyone else noticed the fact that the older you get how the floor becomes further away when having to bend down to pick something up? Another fact is, I believe its Sods law, that if you drop something it will either disappear forever, never to be found, or end up in the most impossible place to get to. Here's a partial solution to retrieving these fallen objects.

For years I've had a telescopic rod with a magnet on the end. I think originally designed to retrieve things that have fallen down in the engine bay. Over the years I have used it for that purpose and it has saved the day. In more recent times however, it has become more important to pick things up that have ended up further down - on the floor. Could it be I've become clumsier, grown taller, or got a bit older?

From being a superfluous tool, it is now one of absolute necessity. Some time ago the little magnet disappeared so I glued on a more powerful one – that increased its usefulness even more.

Suggestion - If you see one for sale, buy it and add it to your tool kit. You may not need it now but given time it could become one of your most important tools.

All I have to do now is to find a magnet that can pick-up aluminum, brass and plastic.

p.s. Last week I saw them in a "Chinese" shop for about R50.00 each.

