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CAR CARE CHECKLIST

WHAT TO CHECK AND WHEN

CHECK FREQUENTLY

- Dashboard Indicator Lights On
- Lights
- Tire Inflation and Condition
- Windshield Washer Fluid
- Engine Oil Level

CHECK EVERY 3 MONTHS/ 3,000 MILES

- Automatic Transmission Fluid
- Battery and Cables
- Belts
- Dashboard Indicator Light On
- Engine Air Filter
- Engine Oil
- Exhaust
- Hoses
- Lights
- Power Steering Fluid
- Tire Inflation and Condition
- Windshield Washer Fluid

CHECK EVERY 6 MONTHS/ 6,000 MILES

- Automatic Transmission Fluid
- Battery and Cables
- Belts
- Chassis Lubrication
- Dashboard Indicator Light On
- Engine Air Filter
- Engine Oil
- Exhaust
- Hoses
- Lights
- Power Steering Fluid
- Tire Inflation and Condition
- Windshield Washer Fluid
- Wiper Blades

CHECK EVERY 9 MONTHS/ 9,000 MILES

- Automatic Transmission Fluid
- Battery and Cables
- Belts
- Dashboard Indicator Light On
- Engine Air Filter
- Engine Oil
- Exhaust
- Hoses
- Lights
- Power Steering Fluid
- Tire Inflation and Condition
- Windshield Washer Fluid

CHECK EVERY 12 MONTHS/ 12,000 MILES

- Automatic Transmission Fluid
- Battery and Cables
- Belts
- Brakes
- Cabin Air Filter
- Chassis Lubrication
- Coolant (Antifreeze)
- Dashboard Indicator Light On
- Engine Air Filter
- Engine Oil
- Exhaust
- Hoses
- Lights
- Power Steering Fluid
- Steering and Suspension
- Tire Inflation and Condition
- Wheel Alignment
- Windshield Washer Fluid
- Wiper Blades

The Car Care Council has developed a service interval schedule with general guidelines for the regular maintenance of passenger cars, minivans, pick-ups and SUVs. This schedule is customary for the majority of drivers and vehicles. However, always consult your owner's manual for specific recommendations from your vehicle manufacturer.



TOP 10 FUEL SAVING TIPS

- 1 Check Tire Pressure:** Proper tire pressure can improve gas mileage by 3.3% or ten cents per gallon. Tire pressure should be checked at least monthly, including the spare. Tires that are not properly inflated add rolling resistance, making the engine work harder.
- 2 Perform Regular Maintenance:** Improve gas mileage by 4% on a proper tune-up and up to 40% when fixing a serious maintenance problem such as a faulty oxygen sensor.
- 3 Check the Air Filter:** Filters can become clogged with dirt, dust or bugs, which choke off the air and create a "rich" mixture that causes the engine to lose power. Replacing a dirty filter will improve performance and acceleration.
- 4 Check the Fuel Cap:** A loose or cracked gas cap allows gas to escape from your tank as a vapor, wasting fuel and increasing vehicle emissions.
- 5 Use the Correct Motor Oil:** Using the correct motor oil for your vehicle can improve gas mileage by 1% -2%. Look for oil that says "energy conserving".
- 6 Don't Drive Aggressively:** Speeding, rapid acceleration and braking can reduce gas mileage as much as 33% on the highway and 5% on city streets. Using cruise control on the highway can help you maintain a constant speed.
- 7 Drive the Speed Limit:** Most cars lose fuel efficiency over 50 miles per hour (mph). Each 5 mph over 50 is like paying an additional \$0.23 per gallon of gas.
- 8 Avoid Unnecessary Aerodynamic Drag:** Hauling cargo on the vehicle roof decreases fuel economy anywhere from 2% -25%. Roof racks also add extra weight and drag. Remove cargo and accessories when not in use.
- 9 Lighten the Load:** Unnecessary items increase gas usage. An extra 100 pounds could reduce mpg by 2%. Smaller vehicles will see more of an effect than larger vehicles.
- 10 Avoid Excessive Idling:** When a car is idling it is using fuel, but not going anywhere. This translates to 0 mpg. Idling can use a quarter to half gallon of fuel per hour.

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