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IS YOUR CAR READY FOR MONSOON SEASON? FIND OUT BELOW!



Get ready, because Arizona monsoon season is almost upon us! Every year mid to late-summer, dust storms and torrential downpours engulf the valley. As most of us drive every day, it's important to think about the effect that these impressive storms can have on vehicle maintenance. It is also just as important to be cognizant of our driving and take extra precaution if caught on the road in the middle of inclement weather conditions.

We must think ahead and make sure our cars and trucks are storm-ready. There's nothing worse than being caught in the middle of the storm and discovering that our wiper blades that we haven't touched in 6 months are no longer fully-functioning! Here are some specifics that should be checked prior to the first big storm:

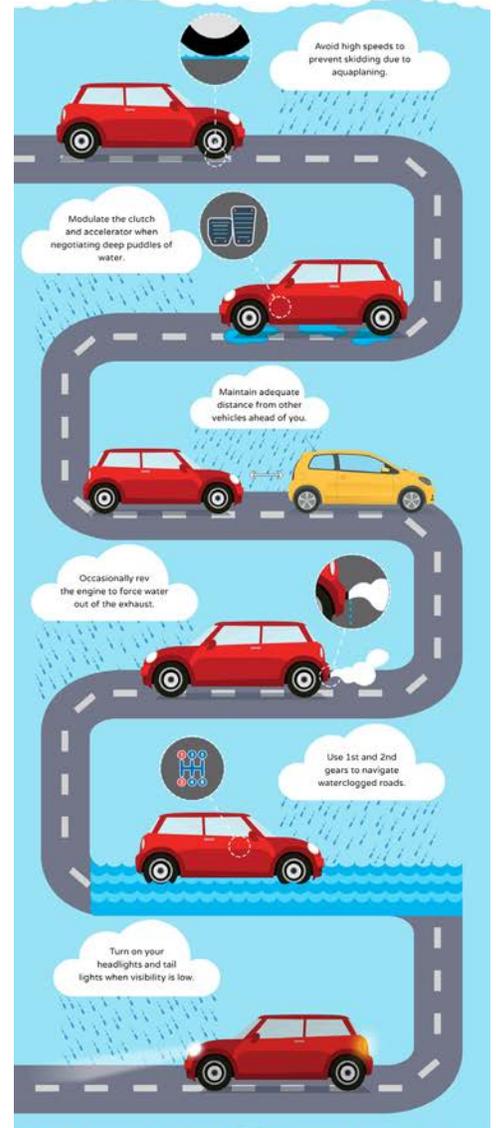
- **Tires:** Both tread and air pressure should be checked. Make sure to regularly rotate tires and to replace once they reach a low tread level. There is nothing more scary than a car with minimal tread stuck hydroplaning over wet roads!
- **Wipers:** Being able to see as clearly as possible is obviously a necessity during a monsoon. We often neglect our wiper blades during the early summer since they are not frequently needed. Test your wipers today to make sure they are still functioning well!
- **Lights:** Check that all lights are working correctly, including both headlights and brake lights. Not only do you need to be able to see in front of you, but you also need other drivers to be able to see you.
- **Belts and Air Filters:** Living in the desert year-round can take a heavy toll on our filters - monsoon season is especially dusty, so check in advance to make sure that all vehicle filters are clean, and can handle the extra work they will need to perform.
- **Brakes:** Just as important as tires, make sure your brakes are in tip-top condition as well. Tire tread is very important to avoid hydroplaning, but so are fully-functioning brakes! Under stressful road conditions, it's extremely important to be able to stop as quickly as possible.

TIPS FOR

DRIVING IN RAIN



India accounts for nearly 1.5 lakh road accidents and 19% or 28500, of those road accidents take place in the rain. A greater number of cars also get damaged due to waterlogging. This number can be greatly reduced by adopting some simple techniques to keep you and your car safe during any rainy day.



Driving in the rain is a treacherous affair and taking the right precautions will go a long way to staying safe during the rains. Adopting these driving habits in your rainy day drive will go a long way to keeping you and your car safe on the roads.

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Margarito j. M.
6/23/17



Satisfied with the work. Efficient and helpful, all done in a timely manner. I would recommend to others. I felt they were honest and their charges for the work were reasonable.

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6/13/17



Best service ever! My car looks like new, inside and out, thanks to the expert services of Ron, Art and Tom. I would recommend Tom's Auto Body to anyone looking for excellent body work and great customer service in a friendly environment. It was the best experience...
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5/9/17



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MONSOON SEASON DRIVING TIPS

While preparing your car for summer rains are a great first step, it's important not to overlook another important driving safety factor: you! The following are important to keep in mind while navigating storms.

1. Give yourself extra time to reach your destination, and more importantly SLOW DOWN if you hit inclement weather.
2. Be cautious with the distance between yourself and the vehicle in front of you.
3. If the storm reaches a point where you become concerned for your safety, don't be afraid to get off the road and wait it out. The best way to do this is to pull completely off the road and to turn your lights off - this way no other vehicles will be distracted and possibly attempt to follow your lights if they are experiencing visibility problems as well.
4. Watch out for flooded areas, and downed power lines, and proceed as carefully as you can to your destination.

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SUMMER Car Maintenance CHECKLIST

- ✓ Engine**
The condition of your engine can make or break your ability to drive. Have a mechanic look it over to make sure that you don't have rough idling, stalling, hard starts, or any problems with your power. Replace any filters (such as air, fuel, etc.) if your adventures take you through too many dusty conditions.
- ✓ Air Conditioning**
No one wants to be stuck in the summer heat with no way to cool off. Give your air conditioning a tune-up before it gets too hot. If you have a newer car, make sure you check the owner's manual for directions on replacing any air filters inside the car too.
- ✓ System Fluids**
A car holds a lot of liquids that keep it running well like oil, coolant, and windshield wiper fluid. Make sure you get them all flushed, changed, and/or refilled before hitting the open road. Each prevents a different problem that can limit your ability to drive.
- ✓ Tires**
Taking a long road trip requires great tires. Check the tread on each tire to make sure that they have enough life left in them to get you to your destination safely. If your tires are under the recommended tread depth, buy all new tires. Not only will you have a safer ride, but it will feel a lot smoother.
- ✓ Light**
Avoid getting tickets and increase your ability to see and be seen by other drivers by doing a quick run around your car with the lights on. Make sure all headlights, brake lights, and blinkers are still working and replace any that do not.
- ✓ Brakes**
Pay special attention to your brakes as you drive around town. If you notice pulsing, strange noises, or your car taking longer distances to stop, make sure you have them looked at. Most brakes should be inspected regularly.
- ✓ Battery**
Take your car to a professional garage or auto parts store that will test the level of power left in your battery. If you want to do your own maintenance on a good battery, scrape away any corrosion you find on the cable connectors and posts, wipe off the surfaces of the battery, and make sure all the connections are tight.
- ✓ Emergency Supplies**
It is always a good idea to have emergency supplies in your car. Include an extra phone charger, equipment to change a flat tire, and a first aid kit. Other things to consider are bottles of water, snacks, and a little extra cash.