

# Glossary of Automotive Terms

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Here are some very brief definitions of terms to introduce you to industry vocabulary used by your auto repair and maintenance specialists to refer to vehicle parts and service procedures:

## **A/C Compressor**

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The pump in an automobile air conditioning system that increases the refrigerant pressure.

## **A/C Drain Hose**

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The hose in the air conditioning system that drains condensation from the evaporator component.

## **ABS**

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Anti Lock Braking System: A computerized braking system designed to prevent brakes from seizing up and causing tires to skid due to sudden braking.

## **Accelerator Pedal Linkage**

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The linkage from a vehicle's gas pedal to the carburetor or throttle body.

## **Adaptive Cruise Control**

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A cruise control system enhanced with radar or laser sensors that trigger the vehicle to reduce speed or stop automatically to avoid a front-end collision.

## **Adjustable Suspension**

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A suspension system that enables the driver to adjust settings to control the firmness of the vehicle's suspension to meet various road conditions, driving options, comfort preferences.

### **Active Suspension**

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More sophisticated than adjustable suspension, this technology uses computer-controlled power-driven actuators vs. traditional shocks and springs, to position each wheel ideally for loads and road disruptions.

### **Aftermarket Part**

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Replacement auto parts that are not produced by the manufacturer of the vehicle's original components.

### **Air Conditioner Refrigerant**

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A liquid that flows through automobile air conditioning coils to cool air moving past them and thereby produces cold air.

### **Air Conditioning Filter**

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A filter that blocks air contaminants from entering a vehicle's ventilation system.

### **Air Filter**

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A filter for removing dirt and particulates from the air that is being taken into an engine to mix with fuel for combustion.

### **Air Pollution Score**

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The score between 0 and 10 assessed by the EPA for each new automobile to quantify the amount of air pollutants generated during a simulated driving test conducted in a laboratory.

### **Anti Lock Brake**

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A brake that functions by a reinforced hose that carries pressurized hydraulic fluid in an antilock brake system.

### **Antifreeze**

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Antifreeze is the liquid engine coolant that is used by mixing it with water in your vehicle radiator to help maintain a more steady engine temperature during very cold external temperatures.

### **Automatic Transmission Filter**

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A filter for removing contaminants from a vehicle's transmission fluid as the pressurized fluid is pumped through it.

### **Automatic Transmission**

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A transmission type designed with gears and clutches and other parts that work to change gears automatically while driving a vehicle instead of manually.

### **Automatic Transmission Bands**

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Adjustable circular steel bands in an automatic transmission (lined with organic friction material) that tighten around a drum and stop its rotation during the process of shifting gears.

### **Automatic Transmission Oil Cooler Hose**

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Tubes that transfer transmission fluid to and from an oil cooler or heat exchanger for an automobile transmission.

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