

Readying Your Car for Summer

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With summer on its way, it's time to start thinking about readying your car for the heat and all its glorious travel opportunities. **With a little preparation, you can be ready for a spur of the moment weekend getaway, and have the confidence that your car will get you there and back safely.**

Keep Tires in Great Shape for Hot Pavement Grip

Winter weather can be hard on tires. This is a good time of the year to do a quick check on your tires. This should include inspecting the tread and verifying proper inflation. Poorly inflated tires impact grip which makes driving feel more erratic, can reduce your overall miles per gallon, and can even lead to a tire blowout. Always check tire pressure with a calibrated tire pressure gauge.

If you live in an area that permits snow tires, now is a good time to change them out for your standard warm weather tires. Also, check up on your spare. Make sure one is present, the correct spare for your ride, and that you have the tools to put it in should a tire blow.

Nothing is quite as awful as discovering a missing jack at 3 am with a blown tire in the middle of nowhere.

Lubrication Keeps Pistons Pumping

Oil is another area that sometimes gets overlooked. Check the oil and adjust to suit the needs of your car. Your owner's manual for your car will list recommendations for your climate. Warm oil is thin oil, and oil that is not thick enough won't provide the lubrication necessary to keep your engine in good working order. If a dealership or garage does your oil change, ask after the viscosity of oil they are using to double check it's the right version for your needs.

Keep Your Engine Cool in the Hot Sun

Overheating is a primary cause for summertime breakdowns. One great method to reduce the risk of this is to keep on top of your coolant maintenance. Your radiator should be flushed completely and refilled every other year and you should check the level, general condition, and concentration of the coolant once in a while between replacements. If you do the flushing yourself, dispose of the old coolant properly; it has a sweet taste that dogs love and it is highly toxic.

Transmission Fluid Keeps You Shifting Smoothly

You want to keep an eye on your transmission fluid levels as well. Too much or too little, and you will run into problems that can, over time, lead to costly repairs. Further, make sure you read your manual to determine the correct mix of transmission fluid for your car. The SAE number found there will determine the right ATF mix.

Signs of too much transmission fluid:

- Rough shifting. It will feel harder to jump from gear to gear.
- Slippage. The engine will rev but your car won't respond.
- Erratic behavior while shifting.

Signs of too little transmission fluid:

- Failure to engage. The car will act like it's permanently in neutral.
- Slow shifting. A sluggish response between gears.
- Lurching and surging. Picking up speed rapidly then dropping back down while switching gears.

Enjoy a Frosty Interior on a Blistering Day

On a swelteringly hot day, you want your A/C in good working order. If it's not blowing a nice frigid blast through your car, you likely are in need of additional refrigerant. Ace Auto Repair can help charge your A/C if it's not keeping you nice and cool.

Summertime Tune-up Kearns, Utah

As they say, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Don't get stranded this summer on the side of the road with a smoking car. Bring your car into Ace Auto Repair in

Kearns, Utah for a summertime inspection, and we will check every element of auto maintenance listed above. Avoid summertime sadness and give your ride the basic service it requires to keep you on the road.

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