



Gas Saving Tips



As gasoline prices skyrocket, consumers look for ways to improve their vehicle's gas mileage. The following are some practical steps consumers can take to improve fuel efficiency:

Drive More Efficiently

- ❖ Stay within the posted speed limits. The faster you drive, the more fuel you use.
- ❖ Do not drive aggressively. Avoid sudden stops and fast accelerations.
- ❖ Avoid unnecessary idling. Instead of idling at the drive-up window, park the car and go inside. Idling burns more gas than restarting the engine.
- ❖ Use cruise control and overdrive. They improve the fuel economy of your car when you are driving on a highway.
- ❖ Combine errands. Plan trips to destinations that are near one another. You not only save gas, but wear and tear on your vehicle.

Maintain Your Vehicle

- ❖ Keep your engine tuned. This can increase mileage.
- ❖ Keeping your tires properly inflated and aligned can increase gas mileage.
- ❖ Change your oil. Your gas mileage can be improved by using the recommended grade of motor oil for your vehicle.
- ❖ Check and replace air filters regularly. This can also increase gas mileage.
- ❖ Check the gas cap. Make sure the cap seals properly. You may want to purchase a cap with a lock.

Reduce the Weight in Your Car

- ❖ Remove unnecessary items from your trunk. Extra weight decreases mileage.
- ❖ Reduce drag by placing items inside the car rather than on roof racks.

At the Pump

- ❖ Use the octane you need. Your owner's manual recommends the most effective octane level for your vehicle. In most cases using a higher octane gas than recommended offers no benefit.

BE VERY SKEPTICAL of advertisements for devices or products that claim to boost your mileage. The EPA has tested over 100 supposed "gas-saving" devices and products only to find that very few provide any fuel economy benefits.