

5 CAR MAINTENANCE MYTHS

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Your vehicle will last longer and perform better with regular maintenance. Unfortunately, many misconceptions exist about the best practices for maintaining cars properly. To help ensure you take the best care possible of your car, let's take a moment to discuss—and correct—some common falsehoods.

MYTH #1:

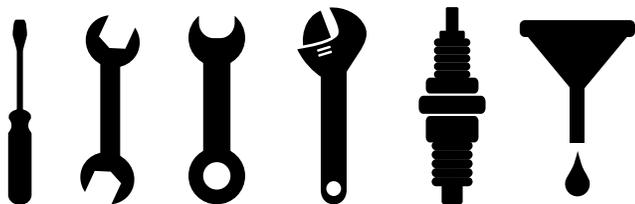
Brake fluid doesn't need to be changed.

Everyone knows cars need their oil changed regularly, but some folks don't realize brake fluid must also be changed. Brakes are a car's most crucial safety feature, and they rely on hydraulic fluid to amplify your foot's pressure on the brake pedal. **On average, that fluid will need to be changed approximately every 45,000 miles or every three years** (whichever comes first). That's a general recommendation; some vehicle manufacturers recommend more or less frequent change intervals.

MYTH #2:

The more expensive the motor oil, the better it is for your car.

While it's important to buy good-quality oil to keep your car's engine running smoothly, you don't have to break the bank when buying motor oil. Buying high-priced oil may not provide any additional benefits. Look for an oil that meets the specifications in your vehicle's owner's manual. Then seek brands/products certified by the American Petroleum Institute (API) to meet those specifications. As you consider the options, realize buying **the right oil is more important than choosing the most expensive brand!**



If you have questions or concerns about your car's maintenance needs, don't let myths misguide you. Call us for answers and advice you can trust!

MYTH #3:

Always inflate tires to the pressure recommendations shown on the tire's sidewall.

No, no, no. That number represents the maximum pressure your tire can hold, and it's likely much higher than the pressure you should use. Instead, follow the tire pressure recommendations in your vehicle's owner's manual. In newer cars, you can also find that information on the driver's side door frame.

MYTH #4:

You don't have to replace your tires until the tread reaches 2/32".

If your tires begin to crack, split, or show other signs of damage, you should replace them even if their tread hasn't worn down to 2/32". A tire's age, exposure to the sun, and other factors can affect its condition and performance. Also, if a tire makes strange noises, there might be a defect, such as a slipped belt or a bulge. That, too, is a good reason to replace it regardless of its tread depth.

MYTH #5:

You should change your car's engine oil every 3,000 miles.

At one time, that was true. But thanks to modern lubricants in motor oils, most cars can go longer between oil changes. **In general, oil changes should happen every 5,000 to 7,500 miles.** Look to your owner's manual for specific recommendations for your vehicle.



BEST DAD JOKES

- When does a joke become a “dad joke”? When it becomes apparent.
- I had a happy childhood. My dad used to put me in tires and roll me down hills. Those were Goodyears.
- I read that by law you must turn on your headlights when it’s raining in Sweden, but how am I supposed to know when it’s raining in Sweden?
- Did you hear about the racing snail who got rid of his shell? He thought it would make him faster, but it just made him sluggish.
- The past, the present, and the future walked into a bar. It was tense.
- How do you tell the difference between an alligator and a crocodile? You will see one later and one in a while.
- What did one DNA say to the other DNA? “Do these genes make me look fat?”
- If athletes get athlete’s foot, what do astronauts get? Missile toe.
- My dentist offered me dentures for only a dollar. It sounded like a good deal at the time, but now I have buck teeth.
- Can February March? No, but April May.
- Why don’t pirates take a bath before they walk the plank? They just wash up on shore.
- How many telemarketers does it take to change a light bulb? Only one, but he has to do it while you are eating dinner.

From <https://www.rd.com/article/dad-joke-tweets/>

3 Car-Damaging Dangers of FALLEN LEAVES

As autumn leaves lose their vibrant hues and fall to the ground, they can damage your vehicle in several ways. What should you watch out for?

1. Havoc Wreaked When Wedged Under Wipers

Fallen leaves can get stuck under your car’s wiper blades, blocking air vents and preventing fresh air from entering your vehicle’s cabin. Also, mold can grow on leaves left there too long, potentially contaminating the air inside your car with microorganisms that might make you and your passengers ill.

2. A Sticky Situation for Your Car’s Exterior

Leaves may carry some tree sap with them as they flutter to the ground. Sap is acidic and can cause permanent damage to your car’s paint finish if not removed promptly and correctly.

3. Less-Than-Sunny Circumstances on Your Car’s Roof

Sunroofs can become magnets for falling leaves. If leaves block your sunroof’s drain holes or tubes that allow water to run down the side of the vehicle, water might overflow into your car.

Check your vehicle for leaves and debris regularly and remove them quickly to prevent costly and potentially dangerous problems.



FALL FUN FOR ALL: Plan a Road Rally Scavenger Hunt

What better way to enjoy some healthy competition with friends while taking in the beauty of autumn?

Basic Tips for an Unforgettable Experience

- Choose beginning and end destinations that safely accommodate the number of cars and participants.
- For a two-hour event, aim to brainstorm approximately 10 tasks or stops teams must complete.
- Establish a weighted point system that awards more points for the more difficult tasks on your list.
- Leverage technology. Include tasks that involve taking selfies in front of landmarks or with specific objects.
- Remind participants that safety comes first! No speeding or otherwise putting themselves and others in danger.
- Finish your event on a celebratory note, with food and beverages as you announce winners and award prizes.

For more ideas and insight, check out these resources:

- How to Host a Road Rally Scavenger Hunt – lifetime.com/blog/post/how-to-host-a-road-rally-scamenger-hunt
- Say goodbye to Zoom birthday parties! Here’s how to plan a road rally instead – ksat.com/features/2021/03/30/say-goodbye-to-zoom-birthday-parties-heres-how-to-plan-a-road-rally-instead
- Road Rally Scavenger Hunt: A Great Team Activity – destinationreunions.com/road-rally-scamenger-hunt-a-great-team-activity

CUPCAKE INGREDIENTS:

- 1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/4 cup canola oil
- 1 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1/2 cup unsweetened applesauce
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 1/2 cups finely shredded carrots (about 2 medium carrots)
- 1/4 cup coarsely chopped pecans, optional
- 1/4 cup raisins, optional

For the Frosting

- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 1/4 cup butter, softened
- 3 cups confectioners' sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

DIRECTIONS: Preheat the oven to 350°F. Grease or line a 12-cup muffin pan with cupcake liners. In a medium bowl, whisk together the flour, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg, and ginger.

In a separate large bowl, whisk together the oil, brown sugar, and eggs. Stir in the applesauce, vanilla, and carrots. Add the dry ingredients and mix until just combined. Add in 1/4 cup of the walnuts and raisins (optional).

Divide the batter evenly among the muffin cups. Bake until the tops of the cupcakes are springy when touched and when a



toothpick inserted into the center of the cake comes out clean, 20 to 25 minutes. Let cool completely on a wire rack.

Make the frosting: In a large bowl, beat cream cheese and 1/4 cup butter together with an electric mixer until smooth (or use stand mixer with paddle attachment). Beat in confectioners' sugar, a little at a time, until incorporated. Add vanilla and 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon; beat until fluffy. Frost cooled cupcakes. Decorate with remaining chopped walnuts.

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