

# Lots of standard extras

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“gear” position and other vehicle information.

Thanks to other “standard extras” such as an acoustic glass windshield, the iM is quiet and the ride refined for a car in this class, which my co-driver and I both noticed on the main highway in and around Calgary where the press introduction of the iM was held.

Up in rolling hill country, secondary roads were heavily pock-marked by frost heaves, so the suspension had its work cut out for it with the rear wishbones giving (in my opinion) the iM a more planted feeling than a torsion beam.



**WELCOME:** Kevin Wood and the rest of the staff of the Georgetown Toyota Scion Team is pleased to welcome local boys Greg Hyland, left, and Herb Hume to the service and details team. The pair have years of experience in the automotive industry.

Photo by Eamonn Maher

## END OF SUMMER CAR MAINTENANCE

# 10 ESSENTIAL CAR CARE TIPS

### 1. Check out the owner's manual

Before you do anything, make sure to check out the owner's manual to see when the recommended service schedules are.

### 2. Check your engine performance

If you think something is off about your engine, whether there is a funny sound when you start up or stalling, it will most likely only get worse as it gets older. Make sure to replace any dirty filters, air fuels, etc.

### 3. Eliminate moisture in your gas tank

To eliminate moisture in your gas tank in the colder months, you should put a bottle of fuel de-icer in your tank once a month or simply keep a full tank of gas in your car.

### 4. Change your oil

If your the type of person who is stuck in stop and go traffic a lot, you'll need to consider changing your oil more often. Your manual will most likely recommend every 3,000 miles.

### 5. Flush and refill your cooling system

In addition to flushing and refilling your cooling system as recommended, you should also check the level, condition and concentration of the coolant periodically.

### 6. Check your heater and defroster

When it comes to your heater and defroster, you not only have to make sure the driver side is working but the passenger too because you always need to take care of the guests in your vehicle and make sure they're comfortable.

### 7. Replace old windshield wiper blades

This is an easy task and one that is worth doing before the weather gets cold.

### 8. Check your battery

Professionals will be able to detect a weak battery but if you want to do a routine maintenance you can. If you're cleaning the cables and re-tightening, wear rubber gloves and eye protection.

### 9. Replace old bulbs

Inspect all lights and bulbs and make sure to replace any burnt out bulbs.

### 10. Check exhaust system

Because exhaust systems can be lethal if they aren't checked properly, your vehicle should be placed on a lift and examined for leaks. Make sure to also check the trunk and floorboard for potential holes.

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