

Busted bodies, lights topping Canadian car flaws

A neglected car body rates high among automotive safety factors, according to a report just released by Car Care Council of Canada. The information is based on a survey of inspection records from Windsor, Ontario, where Provincial inspectors examined 809 cars, finding 364 with lighting discrepancies, 216 had headlights improperly aimed.

357 cars had body conditions which were cause for rejection, 243 were found with braking deficiencies and 211 with problems in steering and suspension.

Reasons for rejecting cars for body deterioration included such conditions as gaping holes in floor pans (one opening was large enough for a child

to fall through), rusted and improperly secured doors, bumpers or other parts and damaged glass.

Inspectors' concern about body integrity is significant, according to Car Care Council. For years motorists have been aware of the safety hazards of driving with improper lighting, or brakes and steering that are not up to standard. But a neglected body presents a threat to life and limb because this is the protective shell in which we're encased.

Properly maintained, the car's body and frame can maintain the strength necessary to provide such protection in the event of an accident. This maintenance includes repair and painting of sheet metal damage and preventive measures to protect against rust.

EPA asks action to cut vapors from gas pumps

Gasoline vapors that enter the atmosphere from filling station gas pumps account for six per cent of all harmful emissions in large population areas, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The EPA has proposed action to limit the amount of vapor in the air in eight specific areas. Controls of certain filling stations

would be imposed in Baltimore, Boston, Denver, Los Angeles, Newark, Sacramento, Washington, D.C. and the San Joaquin Valley in California.

Under the regulations, stations pumping more than 10,000 gallons per month would have to provide for recovering vapors. Final compliance would be required by May 31, 1977.

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NOT A MOON ROCK sample but a close-up of body damage on a car. According to the Windsor, Ontario, Police, damage such as this rates high among the safety defects they have discovered in safety checks. Such damage is dangerous because the protective shell the car builds around passengers is hampered in case of accidents.

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Practicing the rules of safe driving will eliminate many accidents. Buckling your seat belts, even on short hops is important since most accidents happen within a few miles of the drivers own home. Keeping your car in good mechanical condition is also an important safety measure. In short Mr. Motorist, you play the key role in stabilizing or reducing your own Auto insurance costs. THINK ABOUT IT.



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