#### Fall & Winter Car Care

# Make sure your car is ready for winter

From a mechanical operation aspect, winter conditions - wet, cold and icy weather - present the greatest difficulty to your engine's operating efficiency. Since these conditions cannot be avoided, the Hamilton Automobile Club strongly sug-

gests that motorists prepare for winter by getting an engine tuneup in the fall. Check, or have your mechanic check, the following items:

Battery: Cold weather starts require a battery that is fully charged. Recharge or replace caps, remove them and place a damp cloth over the openings.

2.Connect one end of the red (positive) jumper cable clamps to the positive terminal on the good battery. The terminal will be marked with a "plus" sign.

3.Connect the other red clamp

signals (front and rear), taillights and brake lights for proper operation.

Ignition System: Damaged ignition wires, a cracked distributor cap, or worn spark plugs can make starting difficult or cause a sudden breakdown. A fall engine tune-up will reveal any problems.

Brake System: To avoid skids on slippery surfaces you need equal braking on all four wheels. Brakes should be checked and, if needed, properly adjusted to ensure equal braking.

## Jump-starting can be dangerous

Be prepared if called upon to give or receive a jump start this winter. Improper jump starting can be dangerous. Here are some tips from the Hamilton Automobile Club to keep in mind if jump starting becomes necessary.

1.Before attaching booster cables, make sure both cars are in "park" and not touching each other. Turn off the ignitions and all electrical accessories. If the "dead" battery has water cell weak batteries. If appropriate, check the fluid levels and make certain the battery posts and cable clamps are clean and tight. Have your voltage regulator checked, too.

Lights: Check the headlights, parking lights, directional

(on the other end) to the disabled battery's positive terminal.

4.Connect the black clamp to the negative terminal on the good battery. The terminal will be marked with a "minus" sign.

5. Connect the other black clamp to the engine block of the vehicle with the dead battery, away from the battery and the vehicle's fan. This will help prevent an explosion.

6.Start the engine of the car with the good battery. Next, start the other car's engine.

7.Immediately and carefully remove the jumper cables. Start by disconnecting the cable from the engine block and proceed in reverse order from which the clamps were attached. The HAC cautions to be careful as you do this not to let long sleeves, neckties or long hair get tangled up in the fan or other moving parts.

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#### Aiding older motorists

(NC)—For senior citizens, driving can be a demanding chore which presents some special problems. But, says General Motors engineer Anthony Yanik, emerging technologies, "may further enhance the driving capabilities of older adults."

Speaking at a recent Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) convention. Yanik cited features.

already appearing on automobiles such as the 1991 Chevrolet Caprice, that help counteract older motorists declining vision. Electrochromic rearview minors, for instance, automatically compensate for glare, "Sensitivity to glare increases with age," he said, "usually after we begin wearing eyeglasses."





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