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Have your vehicle checked out before going on vacation

Before you take to the roads this summer and head off to your favourite vacation spot, make sure your car has been checked closely.

A vehicular breakdown can make your time away much more expensive and a whole lot less fun.

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An important part of vehicle safety is "roadability" or "ride control," the ability to hold the road when cornering or maneuvering in traffic at high speeds. This is especially important when you're driving with your loved

To have the best control, the car's tires must stay in firm contact with the road, which means having tight steering and suspension, strong shock absorbers and struts and good tires.

Have your shocks and struts inspected to make sure they are properly aligned and in good condition.

Check tire pressure to make sure each tire is at the recommended level. Not only will underinflated

tires reduce ride performance and handling, but they will also decrease your vehicle's fuel efficiency, costing you more at the

The braking system is the most critical safety system on your car, so have it carefully inspected before taking any long trips.

Whether you do it yourself or have it done by a professional, the inspection should check:

- pads and shoes for lining wear;
- all wheel cylinders;
- · calipers, drums and rotors;
- all hardware;
- brake lines and hoses for leaks, kinks or blockages;
- · the brake fluid level.

When it comes to repairing brakes, insist on quality parts from a reputable source. It is foolish to skimp on your family's safety.

When you're on the highway, the last thing you want is your car to overheat and the engine light to go on. Overheating can cause serious damage to cylinder heads and is a leading cause of mechanical breakdown.

To save yourself expensive repair bills, have your vehicle's cooling system - especially the thermostat, hoses and radiator pressure cap - checked.

Night-time driving in an unfamiliar area is difficult. With rain and smearing, streaking windshield wipers, you're putting yourself and your family in a potentially dangerous situation. If your car's windshield wipers aren't clearing the window properly, replace them before leaving for vacation. You should note windshields contaminated with waxes and oils will not allow the wipers to perform properly.

Make sure you buy the right. type and size, and know how to install them. Read the instructions on the package before leaving the store, and if you don't understand, ask a salesperson questions.

Ninety per cent of all driving decisions are based on vision. Properly operating windshield wipers can improve vision for safer vehicle operation.

Have your car checked before you go on vacation, and you can help prevent expensive mishaps. You'll also have one less thing to worry about, making your driving holiday that much more enjoyable.





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