

Ensure an enjoyable summer driving holiday by following a pre-trip checklist

Before packing up the car and hitting the highway for your summer road trip, it's important to make a pre-trip checklist to ensure a safe and enjoyable vacation with the family. By reviewing the following tips from Michelin-Certified Alliance Tire Professionals, you can minimize the risk of any road trip mishaps while keeping the kids happy and entertained!

Tire tune-up:

Tire tune-ups are just as important as your children's regular check-ups! Make sure to have a complete tire inspection from your local Alliance Tire Professionals dealer including tire pressure and tread wear on your spare. Many tires have tread wear indicator bars molded into the tread. When the tread is worn down to where you can see a solid bar of rubber across the width of the

tread, it's time to replace the tire.

Rate your speed!

There's no need for speed on a fun family road trip. Taking a leisurely pace will allow you to see the great Canadian landscape and ensure you arrive at your final destination safely.

However, it is important to learn your tire's speed rating if you're outfitting your car with new tires before a trip. All tires have a designated speed rating, and it's important to respect your vehicle manufacturer's recommendations to avoid hazardously modifying the vehicle's handling from its original design.

A speed symbol is a letter such as T, H, V or Z that refers to the maximum speed capability of a tire, normally following a number in the range of 80 to 110 such as 84T, 96H,

102V. This symbol can be found within your vehicle's owner manual or on the vehicle placard, which is normally located on the door frame or glove box door.

Car check-up:

It's not only important to make sure your tires are in mint condition— you need to prepare your entire car for the road to ensure a safe trip. Make sure to top up all of your fluids, and if you're still hearing that rattling noise every time you start your car, now is the time to get it fixed. Don't leave home without all of the necessary emergency equipment such as extra windshield-wiper fluid, a flashlight, batteries and a first aid kit.

Don't forget to make a pit stop!

Travelling with kids can be a bit of a challenge since they can't sit for long periods of

time, so take breaks along the way and let them run off some energy. Packing a soccer ball in the car doesn't take up too much room but can really help out when you want to let the kids run loose.

Kids can plan too!

In order to ensure that every member of the family has an enjoyable road trip, why not incorporate the kids into the planning process? Have them pick something special they would like to do. Perhaps they would like to check out an amusement park, go swimming at a beach or check out an insect museum.

For more information on how to prepare for a road trip, visit your local Alliance Tire Professionals dealer.

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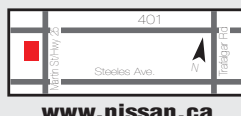
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Rabbit has impressive hop that is sure to be popular

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are also easy to understand and manipulate— something I personally prefer over the high-technology gadgetry found in some of the other new models.

On the road is where this car shines. Living up to its name, the Rabbit can really hop off the line at a pretty good clip— comparable with both the Civic and Mazda3. However, if pure performance is what you really want, the 200-horsepower GTI may be more your style.

I only had a chance to sample the automatic version of the five door and came away thinking that this was an outstanding package for just over 22 grand.

Some of the roads we tackled were really suffering from winter kill, yet the Rabbit handled the bumps and potholes with ease, thanks to the fully independent suspension system that uses a multi-link rear and optimized front axle.

Just from my brief time with the Rabbit, I'm willing to bet its attractive price, German-heritage and name recognition factor are sure to make it a sales hit right from the get-go.

And only time will tell if the Rabbit can multiply enough to rank up with the Civic and Mazda3 at the top of the sales chart.

2007 VOLKSWAGEN RABBIT AT A GLANCE

BODY STYLE: 3- and 5-door hatchback

DRIVE METHOD: front engine, front-wheel drive

ENGINE: 2.5L DOHC inline 5-cylinder, 150 hp, 170 ft.-lb. torque

FUEL ECONOMY: five-speed manual 10.7L/100 km city, 7.2L/100 km highway; six-speed automatic 10.5L/100 km city, 7.1L/100 km highway.

PRICE: \$19,990 three door; \$20,990 five door