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Speeding drives up fuel consumption and costs

(NC)-Many Canadians are thinking twice about their personal driving habits which have a big impact on their fuel consumption and costs. Leaving the car at home is one solution to reduce costs, but that's not always possible. Something you can do, though, is drive less aggressively.

For example, your normal highway cruising speed has a big influence on fuel consumption. Unfortunately, once the snow and ice have cleared from the roads and there are sunny days ahead, we all tend to drive a little faster.


Studies have shown that getting to your destination faster doesn't save fuel-in fact, it can

increase fuel consumption. For most vehicles, increasing your highway cruising speed from 90 km/h to 120 km/h will increase fuel consumption by about 20 percent, and from 90 km/h to 100 km/h by 10 percent.

One way to maintain a reasonable and consistent speed is to use cruise control, if your vehicle has this option. For most drivers, this will save fuel by keeping your speed constant and avoiding inadvertent speeding.

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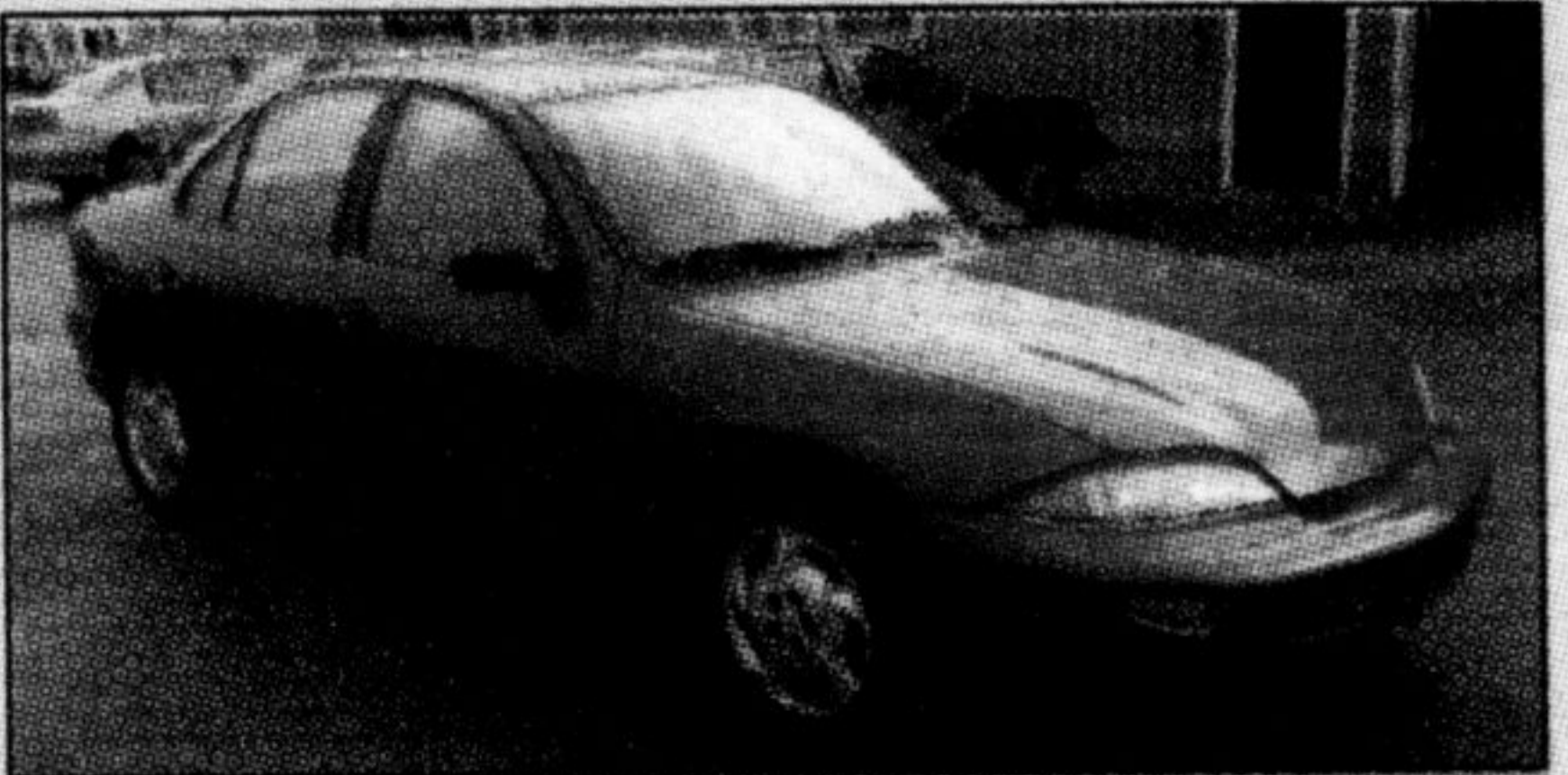
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