

Are your rising fuel bills getting you down ??



Here are some simple tips to SAVE you money and be kinder to the environment

We can all significantly reduce our fuel costs by adopting a few of these driving tips , by monitoring fuel consumption it is possible to get an early warning of problems such as punctures or engine faults before they become serious!

1. it costs money to carry excessive weight, so empty the boot of rubbish and any unnecessary clutter, reduce weight in the car and save money—that applies to the driver as well!!!!
2. Make sure that your tyres are inflated to the correct pressures.
3. Drive smoothly, accelerate gently and read the road ahead to avoid unnecessary braking , don't coast leave the vehicle in gear. (Coasting - rolling downhill or approaching a junction with the car out of gear - is inadvisable because the driver doesn't have full control of the vehicle, though it used to be quite a common practice to save fuel.. You lose the ability to suddenly accelerate out of tricky situations. You lose engine braking which takes some of the load off the brakes on down hill stretches and helps to avoid brake fade - overheated brakes require harder pedal pressures to stop the vehicle.
4. Try to accelerate smoothly and avoid over revving the engine, drive at 1/3—1/2 throttle, if you get the revs right you won't notice any loss in performance.
5. Turn off the engine when waiting at level crossings etc, if an engine ticks over for more than two minutes it uses considerably than starting it up again.
6. Switch off the Air Con, heated rear screen and other heavy consumption accessories—they drain enormous amounts of power from the engine and use additional fuel in the process.
7. Try to plan your journey to set off earlier, than reduce your "Motorway speed" travelling at 75 mph uses considerably more fuel than at 65 mph. A journey of 50 miles takes 39.6 minutes at 75 but travelling at 65 takes 46.2 minutes, so is 6.6 minutes of your time worth the extra risk of being involved in a fatal accident, the points on your licence, the extra wear and tear on your vehicle or the **25% increase in fuel consumption???**
8. If you have a roof rack fitted to your vehicle, take it off when it's not needed, this alone can reduce fuel consumption by as much as 10%.
9. Keep your vehicles properly maintained a poorly serviced engine is less fuel efficient.
10. Is your journey by car really necessary? Consider alternatives, try walking to the corner shop, use public transport or even cycling—save money lose weight and get fitter

By adopting these tips you could expect to typically save 10% on your monthly fuel bill and as much as **33%** is achievable.



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