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Maximizing Fuel Economy

Although it may seem that buying a new, fuel efficient car is the only way to get better mpg, some simple and inexpensive tricks can help you notice better fuel economy in your current vehicle. Here are some tips to help you maximize the fuel economy in your car.



Reduce speed. On average, 50 mph is the optimal speed to maximize fuel economy. It is estimated that every 5 mph increment over 50 mph is equal to an additional \$0.17 a gallon.

Avoid extra weight in your car. Leaving unnecessary cargo in your car can decrease fuel efficiency. An additional 100 pounds of cargo can decrease mpg by up to 1%.



Avoid excessive idling. Restarting an engine consumes less fuel than an engine idling for greater than 10 seconds.

Use cruise control on the highway. Using cruise control maintains a constant speed for driving on the highway, which provides greater fuel economy than traditional driving with speeding up and slowing down. Avoid using cruise control during wet/slipper road conditions.



Replace old parts. Replacing old parts like spark plugs, oxygen sensor, air filter, among other parts allows the vehicle to run smoother and more efficiently, resulting in better fuel economy.

Avoid slamming on the brakes. Although some situations do not allow for easing the brake pedal, easing on the brakes before a red light or stop sign has been proven to use less fuel than slamming on the brakes. Easing on the brakes also results in less wear on tires and brakes, which leads to lower maintenance and repair costs.



Following these few simple tips can help you stop less at the pump and keep more money in your pocket. Keeping the weight down in your vehicle and driving less aggressively on the gas and brake pedals may seem insignificant but can play a vital role in how much gas your car consumes.



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