

# SAFETY SENSE

## Your Car: Ready For A Rainy Day?

(NAPSA)—Imagine you've planned a morning drive to the country, only to awaken the next morning to find heavy rains pouring violently from the sky. Is your vehicle prepared for the drive? According to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), there are over 6,400,000 vehicle crashes each year. Twenty-four percent of these crashes—approximately 1,561,000—are weather related.

The FHWA reports that the reason for many weather-related crashes is rain. Because it reduces vehicle traction and maneuverability, as well as visibility distance, it's important to have a vehicle equipped to perform in any inclement situation. Following are essential features to look for when selecting an all-weather ride:

- **Wiper System**—An effective wiping system includes both front and rear wipers that can clear the driver's vision when visibility is lost due to rain, snow or sleet. Also important are rain sensors that automatically start the wipers when rain is detected.

- **Mudguards**—Handy features for any rainy-day vehicle are mudguards or splash guards. Highly functional and easy to install, mudguards help keep the sides of your vehicle clean from mud and tar.

- **Sturdy Tire Traction**—When there are large volumes of water on the road, cars can easily



**Make sure your vehicle is equipped for all-weather driving.**

hydroplane. But even with the slightest bit of wetness on the road's surface, a car can lose its traction. It is important to choose a vehicle with good tire friction that presses the rubber into irregular pits in the road.

- **Stability Control**—When driving in rain and sleet, the chance of losing control of your vehicle greatly increases. An effective stability control system can determine whether your car is beginning to slip or spin, and quickly bring your vehicle back under your control.

- **Antilock Brakes**—An anti-lock braking system allows you to maintain steering control and prevent a skid under heavy braking.

Believe it or not, the 2008 Porsche Cayman and Cayman S are among the best rainy-day cars. They include all these features as standard or optional for today's all-weather driver. For more information on the all-weather features of the Porsche Cayman and Cayman S, visit [www.porsche.com](http://www.porsche.com).