

# Three Ways To Prepare Your Car For Summer

(NAPS)—Summer is an especially tough season on cars, as high temperatures can lead to stress on vehicles' parts and systems, causing breakdowns. Consider the following tips to ensure that your vehicle is prepared for the longer, warmer days that may include a few road trips.

## **Tune Up Your Air-Conditioning**

Hot weather means you will use your car's air-conditioning frequently. To ensure that your car's system is working efficiently, have



**A few simple steps can help keep your car in tip-top shape.**

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it examined annually by a qualified technician. If it isn't cooling properly, there may be a leak in the system. In addition, newer cars have cabin air filters that periodically need to be replaced, so check your owner's manual for reference.

## **Lubricate Door and Hood Hinges**

Squeaky door or hood hinges can take the fun out of your summer road trip. Using a specialty product like the new WD-40® Specialist® Spray & Stay Gel Lubricant provides long-lasting lubrication, and it won't drip on your car's painted surfaces because it stays where you spray.

## **Prevent Sun Damage to Car Paint**

The most effective way to keep your car's paint looking good is to seek covered parking whenever possible. If you must leave your car outdoors for extended periods of time, invest in a sunproof cover. Regularly washing your car to remove pollen, dust and other debris helps prevent scratches or damage, and applying a wax can protect paint from harmful ultraviolet rays.

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