



CAR CARE CORNER

Simple Ways To Extend The Life Of Your Vehicle

(NAPSA)—Following a few simple tips could help you extend the life of your vehicle and keep it running well today and down the road.

That's good news for budget-conscious drivers, many of whom are holding on to their vehicles longer and finding ways to get more out of them for their money. In fact, J.D. Power & Associates projects 6 million fewer vehicles will be sold this year than just two years ago, as more people opt to keep their current rides on the road. So how can you help keep your vehicle running longer? Try these tips:

Check The Oil

Keep an eye on your vehicle's oil, especially if it is an older model. Start by removing the oil dipstick from the engine and wiping it clean. Then replace the dipstick and remove it again. Look to see where the oil is on the dipstick. It should be between the stick's "full" and "empty" lines. If the oil is low, slowly add more into the oil case, continuing to check the dipstick to see when the case becomes full. It's important not to add too much oil. You can refer to your owner's manual for types of oil to use.

Kick The Tires

The right tires can have a positive impact on the performance and handling of your vehicle. For instance, Michelin's Energy Saver A/S tires are designed to provide up to 109 gallons of fuel savings over their lifetime, while the company's HydroEdge tire is designed to stop 14 feet shorter than other



There are a number of easy ways to help keep vehicles running longer.

tires and last up to 33,000 miles longer. They can help provide a safer and less expensive ride, but also save the cost of early tire replacement down the road.

Change The Filters

Air and oil filters help protect the engine from damage caused by grime and dirt. When they are clean, the filters also help vehicles operate more efficiently, which can improve performance and gas mileage.

A good rule of thumb is to replace your air and oil filters every time you have the oil changed. You might also change the filters yourself. Just be sure to check your owner's manual for specific filter sizes and requirements.

For more tips and information, visit www.michelinman.com.