



Car Care Corner

How To Reduce The Cost Of Owning A Car

(NAPSA)—A clever consumer can save hundreds of dollars a year on automotive expenses without buying a new car or changing lifestyles. All it may take is a little time and research. Here are quick, inexpensive, easy ways to save money on your car.

• **Mind the air to save money on fuel.** The U.S. Energy Department reports that under-inflated tires can increase fuel consumption by up to 3 percent. One study estimates that 50 to 80 percent of the tires rolling on U.S. roads are underinflated. Properly inflated tires on all American cars could save up to 2 billion gallons of gas a year.

What's more, a clogged air filter can increase fuel consumption by as much as 10 percent. Air filters keep impurities from damaging the interior of the engine, so replacing dirty filters will save gas and protect your engine.

More ways to save money on fuel are at www.fueleconomy.gov.

• **Reduce your insurance costs by shopping around.** Prices vary from company to company, so it pays to do your homework. Get at least three price quotes. You can call companies directly or access information on the Internet.

Other ways to reduce insurance costs can be found by visiting the U.S. Insurance Information



Simply upgrading to the right high-performance motor oil can improve fuel economy.

Institute's Web site at www.pueblo.gsa.gov/cic_text/cars/autoinstitu/autoinstitu.htm.

• **Get slick to reduce maintenance costs and save fuel.** Upgrading to one of today's modern high-performance motor oils can make a meaningful improvement to your car's fuel economy and engine life. For instance, independent studies have documented that Royal Purple motor oil improves fuel economy by as much as 5 percent and significantly reduces engine wear. Using high-performance synthetic motor oil, as opposed to conventional oils, also allows for more miles between oil changes, reducing maintenance costs and time spent working on the car.

You can find out more at www.royalpurple.com.