

VACATION ESCAPE

Enhancing The Summer Road Trip

(NAPSA)—Whether you're planning on piling the kids into the minivan or putting the top down to hit the open road with pals, new automotive products can help make a summer road trip even more enjoyable. Key to enjoyment on the open road—especially for families traveling together down those long, lonely stretches of highway—is entertainment. Fortunately, even if you have an older minivan or SUV that didn't come equipped with a mobile entertainment center, you can have one installed and still have plenty of money left over for the trip.

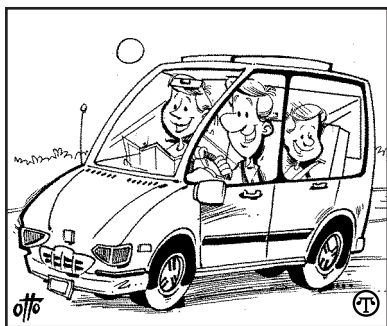
Pep Boys offers a variety of entertainment systems that can be installed in minivans, SUVs and larger automobiles with features such as DVD players and VCRs.

Examples include:

- Steel Horse Entertainment Console for Minivans & SUVs
- Audiovox Mobile Video Traveler Portable Entertainment Center
- Audiovox Overhead Theater Mobile Entertainment Center

Here's food for thought: When you've got to eat on the run, it's a good idea to keep both hot and cold food on hand—avoiding the need for frequent stops. The Vector Thermoelectric Travel Cooler and Warmer is completely portable. It plugs into the car's cigarette lighter, holds up to nine beverages and has two convenient cup holders.

Remember to bring a road map and a cell phone for emergencies.



Enhancing the Summer Road Trip—Mobile entertainment systems and other accessories can help you start your vacation the moment you get in the car.

There are many hands-free cell phone options available. One version is an ear bud device that plugs into a cell phone and clips on the driver's lapel for clear communication that doesn't interfere with concentration.

Most importantly, get your car checked out before you hit the highway. Make sure the tires are properly inflated, have the oil changed, check the brakes, A/C and all fluids or take it to your local Pep Boys for a preventive maintenance service to have it all done in one shot.

Finally, when you head out on the highway, remember the three basics of successful road trips: make them fun, be prepared for anything and take safety precautions. Thousands of road-worthy products can be found at the more than 600 Pep Boys stores nationwide. To learn more, visit the company's Web site at pepboys.com.