

Highway Horse Sense



Tips On Choosing A Motor Club Service

(NAPSA)—Choosing the right motor club service can put you and your family on the road to safety.

"There are more than 132 million registered automobiles in the United States, and fewer than half are covered by roadside assistance," according to Ken Reeves, director of operations for Wal-Mart's Tire and Lube Express.

Here are some road signs to look for that will head you in the right direction.

- Choose a club with no additional cost for spouses and children to belong.

- It should be easy to sign up for the service.

- The rates should be affordable. 24 Hour Roadside AssistanceSM, for example, costs under \$50 a year.

- Make sure the service is established and reputable.

- Don't sign up for a service just because it offers unrelated benefits such as discounts at hotels and restaurants. The main reason you should select a roadside assistance service is to guarantee vehicle safety for you and your family members.

- Make certain there are no hidden charges and be sure that the membership club has comprehensive coverage around the country, not just in large urban areas.

- Check to see which vehicles are covered. For example, is only one vehicle covered or do they charge extra for adding vehicles?

Roadside Assistance Plan

More motorists can be on the road to safety sooner when they are members of a roadside assistance plan and by following a few, simple rules.

TracFone Wireless, a leading provider of prepaid wireless service, recently launched 24 Hour Roadside Assistance.

The service is provided by Road America, a motor club service with 25 years of experience, 3.5 million



There are many issues to consider when signing up for a motor club service.

members and 50,000 service providers. The all-inclusive plan, which does not require customers to have TracFone service, covers the member, a spouse and up to three dependents when driving vehicles that a member may own or lease and includes the following:

- Flat tire changes
- Towing
- Accident assistance
- Vehicle lock-outs
- Battery jump-starts
- Fuel delivery

24 Hour Roadside Assistance offers much more than traditional roadside memberships. While most motor clubs charge fees for each additional individual, 24 Hour Roadside Assistance includes membership for up to five family members. 24 Hour Roadside Assistance also differs from other services by including coverage for *all* vehicles owned or leased.

"While other Roadside Assistance Clubs tack on incremental costs to the membership, 24 Hour Roadside Assistance offers one fully comprehensive motor club service," said F.J. Pollak, president and CEO of TracFone Wireless.

24 Hour Roadside Assistance is available at Wal-Mart stores nationwide. Motorists may also join the service by calling 1-800-933-3850 or by visiting www.24roadside.com.