



Ten tips for
safer, greener
stress-free
driving...



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TOP 10 tips

- 1. Check your revs** - change up before 2500rpm (petrol) and 2,000rpm (diesel)
- 2. Anticipate road conditions and drive smoothly**, avoiding sharp acceleration and heavy braking. This saves fuel and reduces accident rates
- 3. Use air conditioning sparingly** as it significantly increases fuel consumption
- 4. Drive away immediately when starting from cold** - idling to heat the engine wastes fuel and causes rapid engine wear
- 5. Remove roof rack when not in use** - they increase drag significantly
- 6. Avoid short journeys** - a cold engine uses almost twice as much fuel and catalytic converters can take five miles to become effective
- 7. Stick to speed limits and make your fuel go further** - driving at 80mph rather than 70mph uses 10 -15% more fuel
- 8. Plan your journeys** - to avoid congestion, road works and getting lost
- 9. Check your tyre pressure regularly** - under-inflated tyres are dangerous and can increase fuel consumption by up to 3%.
- 10. If you're stuck in a jam, switch off** - cutting the engine will save fuel and stop emissions

Vehicle Choice

Whether considering a new or older car, it is important to take into account factors such as CO2 levels, Miles per Gallon and Benefit in Kind. Whilst influencing the tax you pay and your fuel costs, vehicle choice plays a fundamental role in environmental impact. Studies show that cars purchased outside a Company Car Scheme tend to be older, more polluting and not maintained to the same standard of a Company Car.

Fuel Choice

Today there is no single fuel choice on the market in the bid to cut emissions and increase mpg. Considerations when choosing a vehicle may encompass; Petrol vs. Diesel, the tax-favoured Bio-diesel, and the increasing range of Hybrid vehicles. Many low carbon options attract discounts in Congestion charging and potential future road charging schemes.

Regular Vehicle Maintenance

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Safer Driving - Greener Driving

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