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Smarter Driving Tips



Petrol/Diesel prices on the up? Get more miles to the gallon, and save money on fuel costs, with our top tips for fuel-efficient driving:

- 1. Drive smoothly**
Anticipate what's happening ahead to avoid unnecessary braking or acceleration. Keep further from the vehicle in front so that you need to use the brakes less.
- 2. Shift up early**
When accelerating, shift to a higher gear early, usually between 2,000-2,500 rpm.
- 3. Keep it steady**
Maintain a steady speed, using the highest gear possible. Abrupt starts and stops waste fuel. Avoid excessive speeds: driving at 80mph uses 15% more fuel than driving at 70mph.
- 4. Start moving as soon as possible**
A cold engine uses much more fuel. A car warms up faster when it is moving, so drive off as soon as possible after starting the engine.
- 5. Switch off**
When you park or stop off the road, switch off the engine immediately. Sitting with the engine running burns fuel and wastes money.
- 6. Use the handbrake, not the clutch**
Use the handbrake when you're stationary and waiting to move away. Using the clutch adds to wear and tear and wastes fuel.
- 7. Pump up**
Not only are under-inflated tyres dangerous, but they increase fuel consumption.
- 8. Lose some weight**
Extra weight in your car means extra fuel to get you moving.
- 9. Switch off any unnecessary electricals**
Air conditioning and window heaters use up extra fuel, so turn them off when they're not needed!
- 10. Stay relaxed**
Take it easy! Allow yourself a few extra minutes for your journey and enjoy a much less stressful time, rather than having to hurry and drive in an uneconomical way.

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