



# **TOP 5 CAR CARE TIPS DURING LOCKDOWN**

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**CCAR.MY shares handy tips to help car owners protect and maintain the condition and value of their vehicles during COVID-19 restrictions.**



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With the threat of the pandemic keeping most people at home, many are working from home to help stop the spread of COVID-19 - putting daily commutes and short trips to the backseat.

While we are practicing social distancing and limiting non-essential trips, our vehicles are kept in garages, driveways or parking lots, but while unused, our cars still require care and maintenance.

To help maintain your car during the lockdown, CCAR.MY has come up with 5 easy steps to protect your car, so its value and condition is maintained.

## **CCAR.MY TIP #1** **Keep your car clean – inside and outside**

Just like everything else around you, keep your car clean and wash your hands thoroughly before and after each drive. Pay particular attention to the parts you touch the most, such as the steering wheel, gearshift, seats, door handles, and front console panels.

Using a microfiber cloth with just soap and water will help; but whatever you do, never use bleach or hydrogen peroxide on the inside of your car, as it can cause serious damage to the upholstery.

## **CCAR.MY TIP #2**

### **Maintain proper oil and transmission fluid levels**

Even if you don't drive much, it's recommended to keep your tank full. Filling your gas tank up helps prevent moisture buildup that can get into your fuel system and affect the car's drivability.

However, it's a little different for EV car owners, as you don't want to overcharge or undercharge your EV, which can lead to a shortened life for your lithium-ion battery.

For extended parking durations, the recommended level to battery charging is between 40% and 80%. If you have a home charger, you can lower your maximum charge limit to 65% to 75% and leave it plugged in whilst stationary to avoid a full drain.

## **CCAR.MY TIP #3**

### **Start your engine! Once or twice a week is all it takes**

When starting your engine, make sure that it gets up to the full operating temperature before you turn it off to ensure the engine is working properly.

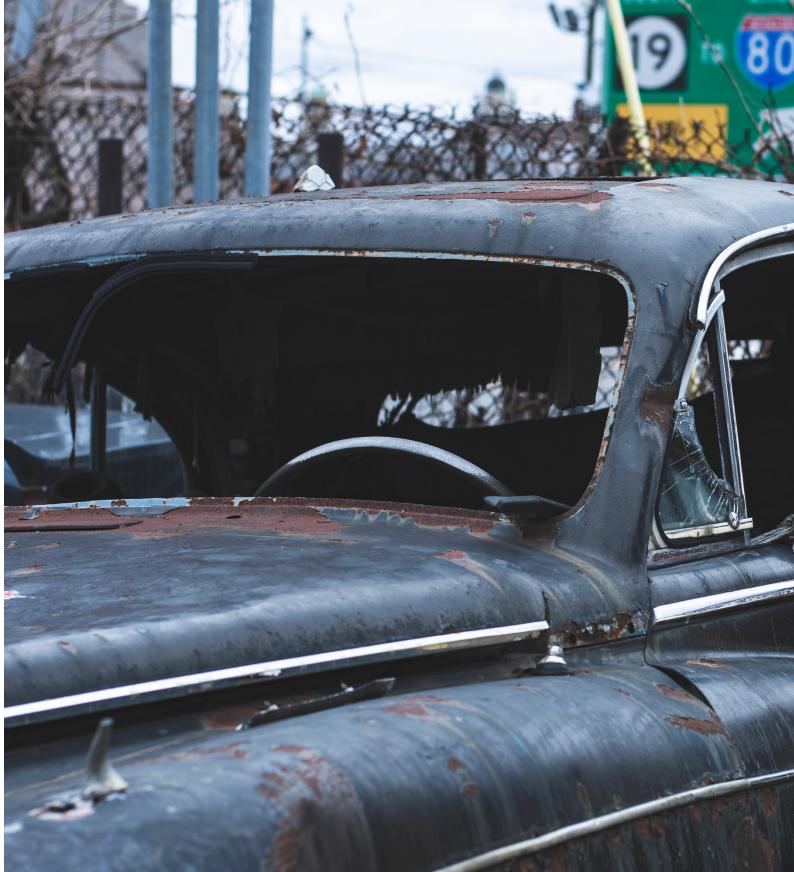
Even better, take your car out for a quick spin around the block if possible. While we are advised to stay home during this social distancing period, getting out of the house once in a while for essential errands can do wonders for your mental and physical health, and your car will appreciate you all the more for it.

## **CCAR.MY TIP #4**

### **Protect your car from the environment**

Whenever you can, cover your car's exterior to prevent paint damage. A car cover is useful to shield your car from the elements, especially if you are parking your car outdoors, without any roof or shelter.

Also, it's a good idea to keep your tire pressure at between 30 and 35 PSI to make sure that the car is at its functioning best. This applies to all types of cars, including ICE vehicles, hybrids, and EVs.



## **CCAR.MY TIP #5**

### **Maintain and service your car on a regular basis**

A well maintained car has longevity and re-sale value. The longer a vehicle sits unused, the more likely it is to develop issues.

With regular maintenance, drivers can keep their cars running smoothly. Areas of vehicle inspection should cover the engine, brakes, suspension, powertrain, and electric system checks.

Last but not least, don't forget to keep yourself – the owner of the car safe and sane during the pandemic. We need to continue to take care of each other to get through this difficult time together.

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