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Five Simple Ways To Ensure A Safe Drive, Every Time

Take the worries off and focus on the drive

Be it for the convenience or the speed, driving a car has indeed become an aspiration for many today. Besides being safe on the road, a quick 3-minute check before setting off could help prevent surprises along the way. Here are five areas to look out for to when ensuring a safe journey, every time.

1. Tyre Pressure

Probably the most common problem drivers face- a flat tyre. And the most frustrating part about it is that it can be prevented and checked with such ease! So before your next drive, get the odds in your favour by checking your tyre pressure before moving off. Make sure your tyres are inflated to a level, in accordance with the recommended levels for your car, and do note that PSI (pounds per square inch) levels indicated on the tyres themselves may not necessarily be the best suited for your specific make and model. Checking your car's tyre pressure also gets you a good gas mileage and the most life out of your tyre.

2. Coolant Levels

Before your journey, do a visual check on your water and coolant levels to make sure that it reaches the "full" line. Do also make sure that your coolant is not colorless and watch out for leaks before it hinders your journey. Also, make sure that your coolant does not have a sludgy or slimy surface. If it does, take your vehicle to your mechanic for an internal head gasket leakage check immediately.

3. Engine Oil

You don't have to do this before every drive. Quick dipstick checks twice a week on top of your regular servicing appointments will have you covered.

In addition to the oil levels, remember to also check the color and quality of the oil as well, to ensure that the engine oil has not been contaminated. This is also a great indicator of your car's overall health and can come in useful in helping you to pinpoint a problem before it occurs.

Tip: Some newer continental cars do not come with dipsticks. And if you can't find one in your vehicle, it is best to check the owner's manual or accredited online forums for a proper way to check the engine oil health of your vehicle.

4. Light Check

Light checks - an absolute necessity for all drivers to drive safe in the knowledge that others can see you and your signals. At least once a fortnight, rope in a colleague or a friend to help you check that all your lights are working. And we mean all of them, including fog-lights, high-beams, indicators, headlights, brake lights (at rest and when braking).

If you are a frequent night-time driver, consider upgrading to LED lights which are brighter and tend to last much longer.

5. Car Insurance Plan

Prevention is better than cure, but always take extra precaution because accidents still do occur. And if an accident does take place despite your best efforts to ensure the safety of your passengers and yourself, make sure you're well covered by a great car insurance plan. Tokio Marine's Private Motor Comprehensive Coverage includes a 24-hour towing service for accident-related breakdowns, a Personal Accident Cover of up to S\$50,000 and Medical Expenses Cover of up to S\$1,000 each, for you and up to four passengers- a comprehensive insurance plan for all drivers out there. To better suit your specific needs, Tokio Marine offers three different types of motor insurance plan for you to choose from.

And there you have it, five simple ways to ensure a safe and peaceful drive for your passengers and yourself that can be done in a quick three minutes. From precautionary measures to being alert behind the wheel, every small measure counts towards a successful journey. So here's to a safer and much more secure journey for everyone!

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Some Simple Tips to Ensure A Safe Drive

More Focus on the road less on Worries

Gone are the days when driving a car/vehicle was a convenience, it has become a necessity these days. Without bringing your car on the road, you simply cannot accomplish a lot of routine works. When you bring your car on the road, you are always exposed to great dangers. The best thing to do to avoid all these dangers is to do a quick 3-minute checkup before you turn on the ignition key. Here are five most important things to keep in mind to ensure a safe journey, every time.

1. Check the Tyre Pressure

No one wants to see a flat tyre, but it is a fact that this is probably the most common problem drivers face these days. The surprising part is that it can be easily prevented; all you need to do is check your tyres thoroughly before hitting the road.



The first thing to do is to inspect the physical condition of all the tyres, including the spare tyre. There should be no tears or bulges in the side walls. There should be a good amount of thread left on all the tyres. Next, you need to check if all the tyres are properly inflated as per the recommended levels of your car/vehicle. Keep in mind that the PSI levels that are printed on your tyres may not be most suitable for your specific make and model. Besides providing safety, properly inflated tyres can also get you a good mileage and last for longer time.

2. Check the Cooling System



The second most important thing to check in your car is the cooling system. Never make the mistake of coming on the road without checking the level of coolant, its color and the condition of the radiator. Look for leaks and weakened hoses and if you see any signs of water leakages, take your car for an immediate checkup. With proper maintenance, you can easily avoid cooling system failures and enjoy a trouble-free ride.

3. Check the Engine Oil

Although there is no need to check the engine oil every time you bring your car on the road, a periodic checkup is however recommended. Make sure that to check the level of the oil, the color of the oil and the thickness of the oil. Sometimes a minor leakage can decrease the level of



engine oil, and if do not pay any heed to it; it can greatly damage your car's engine. Fresh engine oil, fresh oil filter, fresh air filter and a routine tune up can have a great impact on your fuel economy and increase the life of your car's engine.

Note: Do not get confused if you do not see a dipstick in your vehicle, some newer models of continental cars do not come with such sticks. Under such circumstance, it is best to check the owner's manual or ask the authorized dealers for a proper way to check the engine oil.

4. Car Lights



Thorough checkup of your car's lights is an absolute must before you hit the road. On the road, you usually communicate with other drives by means of your lights, if your lights are not in working condition, you are asking for trouble. Whether you are planning to go on a short trip or a long one, make sure to check all the lights including headlights, fog lights, brake lights, and indicators.

5. Insurance Plan



Even after taking all the necessary precautions, you cannot ensure a safe drive because accidents can happen at any time and for no reason. In order to be on the safe side in case you are involved in a roadside accident, you need to make sure you are carrying an effective and suitable insurance policy.

You can always rely on Tokio Marine's Private Motor Comprehensive Coverage which comes with the following options:

- Personal Accidental Cover of Up to S\$50,000/-
- 24 Hour Towing Service
- Medical Expenses Cove of Up to S\$1,000/each for four passengers and the driver

Tokio Marine also offers various other motor insurance plans to suit your needs and match your budget.