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AAMCO Introduces BEST Practices for Memorial Day Drivers

Simple Car Care Tips Can Save Drivers Up to 10 Percent on Gas Mileage

HORSHAM, Pa. – [AAMCO](#), the world's largest chain of transmission specialists and leader in total car care, is encouraging families and drivers hitting the road for Memorial Day weekend to make sure their vehicles are in proper shape.

When seasons change, car maintenance is important to reduce the need for repairs and save money. During the warmer summer months drivers should be especially conscious of fuel consumption. According to [AAA](#), this year the national gas price is up nearly 20 cents per gallon compared to 2013.

A few simple checks can conserve money at the pump and help prevent breakdowns. To get the best gas mileage out of your car, and to make sure you don't have any problems, here are some "BEST Practices" from AAMCO, which can be found at <http://aamcoroadready.com/>:

- **Battery:** Prevent failure by replacing a car battery that's more than five years old.
- **Engine Oil:** Increase mileage by up to two percent by using the manufacturer's recommended grade of oil during suggested oil change intervals.
- **Service:** Improve mileage by up to 10 percent on simple fixes and up to 40 percent by addressing any major unperformed maintenance or mechanical issues, according to the [Environmental Protection Agency](#).
- **Tires:** Enhance gas mileage by up to three percent by properly inflating tires to the manufacturer's specification.

Avoiding excessive idling and removing unnecessary items from the trunk to reduce weight are also easy ways to prevent wasting fuel. In addition, the oxygen sensor may need to be replaced if you have noticed a drop-off in fuel mileage.

"Now more than ever, drivers need to get that extra mile out of their car and fuel tank," says Bruce Chidsey, vice president of technical support at AAMCO. "Given the surge in gas prices, AAMCO wants to help drivers this vacation season by addressing and preventing car issues before they surface. Our BEST practices are an easy way for drivers to stay aware and know before they go."

Whether on the road or home this Memorial Day weekend, download the [iGAAUGE](#) app today to access expert automotive advice 24 hours a day. And tune-in to [AAMCOCarCare](#) on YouTube for [seasonal tips](#) and car maintenance advice no matter the time of year.

About AAMCO

[AAMCO](#) is the world's largest chain of transmission specialists and a leader in total car care services. AAMCO has over 700 automotive centers throughout the United States and Canada. Established in 1962, AAMCO centers are proud to have served more than 45 million drivers. For more information, visit www.AAMCO.com.

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