

Auto Insights

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Is Your Car Road-trip Ready?

Before heading out on your summer road trip, ensure your vehicle is ready for the journey. A little preparation now can help you avoid unexpected breakdowns later.

Consider the following:

- Evaluate tread depth and confirm that tire pressure is inflated to the manufacturer's recommended PSI.
- Get a professional brake inspection.
- Have a battery test done.
- Check and top off fluids, including wiper fluid and engine oil.
- Replace windshield wiper blades if they streak or skip.
- Test the air conditioning for performance. Replace the cabin air filter if it's more than six months old.

Schedule Maintenance Before Your Trip

Address concerns with your mechanic before leaving for your summer vacation or road trip.

Allow time to replace tires, brake pads and rotors, and service air conditioning systems if necessary. Handling potential issues can help prevent costly breakdowns that could delay or ruin your trip.

How to Get Roadside Assistance Coverage

Roadside assistance can help cover common vehicle-related problems, including lockouts, dead batteries, flat tires, running out of gas, or needing a tow to a nearby repair shop.

Contact your agent to learn about adding roadside assistance coverage to your existing auto policy.

Safety First: August is National Traffic Awareness Month

National Traffic Awareness Month provides a timely reminder to prioritize road safety and responsible driving.

The initiative was created to encourage mindful driving practices and promote road safety for drivers and pedestrians.

Now is an ideal time to refresh your knowledge of local traffic laws, stay updated on new regulations, be aware of emerging safety concerns and commit to driving safely.

In 2023, there were 11,775 speeding-related fatalities—nearly 30% of total traffic deaths that year, according to the most recent National Highway Safety Administration (NHTSA) data.

Additionally, in the same year, 324,819 people were injured in crashes involving distracted drivers, according to the NHTSA.

Make a difference on the road this August. Drive safely and help create a better, safer environment for everyone.