Teen Life Skills

Car Essentials

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Getting Started - When You Get In Your Car

Get familiar with your dash and what to look for

The Most Important Indicators:

- Check engine Light
- Low Tire Pressure
- Change Oil
- Any “open door/tailgate” lights
When You Get In Your Car (continued)

Before Driving:

- Adjust your seat first so you can comfortably reach steering wheel and pedals
- Adjust your side view mirrors to eliminate blind spots as much as possible
- Adjust your rear view mirror
- Make sure your parking brake is off - look for the indicator on the dash if you are not sure
The Meaning of 52 Car Dashboard Indicators

1. **Winter mode indicator**
   - Indicates that the engine computer has indicated a problem.

2. **Oxygen sensor needs to be replaced**
   - Sensor needs to be replaced.

3. **Air filter needs to be replaced**
   - Air filter needs to be replaced.

4. **Steering is locked to prevent theft**
   - Vehicle has locked to prevent theft.

5. **Brake lights not functioning properly**
   - Brake light sensor needs to be replaced.

6. **Engine oil temperature indicator**
   - Oil temperature is too high.

7. **Fuel filter reaching maximum capacity, needs to be emptied**
   - Fuel filter needs to be emptied.

8. **Engine's glow plugs are warming up**
   - Engine should not be started until this light turns off.

9. **Diesel exhaust particulate filter tested and needs service**
   - Diesel exhaust particulate filter needs to be tested.

10. **Battery voltage level is below normal**
    - Battery voltage is below normal.

11. **Transmission is operating at higher temperature than normal**
    - Transmission is operating at higher temperature than normal.

12. **Transmission fluid is hotter than normal**
    - Transmission fluid is hotter than normal.

13. **Transmission fluid is cooler than normal**
    - Transmission fluid is cooler than normal.

14. **Compressor not providing as much air as it should**
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15. **Battery terminals, alternator belt, serpentine belt, or fuses may be faulty**
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16. **Engine is overheating**
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What To Keep In Your Glove Box

- Your registration and a copy of your insurance
- Your AAA card or other roadside assistance card
- Lug Bolt Key if you have one
- Owners Manual
- Pen and paper or note pad
- Rechargeable Flashlight
- Spare charger that accepts different cable types
- Screwdriver
- Energy Bars
What To Keep In Your Trunk

Get a travel kit!

It Should Contain:

- Jumper Cables
- Can of Tire Inflator
- Rechargeable Flashlight
- Raincoat or rain gear
- Blanket
- Some kind of rope (NOT for towing or pulling)
- 16 oz or larger hammer
- Adjustable wrench
- Can of WD-40
What if I Get In An Accident?

- If you or your passengers are hurt, stay in the car until the police come.
- If it is a fender bender, assess where you are and if you are safe from traffic, if not and your car is driveable, move to a safe area, but DO NOT leave the scene entirely.
- Remember, the other driver is not your friend. Use common sense when you are speaking with them. If the damage is significant or if someone in your vehicle may be hurt, call the police and wait.
- If damage is minor and you are comfortable “exchanging info” make sure you get:
  - Picture of the driver’s driver license
  - Picture (front and back) of their insurance card - confirm the policy dates are active
  - Pictures of damage
Other Stuff

- How to Jump Start Your Car
  - Is your battery really dead or is it something else?

- How to Change a Tire
  - Only attempt changing a tire if you have at least tried jacking up your car and done a practice run
  - If you are comfortable changing a tire, make sure you are in a safe place, and on flat level ground
Parts of a Car Jack
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