

Asda Money Reveals how to Keep Your car on the Road This Summer

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Asda Money reveals how to prepare your car for summer driving.

With the wind in your hair and sun on your driving arm, summer driving can be a fun and exciting experience. However, the last thing that motorists enjoying a summer drive want is to breakdown. Car's react differently in different weather conditions and the heat could put pressure on your vehicle over the summer months.

Here are a few tip tips for summer driving:

Leave a greater distance between your vehicle and the car in front when driving in bright sunlight. Greater sunlight can reduce your visibility and reaction time. Tinting you car windows could be a long-term solution to sun glare.

Beat the heat this summer by ensuring your vehicle is well ventilated. Built-in air-conditioning often comes as standard in new cars. For older versions you may have to settle for a fan so check this works. You may want to invest in a car sun screen which can be placed on the interior of your windscreen, and reflects the suns rays to keep your vehicle's interior cool.

Your car can heat up easily in warm weather especially if the seats are leather or plastic. It could be a good idea to cover seats in the summer and park in shady locations to avoid turning your car into a greenhouse.

All year round your car will need regular maintenance and should be regularly serviced. Cheap [breakdown cover](#) could also help throughout the year.

You will also need to check water and oil levels often. The water levels are especially important in summer as your car and its parts – the radiator for example – are more prone to over-heating.

Notes to Editors

1. http://www.directline.com/motor/safe_driving.htm

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