



# MVP AUTOMOTIVE



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For all your automotive service needs from Hot Rods to Hondas, Mini Vans to Muscle Cars...

## CAR FAQ'S

Have you checked your 710 lately?



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- Are you ready for an emergency?
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### Holiday Travel & Emergency Preparedness: Are you ready?

What should you have in your car for emergencies? Here's a starter list:

- Flashlight.
- Disposable camera.
- Pencil and paper.
- Cell phone charger
- Fire extinguisher.
- Your insurance company and repair shop's contact information.
- A jacket and/or blanket, water and snack food during winter trips.

If you are ever involved in a car accident, you should take pictures of the scene and anyone who is involved or is a witness. The camera will be a valuable asset if you need to document location, angle of impact, or the severity of the collision. Take as many pictures as you can of your car and the others involved. Get as many witnesses as you possibly can, and get a police report, even if it is a minor fender bender.

It is a good idea to have a flashlight on hand, and pen and paper to take names of witnesses. Do not leave the

scene of the car accident until dismissed by the officer, and be proactive in seeking out witnesses. You should have the name and phone number to the towing service that your shop uses; call them as soon as you can.

You can usually tell the police to contact your towing service on their radio. The tow truck driver may be a good asset to have on your team at this point. They see car accidents all the time and they might be able to assist you with the police or just give you some *comfort* in the situation.

If you have ever been in a serious car accident, you know what I mean...you will want some comfort. If you are injured and need to go to the hospital, tell the police (if you are able) that you want your towing company to remove your vehicle.

After that, don't worry about the car, go get well! People stress out about an accident a little too much when it comes to their car. Your car will usually sit in storage or an impound facility until your insurance company asks for it to be moved to your

repair shop, or until they send someone to look at the damage. Don't worry about the storage bill or who is going to pay what at this point in the game. Once your car has been entered into the insurance company's computer system, they will tell you what to do next.

Do not go out on your own and get the car out of storage without first telling your insurance company-unless you really know what you are doing.

Call your insurance agent now, don't wait till you have a car accident, and ask if you have rental car coverage. This type of coverage is usually very inexpensive, and is sometimes not automatically included in full coverage policies. Your car may be in the repair shop for weeks getting put back together, or while you and your insurance company negotiate the total loss value of your vehicle.

**SIDE NOTE:** Do not store gas in a container in your trunk or anywhere in the car.

[www.trustmymechanic.com/emergency.html](http://www.trustmymechanic.com/emergency.html)

# Holiday Travel Pre-Trip Tips:

**Tire Air Pressure:** To help avoid under-inflation, the Rubber Manufacturers Association (RMA) recommends checking your tires' air pressure at least once a month and before every long trip. Tires must be checked when they are cold - that is, before they have been run no more than one mile (1.6 km). Under-inflation is the leading cause of tire failures and blowouts. Tires lose air through a process called permeation. Changes in outdoor temperature can affect the rate at which a

tire loses air. Typically, a tire loses one pound to two pounds of pressure per month, and even more in warm weather. You can check your tires for proper tread by taking a penny and pinching Lincoln's body between your thumb and forefinger. Put Lincoln's head in a groove on the tread. If any part of Lincoln's head is obscured by the tread, the tire has good tread. If you can see above his head, you need to get new tires.

**Battery:** A weak battery can leave you stranded - possibly at the worst time and place.

**Brakes:** An expert inspection can determine whether your brakes are functioning properly with full braking capability.

**Windshield wipers:** Old or worn windshield wipers can lead to poor visibility in adverse weather conditions.

**Headlamps:** Properly aimed headlamps are a must for optimizing your visibility - both your seeing and your being seen.

**Oil:** Change your oil and filter at the recommended intervals.

**Fluid levels:** Improper fluid levels - including coolant, oil, power steering, transmission, brake fluid and even washer solvent - can negatively affect vehicle durability, performance and safety.

**Belts and hoses:** A broken belt or ruptured hose can cause costly engine damage and travel delays.

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## About us...

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Monday - Friday 8am - 5pm  
Longer Hours on Demand

From Hondas to Hot Rods, Mini Vans to Muscle Cars we work on them all! From engine repairs to rebuilds, we have the experience and equipment to keep your family and classic / muscle car in top condition

With over 25 years of extensive automotive experience, Mike is an ASE Certified Master Technician. His technical training also includes Advanced Performance/Diagnostic Training and Snap-On DSO/Scanner Training.

We use only name brand and warranteed parts.

\*Visa & MasterCard Accepted\*  
\*Service You Can Trust\*  
\*Satisfaction Guaranteed\*

## PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE SPECIALS

### THE BENEFITS OF PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE

Our cars are more than just transportation. For most of us they are a long term financial investment that we rely on daily.

Preventative maintenance not only helps save money on gasoline and unexpected costly repairs, it helps ensure the safety of you and your family.

Remember, it's always easier to fit a preventative maintenance appointment into your busy schedule than it is to call a tow truck from the side of the road.



### Tune Up

4 cylinder \$49.95  
6 cylinder \$69.95  
8 cylinder \$89.95

- ✓ 41 point inspection
- ✓ New Spark Plugs \*
- ✓ Check and set idle and timing

\* Platinum Spark Plugs extra

### Cooling System Flush - \$79.95

- ✓ 41 point inspection
- ✓ Add Flush Chemical
- ✓ Run engine for 30 minutes
- ✓ Flush system
- ✓ Add fresh coolant and coolant treatment
- ✓ Check thermostat and fan operation
- ✓ Check system for leaks

### A / C Service - \$49.95

- ✓ Check exposed areas of A/C system for leaks or damage
- ✓ Check A/C controls and vents for proper operation
- ✓ Check compressor and clutch for proper operation
- ✓ Check system pressures
- ✓ Check vent temperatures
- ✓ Recharge system \*  
\* Refrigerant extra

### Minor Service - \$59.95

Change:  
Oil and filter

#### Inspect:

- Brakes
- Belts
- Hoses
- Fluid Leaks
- Front Suspension
- Rear Suspension
- Tires
- Shocks
- Exhaust System
- Water Pump \*
- Adjust:
- Timing & Idle \*
- Clutch \*
- Brakes \*
- Service :
- Air Cleaner Box
- Radiator Fluid Level
- Brake Fluid Level
- Clutch Fluid Level
- Rotate Tires
- Set Pressure
- Lube:
- U-Joints
- Doors & Hinges

#### Check:

- Lights
- Charging System
- Starting System

\* Applicable to most model cars.

\* Vans, Specialty and Synthetic fluids additional.