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CHECK OUT MORE GREAT SAVINGS INSIDE!

Many Vehicles Fail Inspection

ABC Dealership Provides Expert Service to Ensure Vehicle Safety & Dependability

Because 9 out of 10 motorists pump their own gas, under-hood checks are rarely performed and vital maintenance and repairs often go undone. A vehicle that's been well cared for, as opposed to one that's been neglected, is safer, more dependable and more economical to operate. In addition, emissions are reduced, improving air quality. A recent study of vehicle inspections conducted during National Car Care Month revealed that 89 percent of consumers' vehicles failed the Car Care Council inspection.

disconcerting to know that approximately 9 out of every 10 cars you meet on the road need maintenance and repairs, often serious repairs. Several cases were found where simple fixes could save major repair bills down the road.

Local dealers hope this will be a wake-up call for motorists. The National Car Council recommends that all car owners should have a professional technician evaluate their car to ensure that small problems don't turn into big ones.

Out of 35 categories, the cooling system and lights were in the greatest need of service or repair. Batteries, tires and belts tied for third place.

Your local [Make] dealership and their staff of genuine [Make] factory-trained technicians are prepared to inspect customers' vehicles in support of the National Car Care Council's efforts. Customers are encouraged to take advantage of their dealership's special Car Care offers.

These statistics offer a snapshot of the condition of our community's cars. It's

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Tips to Keep Your Vehicle Running Better Longer

- **Always consult your owner's manual**, but a good rule of thumb is to have the **oil filter changed regularly, every 3,000 to 4,000 miles.**
- **Have all fluids checked**, including brake, power steering, transmission/transaxle, windshield washer solvent and antifreeze. These fluids play a large role in the safety and performance of the vehicle.
- **Check tire inflation.** Under-inflated tires can result in a loss of fuel efficiency. This is the least expensive form of preventive and safety maintenance. Tires should be checked once a month.
- **Keep your engine tuned.** A fouled spark plug or plugged/restricted fuel injector can reduce fuel efficiency as much as 30 percent.
- **Have the chassis lubricated frequently.** This step extends the life of the moving components of the vehicle's suspension system.
- **Check battery cables and posts** for corrosion and clean them as needed. The battery fluid should also be checked and filled if it is low, except in the case of maintenance-free batteries.
- **Have the lighting system checked frequently**, including headlights, turn signals, and brake and tail lights.
- **Check windshield washer blades** for cracks, tears and windshield contact. Replace them approximately once a year or sooner if streaking begins.
- **Inspect engine belts regularly.** Worn belts will affect the engine performance. Look for cracks and missing sections or segments. Have the air filtration system checked frequently.
- **The air filter should be checked approximately every other oil change** for clogging or damage. This system ensures that the vehicle is performing at its peak condition.

Local Customers Benefit by Extra Services Offered

ABC Dealership offers more VALUE with CONVENIENCE & PEACE OF MIND

- *Children's play area*
- *2-way shuttle service to/from work, home or shopping*
- *Rental vehicles available with service*
- *Convenient hours to take up less of your time!*
- *Regular vehicle inspections to prevent unexpected breakdowns!*
- *Comfortable customer lounge with televisions, complimentary refreshments, FREE internet access & more*
- *Expert technicians who know your vehicle*

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Simple Steps to Improve Gas Mileage

The Car Care Council offers these fuel-saving tips:

Vehicle gas caps – About 17 percent of the vehicles on the roads have gas caps that are either damaged, loose or are missing altogether, causing 147 million gallons of gas to vaporize every year.

Under inflated tires – When tires aren't inflated properly it's like driving with the parking brake on and can cost one or two miles per gallon.

Worn spark plugs – A vehicle can have either four, six or eight spark plugs, which fire as many as 3 million times every 1,000 miles, resulting in a lot of heat and electrical and chemical erosion. A dirty spark plug causes misfiring, which wastes fuel. Spark plugs need to be replaced regularly.

Dirty air filters – An air filter that is clogged with dirt, dust and bugs chokes off the air and creates a "rich" mixture – too much gas being burned for the amount of air, which wastes gas and causes the engine to lose power. Replacing a clogged air filter can improve gas mileage by as much as 10 percent, saving about 15 cents a gallon.

Fuel-saving driving tips include:

Don't be an aggressive driver – Aggressive driving can lower gas mileage by as much as 33 percent on the highway and 5 percent on city streets, which results in 7 to 49 cents per gallon.

Avoid excessive idling – Sitting idle gets zero miles per gallon. Letting the vehicle warm up for one to two minutes is sufficient.

Observe the speed limit – Gas mileage decreases rapidly at speeds above 60 mph. Each mph driven over 60 will result in an additional 10 cents per gallon. To maintain a constant speed on the highway, cruise control is recommended. Some of the above statistics were gathered from a U.S. Department of Energy Web site, www.fueleconomy.gov.

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