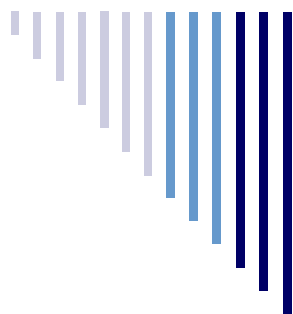


## 10 Fuel Economy Tips They Never Told You!

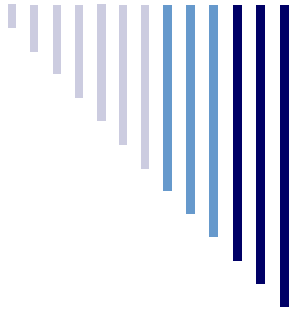




1. **Don't drive aggressively.** Rapid acceleration and braking can lower your gas mileage by 33% at highway speeds and 5% around the city.
2. **Watch your speed.** Each 5 MPH you drive over 60 MPH is the equivalent to paying an extra \$0.24 per gallon of gas.
3. **Lighten the load.** Carrying an extra 100 pounds in your car could reduce you MPG by up to 2%.
4. **Don't stand idly by.** If you have to wait awhile, don't let the car idle - shut it off. It's more fuel efficient to restart the car.
5. **Check your tires.** Keeping your tires inflated to the proper pressure can increase your gas mileage by up to 3.3%.



6. **Oil Matters.** Make sure you use the manufacturer's recommended grade of motor oil—it can increase gas mileage by 1-2%.
7. **Do it once.** Plan to run all of your day's errands in a single trip. You can use twice as much fuel driving several short trips when the engine is cold compared to one longer trip with a hotter more efficient engine.



8. **Take the high road.** For increased fuel economy, drive in the highest gear whenever possible. For automatic transmissions you should avoid using the “sport” mode - it wastes gas.

9. **Cool off.** When driving around the city, keep the windows down. However, when driving on the highway, you should turn on you're A/C. Driving at high speeds with the windows down creates a lot of wind resistance which affects the aerodynamics of the car, thereby reducing your MPG.



10. **Fit it up.** Properly maintaining your car is a key component to fuel efficiency. Performing a badly needed tune-up or fixing a car that has failed an emissions test can improve your gas mileage by as much as 4% (in fact, repairing a faulty oxygen sensor can increase your MPG by as much as 40%).

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