



IS A DIRTY CABIN FILTER A ROAD HAZARD? SURE IS!

A dirty cabin filter will cause a weakened airflow that will impact the air conditioning system's ability to clear fog or condensation from the car windows greatly reducing visibility.

Dirty air can cause condensation to build up on the windscreen, making it hard to see the road ahead. A change of season from summer to autumn can be particularly bad for condensation build up.

A dirty cabin filter can cause other issues for both you and your car. One is a decline in your health, as pollutants can move through the air and cause allergic reactions or breathing problems. A dirty filter can't do its job properly and filter out the contaminants, so it's important to replace the filter in your car frequently. Consider replacing it every year in August before the spring allergy season begins.

Another problem that comes with a clogged filter is poor HVAC efficiency. As a result, your car's heating and cooling system has to work harder, potentially causing the blower motor to burn out. Poor efficiency also leads to a loss of airflow, which can make your car feel less comfortable as the seasons change.

Make sure you get your cabin filter checked at every service.



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SUNSTRIKE

a serious road hazard

There is much to love about autumn, from the season's first early morning frost to the new warm colours of nature. But the arrival of autumn also brings additional hazards to the roads - some obvious, others not so.

Sunstrike is a serious hazard

- Be prepared, have your sunnies handy, use your visor to create some shade for your eyes.
- Reduce your speed to increase the safety margin between you and the car in front.
- Keep the inside and outside of your windscreen clean to reduce the effect of glare.

Slippery roads after a dry summer is another big hazard

- Wet, fallen leaves are extremely slippery and can obscure road markings or conceal other hazards, such as potholes.
- Morning frosts can create icy patches on shaded areas of the road.
- Prepare your car for colder weather by ensuring fluids such as engine coolant and windscreen wash are topped up.
- Clear leaves from your vehicle, especially under the windscreen, as these can block drainage holes and get caught under your windscreen wiper blades.





FED UP WITH WEARING MASKS?

Well back in 1902 women were advised to wear masks while motoring due to the dusty roads. Unfortunately most women of the time were reluctant to disfigure themselves in this way.

Opportunists announced designer head-wear, a hood would fit over the ladies bonnet joined to a fancy silk dress mask. The hood/mask had eyeholes covered in glass to protect spectacles.

Image courtesy of Pinterest, from an old Sears Catalogue



INFLUENTIAL WOMEN IN AUTOMOTIVE HISTORY

MARY ANDERSON

INVENTOR OF THE WINDSHIELD WIPER

Sometimes the smallest things can make a huge difference, the windshield wiper being a great example of this effect.

During a visit to New York in 1902, Mary Anderson sat in a trolley car (known here as a tram) and observed as the driver struggled to see past the sleet on the windows. When Mary returned home, she worked with a designer to produce a hand-operated device to keep a windshield clear.

Building on Mary's invention, Charlotte Bridgwood created the first automatic wiper system in 1917, using rollers instead of blades.

AUTUMN RECIPE

HONEY & GARLIC SALMON



Recipe from www.mountainvalleyhoney.co.nz

Ingredients

- 2 cloves of garlic, crushed
- 1 Tbsp of honey
- 1 Tbsp soy sauce
- 1 Tbsp lemon juice
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 Tbsp butter
- 2 salmon fillets, skin on
- 1 tsp smoked paprika
- Salt and pepper

Instructions

1. In a small bowl, mix together the garlic, honey, soy sauce, and lemon juice and put aside.
2. Heat the oil and butter in a cast-iron pan over a medium-high heat.
3. Mix together the smoked paprika, salt and pepper then rub over the flesh of the salmon.
4. Cook the fillets for 4-5 minutes.
5. Turn the fillets and pour the sauce made earlier over the top. Continue to spoon the sauce from the pan over the fillets while they cook for another minute.
6. Remove from the pan and serve on a bed of rice with some shaved spring onion and a side of greens.



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