



CAR CARE CORNER

Seasons Trigger Need For Car Care

(NAPSA)—You're heading down the highway anxious to get home. Suddenly your engine sputters and your car begins skipping beats and spewing white smoke. Your adrenaline boils. Your only choice is to pull over and call for assistance.

At minimum, this is a major inconvenience. Whether you work on the problem or wait for help to arrive, your time on the side of the road leaves you frustrated.

Can this be avoided? The answer is yes in most cases, which is why GM Goodwrench is using the changing seasons to remind drivers of the importance of car care and maintenance, especially for those living in states that have drastic seasonal changes.

The message is simple. When your vehicle is properly maintained it will last longer and hold its value longer. But more importantly, it will keep you and your passengers safe and motoring on down the road.

Vehicle maintenance is an important issue nationally. Neglected vehicle maintenance results in nearly 100,000 disabling injuries and more than \$2 billion in lost wages, medical expenses and property damage each year, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The National Car Care Council also reports that 90 percent of the vehi-



The changing of the seasons is a good reminder to bring your vehicle in for maintenance.

cles inspected during the last car care month failed at least one aspect of the inspection.

The hope in all of this is that the potentially costly and dangerous problems can often be prevented with a simple vehicle inspection by a qualified technician. Local GM Goodwrench dealers are qualified and prepared to offer advice regarding:

Batteries: A weak battery can leave you stranded—almost always at the worst time and place.

Brakes: Only an expert inspection can make sure your brakes are functioning properly with full braking capability.

Tires: It's not just tread life that should be checked, it's also pressure. Incorrect air pressure can compromise vehicle ride and control.

Oil: Changing oil and filters at

recommended intervals minimizes engine wear and reduces possibilities of internal damage.

Fluid Levels: Low or high fluid levels—including coolant, oil, power steering, transmission, and brake fluid and even washer solvent—can affect vehicle performance and safety.

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

Headlights: Properly aimed headlamps are a must for helping you see and helping you be seen.

GM Goodwrench technicians are trained professionals that can perform routine maintenance services at prices that are competitive, yet backed by a trusted brand. Mr. Goodwrench encourages drivers to inspect the health of their vehicle during Car Care Month. It's a small investment to make for safety and security down the road and you'll find it won't hurt a bit.

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