



Increase your Miles per Gallon by Christopher Tait

Fuel prices have rocketed and here at Community Friend we are trying to get our pennies worth with each and every fill up. If you haven't as yet please find time to sign our petition to help lower the cost of motoring. Until the day that the prices start to drop (fingers crossed) here are some tips for you to follow to help boost you miles per gallon.

Shut your windows and reduce drag on the car increasing fuel consumption

Check your tyre pressure. Having the correctly inflation for the front and back tyres can increase your miles per gallon

Check your tyre tread. Having tyres that have lost lots of their tread is not only increasing friction hence drag and increased fuel consumption they are also dangerous

Clean out your car. Get rid of the dead weight out of your car. The less that you have to carry less dead weight that you have to lug around thus increasing fuel consumption to move it

Just driving around town or making short trips? Then only have half a tank of fuel or less in the car. This also saves you pulling a dead weight and reduces fuel consumption

Turn off the air con. The air con uses a lot of fuel. If not needed turn it off and save

Be aerodynamic. Instead of pulling a trailer get a aerodynamic roof box

Plan your journey and invest in a sat nav systems. Planning beforehand or following an exact route will get you from A to B quickly and by the most direct route

Reduce your speed. Slower you go the more economical you are. Reduce you speed a fraction on the motorways and increase you miles to the gallon by up to 10%

Don't over rev. Don't hold the car on a hill on the clutch. Put your handbrake on. Similarly don't accelerate hard this just burns fuel too quickly

Use momentum and gravity. Don't leave it until the last minute to break. Gradually reduce speed using momentum to get there. Again don't over accelerate down hill. The gravity will do the work for you.

Walk. Yes get out and walk. Can you park further away from work? Can you walk to the shops instead of drive there? Get fit and healthy and it is free too.

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