

## Consumers Getting Squeezed At The Pump Should Look Under The Hood For Relief From Gas Prices

(NAPSA)—With the price of gas on a steady rise, consumers are having a harder time than ever managing the cost of everyday vehicle use. Since gas prices may not be on the decline anytime soon, there are some ways consumers can save money at the pump.

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While it may be tough to think about spending more money on your vehicle, focusing on these five areas can help improve your fuel mileage and save money in the long run:

- **Air Filters**—An air filter clogged with dirt, dust or bugs chokes off the air and creates a “rich” mixture, which wastes gas and causes the engine to lose power. Potential savings: up to 10 percent a gallon.\*

- **Oxygen Sensors**—Oxygen sensors that are properly functioning are good for the environment and can save hundreds of dollars in fuel costs over the life of the sensor. Potential savings: up to 40 percent a gallon.

- **Properly Inflated Tires**—When tires aren’t inflated properly, it’s like driving with the parking brake on. Under-inflated tires can cut fuel economy by 2 percent per pound. A simple tire gauge can quickly tell you if you’re wasting gas because of under-inflated tires. Potential savings: up to 3 percent a gallon.

- **Oil and Filter Change**—Clean oil reduces friction between moving parts in your engine,



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increasing fuel economy and reliability. Consumers should check their vehicle’s owner’s manual for the recommended oil and filter change schedule. Potential savings: up to 2 percent a gallon.

- **Locking Gas Caps**—Locking gas caps can contribute to fuel economy by preventing theft. This will deter even the most determined thieves, who are unlikely to take the time needed to pry the neck from the tank. Potential savings: Varies.

\* *Savings figures source: U.S. Department of Energy, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*

All these fuel-saving products can be purchased at a NAPA AUTO PARTS Store or an ASE-certified automotive technician can replace them for you at a NAPA AutoCare Center. For more information about NAPA or any of these products, visit [www.NAPAonline.com](http://www.NAPAonline.com) or [www.NAPAAutoCare.com](http://www.NAPAAutoCare.com).