

Car Care Corner

Get Your Car Set For Travel Season

(NAPSA)—To keep your car on the road longer, now is the time to spring for vehicle maintenance.

“Preventative maintenance is the key to maintaining optimum performance for your vehicle,” said Pietro Gorlier, president and CEO of Mopar, Chrysler Group LLC’s service, parts and customer-care brand.

According to the Car Care Council, 80 percent of vehicles inspected experienced at least one part or system failure.

What To Do

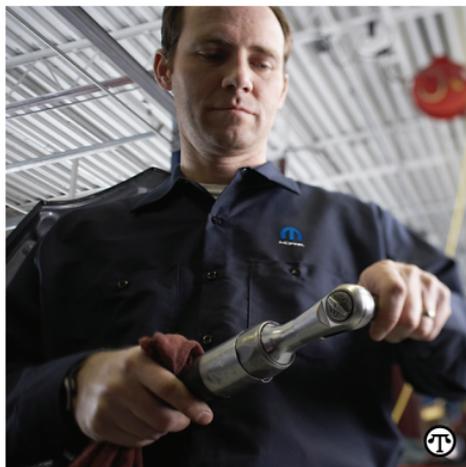
Mopar recommends six ways to stay out of such statistics.

- **Check Tires.** Air pressure should be checked on all tires, including the spare. Inspect tread and sidewall areas for uneven or irregular wear. Replace any tires that are worn or damaged.

- **Check Fluid Levels.** Engine oil should be changed regularly. All vehicle fluids and lubricants should be checked and changed at recommended intervals. A good fuel filter traps contaminants before they reach the engine. For diesel engines, a 7-micron diesel fuel filter from Mopar can keep water from contaminating injector pumps and fuel injectors.

- **Check Engine Belts and Hoses.** Prevent a breakdown or serious engine damage by replacing belts and hoses at recommended intervals. They should meet stringent quality standards and offer precise fit, optimal service life and original-equipment performance.

- **Change Air Filter.** Engines need to breathe. Restrict the supply of air and they won’t work as well as they should—something that’s usually reflected in higher fuel consumption. A new air filter will allow clean, unrestricted air flow into the engine and help



Preventative maintenance is the key to maintaining optimum performance for your vehicle.

ensure proper performance and longer life.

- **Check Battery.** Whether it’s the first start-up in the morning or having the reserve power to run the air conditioning and other accessories, the battery is a critical source. Have batteries tested and replaced if necessary.

- **Check Wiper Blades.** For optimal visibility and quiet operation, get all-season wiper blades built for the long haul with a strong, all-metal superstructure for durable, reliable performance. Mopar even has an innovative wear indicator that turns from black to green to yellow as the blades wear.

In addition, Gorlier says, always follow the recommended maintenance schedule in your vehicle’s owner’s manual. His company, Mopar, is the source for all original-equipment parts for Ram, Dodge, Chrysler and Jeep vehicles.

Learn More

For more information and to find a service location, visit Ram.com, Dodge.com, Chrysler.com, Jeep.com or Mopar.com.