

HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS

Safety Items Top Travelers' Gift Lists This Holiday Season

(NAPSA)—This holiday season, more travelers are expected to drive to their destinations to be with family and friends. That makes being well-prepared for these journeys extremely important.

As a result, the experts at Pep Boys say that practical, affordable, safety-oriented items are topping consumers' gift lists this year.

"Hands-free wireless phone kits and highway emergency kits are expected to be very popular this season," said Don Casey, Senior Vice President of Merchandising for the leading automotive retail and service chain. "With people increasing their reliance on cars, safety is more important than ever."

Earlier this year, the State of New York banned the use of cell phones while driving and numerous other states are expected to follow suit.

To further encourage safe driving practices and because mishaps can occur at any time, an emergency kit should be kept in the trunk at all times, not just during the winter. While Pep Boys can help gift-givers create customized emergency kits, Casey emphasizes that the following



products should be included in any highway emergency kit:

- Flashlight (with fresh batteries and bulb)
- Battery jumper cables or an emergency starter
- Flares or cones
- "Help" sign
- Bottled water and energy bars

Travelers destined for colder climates should also keep on hand a blanket, ice scraper, snow brush, candle and matches, shovel and sand or Oil-Dri for traction in ice and snow.

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