

Tips For Getting Your Vehicle Road Trip Ready

(NAPSA)—As the weather gets warm, vacationers will begin to set their sights on the open road. Whether it's to get up close to that landmark that you've always wanted to see, visit old friends or visit extended family who live just a few states away, road trips offer great flexibility and excitement.

While just about any vehicle will serve its purpose for a road trip, there are ways to modify a car or truck to make the experience more convenient and comfortable. In fact, the Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) estimates that Americans spend \$33 billion annually on products that enhance the performance and styling of today's vehicles.

"There is something exhilarating about a leisurely drive, whether it's sitting in a comfortable air-conditioned car with a great sound system or in a convertible with the top down," said Peter MacGillivray, SEMA VP of communications and events. "What's really great is being able to personalize the vehicle to fit the needs of the drivers and passengers."

Below are a few tips and tricks on how you can make your vehicle ready for your next big road trip.

- To protect the vehicle's exterior from any rocky weather and/or road conditions, a paint



Your next trip can take you further along the road to fun if you make a few entertaining changes to your vehicle.

protection film is an effective way to preserve the finish of your car, truck or SUV. For best results, this film should be professionally installed and applied on areas such as the hood, bumpers, mirror backs and other places that might be prone to scratches and chips.

- Don't underestimate the impact a good navigation system can have on your road trip. After-market GPS and navigation systems with state-of-the-art technologies can be installed in just about any vehicle. Starting as low as \$50, there are tons of options available to help you stay within your budget and get you to your destination.

- Finding enough space is often a problem encountered when traveling on a road trip. To make room

for personal items, consider a roof rack or cargo box to transport large pieces of luggage. Organizers for the trunk, center console and on the back of seats are available to help keep items in order and in arms' reach.

- A wireless tire pressure monitoring system can give you an accurate reading of your tire pressure at all times. By having sensors on each of the tires, the air pressure can be monitored and sent directly to your smartphone device, alerting you when one or more of your tires is low on pressure. This can help minimize any tire problems you might run into.

Regardless of how you modify your vehicle, it's always a good idea to have a roadside emergency kit in tow. Premade kits include items such as jumper cables, a flashlight, emergency whistle and a first-aid kit. You never know when you might need these things, so it is better to be safe than sorry.

Wherever you're headed, there are a variety of different automotive aftermarket products and accessories available to modify your vehicle in preparation for a road trip. To learn more and find out where these products are available to you, visit www.semaignited.com.