Poor gas mileage wastes good money

If you're not keeping track of your gasoline mileage, you're probably in a minority.

Everyone has become gasoline conscience. Or so it would seem.

The truth, though, is that many drivers don't know what kind of mileage their car is delivering. So when mileage falls off through a lack of maintenance, they're only vaguely aware of it.

A drop in fuel economy could be a warning of certain mechanical malfunctions, and it could cost you as much as $240 per year in increased fuel costs, according to the Consumer Automotive Advisory Council of Superior Muffler Centers, Inc.

Drivers could be adding 25 percent to their gasoline bills without even realizing it. The figure is based on a fullsize car getting 15 miles per gallon and driven 12,000 miles per year.

For instance:

- If the car needs a tuneup, it could be using as much as 11 percent more gasoline than it shoud. At $1.20 per gallon, that waste ammounts to $8.80 per month.
- If tires are eight pounds underinflated, rolling resistance increases gasoline consumption by five percent. The cost: $4.00 per month.
- If the front wheels are one-quarter inch out of alignment, the increased rolling resistance costs another two percent in fuel mileage, or $1.60 per month.
- If the cooling system thermostat is stuck in the open position, causing the engine to run cool, engine efficiency could be reduced by another seven percent, costing $5.45 extra per month in gasoline.

Add it all up and you get 25 percent and $20 per month, or $240 per year. Of course, if you're losing more mileage through poor driving habits, your unnecessary cost will be even higher.

While the totals here are intended to emphasize the need for preventative maintenance to save fuel, there are other equally important factors to consider. An untuned engine is less dependable, often hard to start. And it may be polluting the air.

Further, improperly aligned wheels affect a car's handling characteristics. This, combined with underinflation, can accelerate tire wear by 25 percent. That's like throwing away one new tire in four.

To save the maximum amount of gasoline (and money), you must not drive any faster than the speed limit.

Every five miles per hour you press beyond the 55 mph speed limit is costing you about one mile per gallon in fuel economy. If you average 15 miles per gallon, you pay more than six percent for driving 60 instead of 55.

The penalty is worse the faster you drive.

Renault's Le Car

Improved gas mileage, a larger engine and a new electronic ignition system make Renault's Le Car for 1980 an even more economical means of transportation than last year's counterpart. Le Car has a city mileage rating of 30 miles per gallon (up three mpg from 1979) and a highway rating of 40 mpg. While new in the 1980 Le Car, the 1.4-liter engine has been used in 3 million Renault vehicles. Less than 12 feet in overall length, Le Car has a turning radius of 32 feet.

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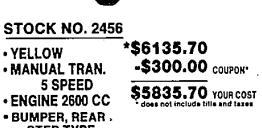

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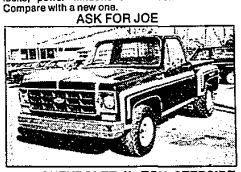

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