

Federal booklet points out gas use

The federal government has issued guidelines to careful (read thrifty) drivers in the pamphlet How to Save Gasoline... and Money.

The guidelines give a number of suggestions and the reasons a driver can save money by following them.

- If you are a typical driver, your car:
 - Travels more than 11,000 miles per year.
 - Consumes nearly 800 gallons of gasoline annually (slightly more than two gallons of gasoline a day).

Costs you more than \$1,000 per year for gasoline alone (more than eight cents per mile).

These figures assume that you are driving a private automobile in an urban area. Yet, even if you have a long commute, use your car for business, drive a light truck or for some other reason exceed those averages, the relative impact of gasoline costs on the pocket-book remains the same.

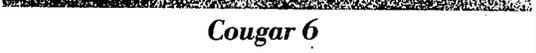
- By driving more efficiently, you could easily:
 - Cut gasoline consumption by 40-80 gallons per car, probably without eliminating any necessary travel and without inconvenience or sacrifice.
 - Save \$50-\$100 or more per car per year.
 - To drive more efficiently:
 - Drive at a moderate speed. The most efficient range usually is 35-45 miles per hour. On the highway, where you may need to maintain a higher speed, stay at 55 mph. Most automobiles get 18 percent better mileage on the highway at 50 than at 65 mph, and 20 percent better mileage at 55 than at 70 mph.

• Drive at a smooth and steady pace. Press lightly but steadily on the accelerator so that you flow smoothly through traffic. Avoid tailgating, unnecessary accelerating and braking.

• Drive "defensively." Anticipate traffic flow 10-12 second ahead. Maintain two or three seconds of buffer space between your car and the others around. This is calculated by noting when the car ahead passes a fixed point and counting the seconds until you reach that point.

• Don't idle the engine for longer than 30 seconds. Idling gets zero miles to the gallon. Driving slowly for the first few minutes is a much more efficient way to warm the engine than excessive idling, even after the car has stood overnight. Also, turn off the ignition any time you expect to wait more than 30 seconds or so. Restarting will take less gasoline than idling.

• Keep windows closed when driving at highway speeds. Open windows increase wind resistance by creating drag. If the outdoor temperatures permit, use flow-through ventilation. If heating or cooling is needed, use a moderate setting.



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