Want to Enjoy a Picture-Perfect Trip? Have Car and Camera Fully Inspected!



While it's possible to take good pictures from inside the car, it's better to get outside the vehicle, especially in a scenic spot. Even in the sunshine, using a flash bulb will heighten the effect of the photo as it eliminates shadows. Before leaving on a motor trip, the average driver is likely to have his car inspected to make sure it is running properly and smoothly.

In the same vein, the camera depended upon for the vacation record should also receive the same careful inspection. There is nothing as aggravating or disappointing as discovering those fabulous pictures you thought you took are all a blur or nothing at all.

The easiest way to check the camera, especially if it has not been used for a while, is to shoot a test roll of film. If the pictures are satisfactory, you can be reasonably sure your camera is working properly. If not, take it to a dealer and have him check it.

A profitable "beforeleaving" photograph is one picturing the things you are taking with you. While a photo inventory will not prevent you from losing something, it is one good way not to leave things behind. Each time you move on, check the photo and see if you have everything. The same photo record could also be handy when filing an insurance claim for lost or stolen property.

Instead of "packing" your camera for the trip, keep it out of suitcases and handy for any scene that presents itself during the trip Seeing a photographic scene is worthless if no camera is available.

A word of advice--film is perishable. Heat and humidity are particularly harmful, and have the greatest effect on color film. In summer; don't place your camera or film in the trunk, glove compartment or on the rear deck. The best place for the camera is on the seat beside you. Extra film can be carried in a cooling chest.



