

NEWSLETTER

4WD, URBAN KILLING MACHINES



According to the 2002 ATSB report, *Monograph 11: Four-Wheel Drive Crashes*, the greatest proportion of 4WD crashes occurred in high-speed zones (100km/h or more).

Fifty-four per cent of 4WD crashes occurred in high-speed zones, compared with 41 per cent for cars.

However, the proportion of cars crashing in low-speed zones (60km/h or under) is higher at

36 per cent, compared with 4WDs at just 25 per cent.

That's right – only one in four 4WD crashes occur in urban-limit areas. The majority of 4WD crashes occur on rural roads, with 57 per cent of 4WD crashes in 1990 trending upwards to 68 per



cent in 1998. Around half of all passenger car crashes occurred in both rural and urban areas, with no apparent trend between 1990 and 1998.

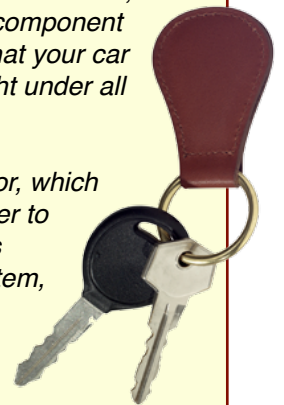
Despite this, the AAMI insurance company issued a 28 September 2004 <Cont. page 3>

Signs of Trouble: Weak Alternator

Winter time can be especially stressful on your car as cold temperatures and icy conditions can make the going rough during that time of the year. Hazardous road conditions and near freezing temperatures can put your car at risk, even leaving you stranded if you are not careful.

There is one component inside of your car that can contribute to dimming headlights, a battery unable to hold its charge and just plain difficulty starting your car on a cold winter morning. That part would be your alternator, an essential component to ensuring that your car is running right under all conditions.

"The alternator, which supplies power to your vehicle's electrical system, works a lot harder today than it did in the past,"



SPEND A MINUTE, SAVE A QUID



Preventative car maintenance in summer months is not much different from what it takes to maintain cars in winter. In summer, you have to regularly check and maintain the mechanical components of the car to tackle the rigors of the hot summer conditions. The following tips on preventative car maintenance in summer assures you trouble less rides:

The next point about preventative car maintenance in summer is tire pressure. Tire pressure is important in all contexts - irrespective of whether it is for speed or for safety reasons. If you need your car's tires to last long and perform efficiently, you will need to inflate them properly.



The very first thing you need to take care is the cooling system. During the hotter months, the cooling system works more intensely to prevent overheating of the engine. For the mechanism to work effectively, the coolant and water mixture for a vehicle's radiator should measure to 50:50.

Well pumped up tires help maintain the best possible contact with the road giving the vehicle steadiness and speed. Inflating tires improperly, on the other hand, leads problems like punctures.

Preventative Car Maintenance in Summer Helps to Avoid Breakdowns

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THINGS TO WATCH EVERY DAY BEFORE YOU DRIVE

Keep your mirrors clean

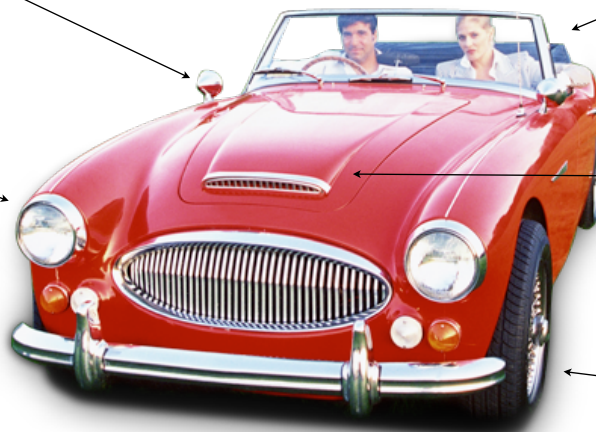
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Check lights are operational

make sure all air intakes are clear of rubbish

Double check your indicarots

Tyre pressure is very important, check them next time you fill up



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