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SIMPLE Tips TO Save you MONEY on PETROL

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Saving money on petrol is easy

IT'S NOT EXACTLY ROCKET SCIENCE BUT THERE ARE SOME REALLY SIMPLE WAYS YOU COULD SAVE A LOT OF MONEY ON FUEL FOR YOUR CAR, WITHOUT REDUCING THE TRIPS YOU NEED TO MAKE.

Drive Smoothly

Make sure you accelerate smoothly. Change gear early (but don't labour the engine). If you drive an automatic, choose 'economy' gear switching as this will keep the engine speed down.

don't speed

Driving faster doesn't necessarily mean you'll get there any faster. By travelling at 100km/h instead of 110km/h you can cut around 13% off your fuel bill.

Look Ahead

Check what's happening, maintain a safe following distance and you'll keep at a more constant speed. This uses less fuel than accelerating and braking all the time.

LOVE YOUR CAR

A little love goes a long way. Keeping your tyres at the right pressure saves fuel, as does checking your alignment, engine timing, air filter and spark plugs regularly.

WATCH YOUR air con

Only use air conditioning when absolutely necessary as it tends to eat fuel, up to 10% more in fact. Other features such as the rear window demist can also be a drain, so make sure you switch them off when they've done their job.

KEEP YOUR LOAD DOWN

Sounds obvious, but a heavier vehicle means more drag. So take those golf clubs out of the boot after the game, and remove the roof rack when you're not using it. The same goes for the bike rack.

REDUCE idling TIME

If you're going to be stationary for more than 30 seconds, switch your engine off.