

Vehicle Check List for Safe Holiday Travel

Inspect These Items Before Long Distance Travel

BATTERY – *WHEN THE TEMPERATURE DROPS, SO DOES BATTERY POWER*

- ☐ Battery Voltage
- ☐ Charging System and Belts
- ☐ Tighten Battery Cable Connections
- ☐ For Electric Cars: Add Fresh Gasoline to Support the Gasoline System

COOLING SYSTEM– *COOLANT FREEZES AND EXPANDS, POTENTIALLY DAMAGING YOUR VEHICLES ENGINE BLOCK.*

- ☐ Refill Coolant *Make sure it is designed to withstand the winter temperatures you will be in.
- ☐ Check Owner's Manual for Specific Recommendations on coolant. (A 50/50 mix of coolant to water is adequate for most areas in the country.)
- ☐ Check for leaks in coolant system
- ☐ Full Coolant System Flush (if necessary)

WINDSHIELD SYSTEM– *WINDSHIELD WIPER FLUID GOES QUICKLY IN A SNOWSTORM AND BAD WIPERS CAN CAUSE VISIBILITY PROBLEMS.*

- ☐ Completely Fill your Windshield Washer Reservoir with high-quality, no-freeze fluid
- ☐ Pack extra fluid just in case
- ☐ Check Windshield Wiper Functionality
- ☐ Replace old and worn blades
- ☐ Check Window Defroster System (Front and Back)
- ☐ Consider installing heavy-duty winter wipers if you are traveling to an area that gets a lot of snow and ice

FLOOR MATTS– *FLOOR MATS THAT ARE NOT MADE FOR YOUR CAR PUT YOU AT RISK FOR ACCIDENTS*

- ☐ Check that Mats are the Correct Size and Fit Your Vehicle.
- ☐ Check That They are Installed Properly. Improperly Installed Mats Can Get Stuck Under Brake or Gas Pedal.

TIRES– *WORN DOWN TIRES CAUSE ACCIDENTS AND PERFORM POORLY IN BAD WEATHER CONDITIONS*

- ☐ Check Tire Pressure
- ☐ Check Tire Tread (1/6 of an Inch or Greater)
- ☐ Check the Age of Both your Main Tires and Spare
- ☐ Check Owner's Manual for Tire Replacement Recommendation