

ECO-SAFE DRIVING/RIDING...

A GUIDE TO SAFE DRIVING/RIDING FOR ECONOMY



Eco-Safe driving/riding is a recognised and proven style of driving that contributes to road safety whilst reducing fuel consumption and emissions. If you make these changes you could reduce your fuel bill.

Motor vehicles on the road today contribute to climate change because of the carbon dioxide (CO₂) their engines produce. Reducing these emissions is a lot easier than you think. By following these eco safe driving guidelines not only will you be a safer driver, you could reduce the amount of CO₂ your vehicle gives out, saving you money.

ECO-SAFE DRIVING TIPS

IDENTIFY HAZARDS AND PLAN YOUR APPROACH



Identify hazards early, allowing adequate time to react - this will result in braking and acceleration that is smooth and progressive. Maintain space around your vehicle and drive calmly.

AVOID OVER-REVVING THE ENGINE



Try to avoid excessive revving when starting your engine and moving away.

USE THE APPROPRIATE SPEED FOR ALL ROAD CONDITIONS



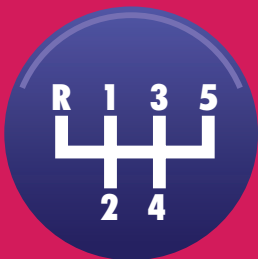
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GO EASY ON THE ACCELERATOR



Use the accelerator smoothly and progressively. When appropriate take your foot off the accelerator and allow the momentum of the vehicle to take you forward. Avoid pumping the accelerator as this uses more fuel.

USE THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE GEAR (WITHOUT MAKING THE ENGINE STRUGGLE!)



It's not always necessary to change up or down through each gear; try skipping gears. As soon as conditions allow, use the highest possible gear, without making the engine struggle.

CONSIDER TURNING YOUR ENGINE OFF WHEN AT A STANDSTILL



When you are stuck in traffic or waiting for someone, the engine is idling so you are wasting fuel and adding to CO2 emissions. If you are likely to be at a standstill for a while, simply switch off your engine.



The Driving Standards Agency

DSA promotes road safety through setting standards for drivers, riders and trainers, testing drivers and riders fairly and efficiently, maintaining the registers of Approved Driving Instructors; Large Goods Vehicle Instructors; Fleet Trainers; Driving Instructor Trainers and Post-Test Motorcycle Trainers; supervising Compulsory Basic Training (CBT) for learner motorcyclists; and driver education and the provision of learning resources.

Further information...

Can be found in DSA publications or via www.directgov.uk/ecosafedriving

For further information on smarter driving and purchasing a fuel efficient car visit ACTONCO2 www.dft.gov.uk/ActoncO2/

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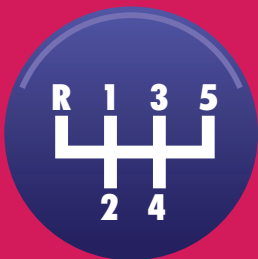
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