

## BETTER GAS MILEAGE

Reducing insurance costs is a matter of safe driving, avoiding damage to your car and avoiding liability for damage to others – both personal injury and property damage. Safe driving can also contribute to better gas mileage, thus further reducing the cost of owning and driving a car.

Listed below are tips for better gas mileage from how you drive your car as well as how it is maintained.

### *Drive sensibly and efficiently ~*

- Stay within posted speed limits. Gas mileage usually decreases rapidly at speeds above 60 mph because higher speeds increase wind resistance.
- Remove unnecessary items from your trunk. An extra 100 pounds can reduce fuel economy by 2 percent.
- Avoid putting items on top of your vehicle. The wind resistance of a loaded roof rack can reduce fuel economy by 5 percent.

### *Maintain your vehicle ~*

- A properly tuned engine can increase gas mileage by 4 percent.
- Properly inflated and aligned tires can increase gas mileage by 3 percent.
- Replace air filters regularly. Clogged filters can reduce gas mileage by 10 percent.

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