

A monthly publication filled with industry news, maintenance and safety tips, upcoming events, special coupons, and more!



Check Engine Light...

You're driving along and suddenly your Check Engine Light comes on. What does it mean? It simply means that your vehicle's computer system has detected a problem.

Depending on the year, make, and model, it may be related to the engine, the transmission, even the brakes and suspension. There are literally hundreds of reasons a Check Engine Light may appear. Here are a few answers regarding Check Engine Lights...

1) The Check Engine Light

comes on and stays on. Can the car be driven?

- The general rule is: if the Service Engine Soon Light is on, and the car seems to be running ok, you can drive it. However, you should have it checked at your earliest convenience. If your vehicle is running poorly—bucking, stalling,

hesitating, or you just don't feel safe, tow it. When in doubt always tow it!

2) The check engine light went out by itself. Is it ok now?

- Probably not. Check Engine Lights often come and go. Even if the light is out, your vehicle's computer system will retain information that will allow the problem to be diagnosed. To avoid potential long term issues, get it checked out.

3) Can I disconnect the battery, or pull a fuse to reset the service engine light?

- Maybe, but while removing the battery cable or an ECM or PCM fuse may clear the code, it is not universally recommended in the industry. Most manufacturers advise against it.



If your Check Engine Light is on, it's on for a reason. The Check Engine Light indicates that your vehicle's on-board computers have stored a fault code. There are hundreds of fault codes, any one or more could be stored in the computer's memory. By resetting the

Check Engine Light, you erase important fault code data that turned the light on in the first place. Without this critical information, the root problem cannot be discerned.



Easy Does It in the Snow!

When driving in the snow, use slower acceleration and slower speeds. Avoid heavy steering and braking. Allow extra time to reach your destination during inclement weather. It is not worth putting your own life or the lives of others in danger to save time. Here are some tips for driving in the snow:

- Listen to the weather forecasts and determine whether or not you really need to chance driving in bad winter weather.
- Think ahead to your return trip. As the sun drops, so does the temperature and night time visibility. Slush turns to black ice and mixed with poor visibility equals trouble.
- Day or night - drive with your headlights on.
- Don't get overconfident with four-wheel drive. It won't help you stop any faster.
- Winter road conditions often result in longer stopping distances. Give yourself room. If you have anti-lock brakes, press the pedal down

Did You Know?

The \$100 hamburger is aviation slang for a flight a pilot makes to dine at a non-local airport restaurant.

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A group of animals is called...

Gorillas Band
 Crows Murder
 Alligators Congregation
 Owls Parliament
 Jellyfish Smack
 Penguins Rookery



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firmly and hold it. If you don't have anti-lock brakes, gently pump the pedal.

- Slow down when approaching intersections, off-ramps, bridges or shady spots. These all have potential to develop black ice.
- Avoid abrupt actions while steering, braking or accelerating to lessen your chance of losing control.
- Look farther ahead in traffic. Actions by other drivers will alert you to problems and give you extra reaction time.
- Trucks take longer to stop. Don't cut in front of them.
- Avoid using cruise control or overdrive. Don't let your car make a bad decision for you.

In the Community...



**Falcons Fly High
 in the WCAC!**

For the first time ever, the Good Counsel Falcons football team finished this season with a No.1 ranking in the Washington Post with an 11-1 record and a WCAC title beating DeMatha 14-7 in the championship game.

Congratulations also to the Girls Volleyball team and Girls Soccer team who also captured WCAC titles defeating Paul VI in a 3-0 sweep and St. John's 1-0 in double overtime respectively!

Congratulations to the athletes, coaches, students, faculty and staff of Good Counsel High School - Go Falcons!

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