

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



AC Symptoms...

While servicing your car's air conditioning system is best left to professionals, you can get the most enjoyment from your ac system if you know a bit about how it works and what malfunctions you should be on the lookout for.

1. Odd smells coming from the air conditioning may be caused by bacterial buildups.

As your car becomes older, or when the air conditioning system is used infrequently, bacteria, micro-organisms, mold and fungi may start growing, just behind the dash panel on the evaporator causing some very unpleasant odors.

Some even claim this can result in headaches and flu like symptom sometimes referred to as "sick car syndrome."

This problem can be solved by using an anti-bacterial treatment that destroys the bacteria growth and leaves your car smelling fresh again.

2. If you car does not feel cold enough, then you may need to recharge your system.

If you feel that your car doesn't feel as cold as other cars, then your system may need servicing. On average most vehicles lose up to 15% effectiveness per year. During Winter months the small "O" ring seals to dry out resulting in a gradual deterioration in system performance.

Most problems of this type can be corrected with a leak check of your system and complete refill of your air conditioning refrigerant.

3. Running your air conditioning year round will help maintain the system.

If you periodically run the air conditioning during the winter it will help to keep the entire system well lubricated and leak tight. This is because the refrigerant actually carries the oil that lubricates the system and most importantly the compressor. It also keeps the seals and hoses moist, thus preventing them from drying out and cracking which can lead to leaks.

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!

The Graeves family wishes you a happy and safe 4th of July!

"AC Symptoms" cont'

4. Strange noises coming from the air conditioning should be attended to immediately.

If your AC system suddenly starts making odd noises you should have a qualified mechanic take a look at it. Some noises could be early symptoms of a compressor failure which if left untreated may result in very expensive repair costs.

5. Don't worry about a pool of water forming under your car after using the A/C.

If you see a puddle of water on the ground, usually under the passenger area don't be alarmed. This is a normal feature of the system as it is only water dripping from the air conditioning evaporator. The evaporator has a drain tube fitted to allow the condensation from the evaporator to drain away from the vehicle. Sometimes the drain tube from the evaporator may become blocked or detached allowing the condensation to build up inside your evaporator and ultimately inside your car. This problem can be solved with low-cost servicing.

6. Have your air conditioning serviced regularly, even if there are no visible problems

Just as the other systems of your car need servicing on a regular basis, the same is true for the air conditioning system. Normally the refrigerant gas in a car air conditioning system has to be recharged completely within four years from the manufacture date and thereafter every two to three years.



Car Care "Tip of the Month"



Vacuum and wipe down your interior every time you wash your car. Dirt particles are abrasive, and spilled liquids, such as soda, can be corrosive. Vacuum your interior thoroughly with a powerful vacuum (small cordless models are generally too weak).

Wipe vinyl surfaces clean with a solution of mild detergent and water or an appropriate cleaning solution.

In the Community...

Alex's Run

With over 450 participants, the 1st Annual "Alex's Run" held at the Olney Boys & Girls Club was a huge success. See the race results as well as other upcoming events sponsored by the Alex Popeck "Never Back Down" Foundation at:

www.alexpopeckneverbackdown.com

National Night Out

Olney's National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, August 2 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. on the MGH Grounds. This national event draws attention to crime prevention and police awareness. Stop by and meet you local police and fire department personnel. You may also enjoy games, music and great food, as well as visit with local business owners. Proceeds from the event benefit the local fire and police departments. If you would like to sponsor or participate in the event click here to download the form from the Olney Chamber of Commerce website.

www.olneymd.org/doclib/doc00137.pdf



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Did You Know?

Rats multiply so quickly that in 18 months, 2 rats could have over 1 million descendants.

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The average person's scalp has over 100,000 hairs.

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A snail can sleep for 3 years.

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It is estimated that a plastic container can resist decomposition for as long as 50,000 years.

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According to research, the most productive workday is Tuesday and the least productive day is Friday.

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The first Ford cars had Dodge engines.

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