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O'REILLY RECOMMENDS MAKING NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS FOR YOUR VEHICLE

Springfield, MO, January 8, 2009 – As we begin another year, our thoughts turn to making resolutions that can range from physical fitness to starting a new hobby. When considering your New Year's resolutions for 2009, we suggest that you add regular vehicle maintenance to your list. After all, your vehicle protects and transports you throughout the year – isn't it time you returned the favor?

Whether you're traveling to the gym or other resolution-related destinations, keep your vehicle running smoothly all year long by following some of these preventative measures:

Think Safety First

Tires. Tire pressure drops along with the outdoor temperature, so check often for proper inflation and rotate the tires for maximum life and performance. Replace your tires immediately if the tread is excessively worn as this can cause your vehicle to lose traction and braking ability. Consider special tires if snow and ice are a problem in your area.

Brakes. Worn brakes are dangerous under normal driving conditions, but they can create an especially hazardous situation on snow and ice. If you experience dragging, squealing, pulling, grinding or a pulsating brake pedal, have the system checked by a professional before you encounter nasty weather.

Visibility. A clear view of the road is essential when driving. Begin a routine to check your wiper blades for cracks and wear, and replace them immediately if streaking or smearing occurs. It is also imperative that hazard lights, brake lights, headlights and turn signals are working properly, for your benefit as well as the safety of others.

Shocks and Struts. Check annually and replace them if you experience bouncing, nose dives while braking or excessive body sway when cornering. If worn, they could jeopardize your ability to stop, steer and maintain stability.

Keep It Cool

Antifreeze. The number one cause of engine-related breakdowns is cooling system failure. No one wants their engine cooling system to freeze up on cold days or have their engine overheat on those blistering ones. The best way to prevent this is to flush your antifreeze with a good chemical cleaner and refill with at least a 50/50 mix every two years. In very cold climates, adjusting the ratio of antifreeze to water is necessary for peak performance.

Belts and hoses. Check and replace belts that appear to be frayed, glazed or cracked, and hoses that are leaking, brittle, rusted, swollen or restricted as this can cause your engine to overheat and damage more costly engine

parts. Most drivers do not have the proper equipment to check the tightness of these components, so if you suspect they are loose, have a certified technician take a look.

Fluid Levels. Check all fluids regularly, including brake, power steering, transmission and antifreeze. These fluids help to neutralize internal corrosion, remove debris that may have accumulated and keep the vehicle's temperature within normal range.

Reliable Performance

Battery. Batteries lose cranking power as the thermometer dips, so if yours is more than three years old, have it checked by a qualified technician to ensure it's in good working order and will continue to provide dependable starts and optimal performance. For routine care, scrape away corrosion from posts, clean the surfaces and tighten cable connections.

Oil and Filter. Drivers in cold climates may notice a change in vehicle performance, so check your owner's manual for the recommended viscosity of oil that's appropriate for winter temperatures. Using the correct grade and a fresh filter will lead to better fuel efficiency, easier starts and a more efficient, longer running engine.

Starting the New Year off with a commitment to maintain your vehicle is a resolution that requires no dieting, no exercising and no gym membership – but will provide lasting benefits you will appreciate all year long.

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