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Tips on Preparing Your Car for Summer Driving

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The experts at the nonprofit National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence offer the following tips:

- * Read the owner's manual and follow the recommended service schedules. Pay attention to "regular maintenance" items.
- * Look for an orderly repair facility with modern equipment in the service bays and qualified technicians.
- * Flush and refill the cooling system (radiator) according to the service manual's recommendations.
- * Have engine performance problems corrected, such as hard starts, rough idling and stalling.
- * Don't neglect your transmission and brakes. Costly repairs can be prevented by routine servicing.
- * Seek out a qualified auto technician to check the condition of belts, clamps and hoses, but don't neglect the engine compartment.
- * Have a marginally operating air conditioner system serviced by a technician qualified to handle such work.
- * Change the oil and oil filter as specified in the owner's manual. This simple, inexpensive service is essential.
- * Replace other filters (air, fuel, PCV) as recommended in the service manual.
- * Check the condition of tires, including the spare. Let the tires "cool down" before checking them.

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