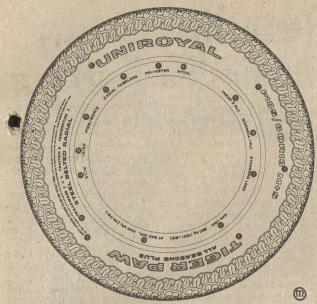
SPRING & SUMMER CAR CARE

Car maintenance today will keep sticker shock away



KNOW YOUR TIRE - Determine whether a tire is designed for your needs by reviewing quality checkpoints.

Read any good tires lately?

tion, and temperature tests

test track.

on a government-specified

expectancy of 72,000 miles

on the government-specified

course, with a base 100 rat-

measures braking force at 40

MPH on concrete and

asphalt surfaces. The tire's

B rating is well within ac-

ceptable wet traction per-

The C temperature rating

relates to heat resistance

level measurements on a flywheel. The C rating indicates the minimum levels all

passenger tires must pass for

a prescribed distance at 85

MPH. UTQG ratings on

sidewalls are required by

7. Generic name for the

materials that make up the tire's carcass plys - casing

construction. Required by

which the belts are made.

These belts are placed in the

tire below the tread area.

Required by law.
9. Tread 3 Ply. This designation relates to the tire's

construction, with one poly-ester ply in the carcass

Denotes the material of

ing at 30,000 miles. The B wet traction rating on a scale of A, B and C

formance levels.

The treadwear rating of 240 translates into a treadlife

Although they may not be in the same league as Shakespeare, Dickens, Melville or Hemingway, the tires on your car do, believe it or not, ave much to offer in terms

of good reading. Sound silly? Consider that the average tire produced by the Uniroyal Tire Company, for example, has nearly 20 pieces of relevant information printed on its sidewall.

Reading a tire's sidewall may not be your idea of the best way to spend a winter evening - they don't exactly fit comfortably into an easy chair near the fireplace as does a copy of "War and Peace" — but they do contain useful information for you, the tire consumer.

By way of example, let's take a look at this illustration of a tire. The drawing shows letters, codes and warnings on the sidewall of the new generation all-season radial

Manufacturer.

2. Size designation. 'P' refers to the fact that it is a passenger tire; '185' refers to the tire's width in millimeters; '80' is the tire's "aspect ratio" - its height from the rim to the tread surface — in s case 80 percent of the Are's width; 'R' means the tire is a radial design; and 3' represents the rim diameter the tire fits. Required by

3. M+S. This means the tire meets the Tire and Rim Association's definition of a mud and snow tire.

4. The manufacturer's registered tire brand name. 5. Safety warning. This wording, agreed upon by the Tire and Rim Association and the tire industry, is designed to alert the consumer to what could happen if guidelines governing overloading and underinflation

are not followed.
6. Uniform Tire Quality
Grading (UTQG) system.
This rating by the National
Highway Traffic Safety
Administration is designed to help consumers determine the quality of tires based on treadwear, tracBy PAUL BRUSKO

Anyone entering a new car showroom these days is susceptible to a severe case of a brand new disease — sticker shock. It can cause even the heartiest among us to grow faint at heart and quake in disbelief at the rising costs of new cars.

Currently, there is no cure for sticker shock. In fact, it appears the disease will only spread further in the months to come. There is, however, a way to fight back - prevention. In fact, proper care of your present car can be just the right remedy for the sticker shock blues.

Total car care

Complete car maintenance means proper engine care - that goes without saying. But many of us forget that there's more to total car care than transmissions and tires, pistons and plugs.

A ca:'s exterior needs attention, too. In fact, a car that is washed and waxed regularly offers many advantages. It will be better protected from the wear and

KIDS AND PETS MAKE MESSES wherever they are. Keep your car's interior clean with J/Wax Vinyl Cleaner and J/Wax Auto Carpet Cleaner.

tear of salt, sun and air pollutants: it will be safer to drive because visibility problems caused by dirty windshields, windows, headlights and tail lights will be eliminated: and, if you do decide it's time to trade in, a clean car will have a higher market value.

Begin cleaning up your act inside the car. Remove the mats and wash and rinse well. While these dry, tackle the carpeting, upholstery, dashboard and kick panels.

Products like J/Wax Auto Carpet Cleaner and J/Wax Vinyl Cleaner will quickly remove soil, stains, grease and grime from these areas.

Cleans and protects

J/Wax Car Wash can be used for cleaning the car. This bucket dilutable cleaner easily cleans away dirt, grime, salt and grease. It leaves the shine and adds silicone protection.

Hose loose dirt off and then apply Car Wash suds with a sponge or soft cloth. Wash and rinse the car a section at a time beginning with the top and ending with the fenders and wheels.

Dry car carefully

After rinsing the entire car, wipe it dry with a chamois or soft cloth, like terry or old muslin. Make sure cloths have no buttons, fasteners or other trim that might scratch the finish.

Finally, to get maximum shine and protect it from oxidation (the dulling and deterioration of the paint caused by the sun's ultraviolet rays). use the right auto wax product along with a little elbow Most cars should be

waxed three or more times a year. Frequency varies with the polish that is used, the condition of the finish and the paint color and type. For example, light colored metallic paints can decay in appearance rapidly; black and white colored paints less

ing may be necessary if your car is regularly parked in industrial areas or exposed to salt air or dusty roads.

Convenience plus durability

One popular way to clean and wax a car is with a single step cleaner/wax product like J/Wax Liquid Acrylic Kit, an automotive product that has been formulated to provide outstanding durability. Like most automotive polishes, it contains very fine polishing compounds that remove road film as well as dead or oxidized paint.

At the same time, a film of polish consisting of a blend of silicones, waxes and an acrylic polymer remain on the car's finish to help seal and protect it. Liquid Acrylic Kit and J/Wax Acrylic Kit Paste have both been confirmed and endorsed by U.S. Auto Clubs.

Cleaner/waxes come in pre-softened paste and liquid form. A real car buff may want to take the extra time to use a hard paste wax

like J/Wax Supreme. It has a high concentration of quality waxes and silicones that offer extra durability and

But no matter what type of product you use, be sure to read the manufacturer's directions and follow these simple steps for a top-notch

• Apply product in either sun or shade to a clean dry

• If using a paste product, put small amount on damp applier;
• If using a liquid,

squeeze product on damp · Spread wax evenly, but

sparingly, over surface using firm, circular, overlapping

• Rinse applicator occasionally and wring until almost dry;

Let dry to a haze;Buff with clean, dry, soft cloths.

J/Wax car care expert Paul Brusko has spent 30 years in the research and development of automotive care products



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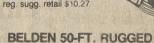


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