



How To Save Money

A Magic Monk Solution

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How To Save Money On Fuel !

- ★ SHOP AROUND,- I know this sounds obvious, but how many of us do it ?
Click this link to find the cheapest supplier where you live <http://PetrolPrices.com>
- ★ TRY NOT TO JUST TOP-UP YOUR TANK,- The pump at the petrol station needs time to get going. Short bursts give you petrol and fresh air !
Make sure to fill more than half a tank if you can to get your money's worth.
- ★ RAISE THE PIPE SUPPLYING THE FUEL before hanging up the nozzle.
Not doing this will give the next customer a bit of extra fuel.
- ★ DRIVING AT SLOWER SPEEDS USES LESS FUEL.
Vehicles use at least 20% more fuel at 70mph than they do at 50mph.
- ★ BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR TYRE PRESSURES EACH MONTH. Make sure to use a good quality 'dial type' pressure gauge (*Pencil type gauges and the ones used in your local petrol station have been proved to be unreliable*).
Apart from causing premature tyre wear, under inflated tyres reduce fuel efficiency by 2% for every pound they are under inflated.
- ★ BUY YOUR FUEL WHEN THE WEATHER IS COOLEST
(*Not too much of a problem here in England !*)
i.e. first thing in the morning, rather than the heat of the day.
Petrol pumps only measure the volume of fuel, not the density, and so you'll get more fuel and less vapours for your money when it's cool outside.
- ★ AVOID PETROL STATIONS THAT HAVE JUST FILLED THEIR TANKS.
Freshly filled tanks stir up particles and, when they get in the tank of your car, effect the efficiency of the engine.
- ★ AVOID USING AIR CONDITIONING and this will increase your fuel economy by up to 20%. Use the ventilation system instead, if at all possible.
- ★ DON'T USE THE 'POSH' FUEL. Most cars these days are produced to run on ordinary unleaded fuel. 'Octane' measures how hard it is to ignite the fuel, not it's quality,- so, getting a higher octane fuel will not improve fuel efficiency.
Higher octane fuel should only be got when your engine knock, or rattles.

- ★ DON'T LET YOUR CAR IDLE if you can avoid it. Even on cold mornings, cars don't need to idle for more than 30 seconds.
With cars these days it isn't necessary and just wastes fuel.
- ★ REMOVE ANY UNNECESSARY 'CLUTTER' from the boot of your car. For every 100 lbs of weight the car's efficiency diminishes by 1%.
- ★ AVOID UNNECESSARY BRAKING AND ACCELERATION. This means don't 'tailgate'! This will improve your fuel economy by up to 10%,- not to mention needing less sick bags for your passengers.
- ★ KEEP YOUR ENGINE TUNED. This can aid your fuel bill by as much as 20%.
- ★ DON'T DRIVE WITH YOUR WINDOWS OPEN when going at high speeds. Doing so will cut your fuel efficiency by 10%,- use the ventilation system instead.
- ★ REMOVE ROOF RACKS and anything else that will make your car less aerodynamic whenever you can. This will save you money too.
- ★ SERVICE YOUR VEHICLE REGULARLY. Changed oil and air-filters can make your car run 10% more efficiently.
- ★ WATCH HOW MUCH FUEL YOU ARE USING. Getting less miles for your money would indicate that you need a service.
- ★ AVOID ROUGH ROADS. Driving on roads made of dirt, or gravel can reduce fuel economy by up to 30%.
- ★ TRY TO BUY FUEL FROM A BUSY PETROL STATION that has to fill it's underground tanks regularly. A quiet one may have stale, contaminated tanks that can affect your fuel economy.
- ★ MAKE SURE YOU TIGHTEN YOUR PETROL CAP TILL IT CLICKS.
This will help the fuel to stay where it should and not escape, or evaporate.
- ★ FINALLY,-if at all possible save yourself lots of fuel and keep yourself healthy by WALKING!

HAPPY MOTORING,- and don't give the petrol companies, or the Government any more money than you need to

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