

WINTER DRIVING TOP TIPS

FROM THE **HONDA SERVICE EXPERTS**

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ANTIFREEZE

Check your car's coolant level regularly and, if needs be, top up with a mixture of the correct type of antifreeze – you can find the details in your handbook. When your car goes in for a service, your garage should check the coolant concentration to ensure adequate cold temperature protection.



TYRES

Your tyres should have at least 3mm of tread for winter driving. While it is an additional expense, definitely consider purchasing winter tyres for improved safety. Most garages have a 'tyre hotel', where you can store your 'summer' tyres until it gets warmer. Winter tyres are effective when the temperature is consistently below 7°C.



FUEL

We recommend keeping at least a quarter of a tank of fuel in your car at all times in case of unexpected delay, either in traffic or due to weather conditions.



BATTERY

This is the most common cause of winter breakdowns. Batteries over five years old may struggle in the cold weather – we recommend getting it checked and replaced if necessary, so you can avoid the stress of your car not starting in the winter.



LIGHTS

For safety's sake, check and clean all the lights on the outside of your car regularly to make sure you can see and, equally, that you can be seen clearly. We would also recommend that you carry spare bulbs, in case of any failure while out and about.



TYRE PRESSURE

We would also advise checking your pressures at least every fortnight.



WIPER BLADES

Check your wiper blades and replace them if they are worn or split. Make sure they are turned off at night to avoid them freezing to the screen in the frost.



WINDSCREEN CARE

Make sure you have a can of de-icer and a scraper handy and never, ever pour boiling water onto the windscreen, as it could crack.



VISIBILITY

When the sun eventually breaks through the clouds, it can be blinding as it is so low in the winter. You can help minimise the impact by keeping your windscreen and back window clean both inside and out.



SCREEN WASH

Use a 50% mix of water and a good quality screen wash to reduce the chance of your washers freezing.



LOCKS AND DOOR SEALS

A really good tip to ensure you can actually get into your car over the winter is to put a thin coat of silicone polish or Vaseline on the door seals, as it will stop your doors freezing shut. Also, squeeze a bit of WD-40 into your door locks to stop them freezing.