



# Eco Driving Tips

## Save the Earth. Save Money.

### 1. Reduce Your Load

The heavier your vehicle, the more fuel it will consume during your journey. Try not to travel with stuff in the car you don't need.

### 2. Check the Tyre Pressure

Make sure your tyres are as full as they need to be. Checking your tyre pressure regularly will not only save fuel but will also increase the life of your tyres.

### 3. Avoid Short Journeys

Engines use up to 40 % more fuel while warming up and work most efficiently when they're fully warmed up. Instead of taking the car, try walking, cycling or even using the public transport.

### 4. Shift Gears Early

The basic principle is to drive in the highest possible gear. The best advice in urban areas is to shift gears as quickly as you can. The highest gear can be used from 50 km/h.

### 5. Think Ahead and Drive Smoothly

Smooth driving is best. Drive with foresight to adapt to the traffic. Leave a good gap so you avoid harsh braking and acceleration.

### 6. Turn Off the Electrics

Any electrics you have on whilst driving increases fuel consumption. Turn off energy hogs such as air condition, seat heater or rear heated windscreen when you don't need them.

### 7. Turn Off Engine!

If you have to stop your vehicle, it is always worth turning off the engine. Whether in a traffic jam or at traffic lights. Switch off your vehicle if you expect to be idling for more than 20 seconds!

Read more about eco driving here [VCD](#) (Verkehrsclub Deutschland).

