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Saving Fuel

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It seems that South African Fuel Companies are not going to issue fuel saving tips. Therefore, in the interests of saving money here are some ideas to reduce fuel consumption.

Tips!

- **Start the car and immediately and gently drive away.** Cars do not need to idle when it is cold outside.
- **Check your tyre pressure. Under inflated tyres can increase your fuel consumption by 15%.** Radial tyres look ok even when under inflated. Do not believe your eyes. Check the pressure at a garage.
- **Have your wheels aligned.** Front tyres, which point in the same direction, cause unnecessary fuel consumption.
- **Drive at a constant speed.** Every time you pump the accelerator, you pour fuel into the engine. Slamming on brakes wastes this momentum.
- **When you park your car, avoid the sun.** This keeps your car cool and saves on the air conditioning.
- **Do not drive with open windows.** Not only is this bad security, but the drag at highway speeds will increase fuel usage.
- **Use correct fuel.** Check your car logbook; you could be using the incorrect fuel.
- **Stay within the speed limit.** Driving ten kph over the limit will cost you more money.
- **Keep your car properly tuned.**