



Auto Stop

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Welcome to our Autumn 2014 edition!

We love this time of year. It is a great time to get away and enjoy the last warm, clear days before winter sets in.

Many of you will no doubt be taking advantage of the timing of Easter and ANZAC Day, and will hit the road for one last family holiday in this half of the year. So to help you make your next road trip as safe and enjoyable as possible, we are focusing this edition on holiday motoring.

Make sure you visit our website for more great hints and tips on holiday motoring and read the article in this edition on safe towing before you set off. Remember, your camper trailers, boat trailers and caravans need regular servicing as well as your car. If it's been a while since it was serviced, give us a call.

Want to know more about motoring in general? Visit the blog www.motoringabout.com for extended ideas and videos that you can share with your friends and family.

Our good friends at Monroe are also focusing on safety with their on-going sponsorship of "Fatality Free Friday" in May. We would like to congratulate them on their continued efforts to help lower the road toll.

Have a great Easter and don't forget, you can always find us online, or give us a call.

See you soon

The Auto Stop Team

SHAKE, RATTLE & ROLL

Shock absorbers and struts are key components of your vehicles suspension system. However they are often out of sight, out of mind. This can be a problem as they essentially keep your tyres on the road and let you stop safely!

Worn shock absorbers can add as much as 20% to your stopping distance. That's the sort of fault that requires immediate attention.

So how do you know if your shock absorbers are worn? The best way of course is to have them checked by a trained technician. However, there are signs that you can look out for as well. These include uneven tyre wear, nose diving and swerving when you brake, vibrations in the steering wheel and odd shaking, rattling or rolling when you corner.

What causes shock absorbers to wear? Ultimately, everything gets old and needs replacing at some point. But other factors can also impact on your shockers lifespan. The way you drive, where you drive, what you drive, the loads you carry, the weather, many things can impact on shock absorber life - so there is no hard and fast answer to this question.

Monroe and other leading automotive experts recommend that you have a trained specialist inspect your shock absorbers for signs of wear every 20,000km.

As a Monroe Safety Specialist, your local Repco Authorised Service centre Auto Stop is fully qualified to test your shock absorbers for effective ride and stopping control.



May 30 2014 is Fatality Free Friday. Our good friends at Monroe are supporters of this great cause.

SPECIAL OFFER! FREE SHOCK ABSORBER TEST

Valued at up to \$29.95



Using our state of the art Safe T Stop machine, Auto Stop will test your shock absorbers and present you with a printed report on their condition free when you book your vehicle in for a service. Make sure you mention this offer when you book your next service

Limit one per customer. Participating sites only. Offer valid until 30 May 2014.

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HOPPING OFF FOR EASTER

With only three working days between Easter Monday and ANZAC Day this year, many of you will be seizing the opportunity to have a fun family getaway.



So, before hopping off, hop in to see us. Call today or book your next service online to make sure your car is fully prepared for your Easter road trip.

Visit www.repcoservice.com for safe holiday motoring tips and advice on what to do in case of emergencies.

Got a great tip for making road trips fun? Visit our Facebook page and join the conversation using #rasroadtrip!

Looking to share photos of your next road trip? Why not download Flipagram and create a short digital story to music and share with friends and family.

BUYING A USED CAR

You know that we can carry out log book servicing on your new car, but did you know that we can also help you when you are looking for a used one? Auto Stop can carry out a pre purchase comprehensive vehicle condition report on any used vehicle that you are interested in, giving you a full written report and peace of mind.

Tips when looking for a used vehicle:

- Do your research: Online car sales sites can give you an accurate idea of what a vehicle is worth through car yards and private sales
- Inspect the vehicle on a clear, dry day, out of the shade so you can see any defects or imperfections
- Check with authorities that it is not a stolen vehicle, that there is not money owed on the vehicle and that it has not been written off
- Check the vehicles log book for service details
- Check tyres for uneven wear – could be sign of suspension or shock absorber problems
- Do a visual check under the bonnet for leaks
- Always test drive for a distance that you are comfortable with – 5 minutes or around the block is not enough.

Remember, if the seller won't allow you to have an independent pre purchase check done, unless you are confident of the safety of the vehicle, walk away. If you need any advice at all, please give us a call.



BREAKDOWN TOWING

If you ever find yourself in the position of helping someone out with a tow, it is important that you know how to safely attach the tow rope.

1. Safety first - look around you, is it safe for you to tow?
2. If you help, would you also get stuck? Is the vehicle to be towed safe to move?
3. Don't attach the tow rope to any steering, suspension equipment or rear axle on either car! This can cause significant damage to the vehicle.
4. Don't attach a tow rope to a bumper bar - these can easily come off and cause a very dangerous situation.
5. Always read the owner's manual before attempting to tow any vehicle. Most modern vehicles have specifically designed tow points that should be used.
6. If in doubt, don't attempt the tow, call a professional tow company instead.



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