

Roll into the new year with a smooth ride

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Last year was a good year for car lovers. There were a lot of varieties and many people bought themselves new wheels while others got rid of their old ones.

However, it is the new year and it is the season when we make resolutions.

Perhaps, some of us have already made our resolutions but the one thing many of us forget is to ensure that we are safe on the road or behind the wheel.

It is not too late. Make that resolution now and find ways to keep your car in good shape and in perfect condition to ensure that you and other road users are safe.

Start 2018 with a healthy car by ensuring that you do basic repairs, servicing and of the some of the following.

Keep on top of your car's fluids

It is okay for you to cut back on the what you drink, especially those with alcoholic content but it is not okay for the fluids in your car. Ensure that your car has sufficient engine coolant and oil, brake and transmission fluid.

If any of these start being in short supply, your car will probably get a fault or breakdown in the worst case scenario.

While transmission and brake fluid leaks are very unlikely, you should check the coolant and engine oil level at least once a month to make sure it is between the minimum and maximum mark in the reservoir tank.

Check pressure and condition of tyres

If you can remember to step on the scales as part of a January keep-fit routine, you can surely check the pressure and condition of your tyres every fortnight.



Check your tyres regularly to avoid premature wear and tear as well as preventing a flat-tyre, puncture or, in more serious cases, an accident. A little shake or an unfamiliar vibration is not a minor issue, it means either a tyre, rim, or some part of your suspension is out of alignment. Have all suspension and tyre problems checked as soon as you can to avoid costly repairs.

Drive smarter

Preventative car maintenance starts behind the wheel. Bad driving habits wears out car components. Accelerate and brake gently. The savings you make by driving 120 kilometres per hour are less than 10 minutes if you drove at for instance 70 kilometres per hour. Avoid road rage.

Keep the car clean

Do you remember how clean your car was when you first picked it up? There is probably a good chance it doesn't look so clean anymore.

Mud, rubbish, food crumbs, spilled drinks and unnecessary items can pile up quickly in the car. Rather than put it off until you can no longer stand the clutter, consider spending at least Shs10,000 at the washing bay, say every weekend, to clean things out.



Quit texting while driving

Far too many drivers have a habit of typing and sending texts while behind the wheel. With the New Year, it will be wise to drop this habit. Many people have lost or ended a life because of this. Therefore, quit multi-tasking while your are behind the wheel because it is dangerous.

Simply, refrain from any temptation that takes your mind and eyes off the road.

Create repairs savings account

Yes, you may roll your eyes but this is relevant, especially for used car owners.

Many drivers want to take good care of their car and handle repairs as soon as they come up, but the cost is often not so inviting.

Instead of allowing car repairs to come as a surprise, start a savings account for That way, when repairs come up, yo the means to effect them.

Address minor problems early

It is easy to hear a strange noise and hope that it will go away. Un this rarely happens. Many driver with a minor faults. It might be a or a warning light on the dashboa

However, while you might be di without major difficulties that s is likely to become a much bigger In the new year, aim to get all t issues sorted before they becor more expensive.

Go somewhere new

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