

You and Your Car

trivial things you didn't know you could live without

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THIS STUFF WORKS!

No shameless promotion here, but how often do you find a product that exceeds your expectations?. Rain-x causes water to bead up instead of streaking on the windshield. At speeds of over 40 mph, it actually flies off! Makes removing ice and snow easy, too. This stuff is slick! (no pun intended)



BUT SERIOUSLY...



Q. How many car salesman does it take to change a lightbulb?

A. "I'm going to work this out on my calculator, and I think you'll be pleasantly surprised."

PARKING 101

Since not everyone's got 70K to blow on the new self-parking Lexus LS 460, we've found a nice You Tube video that shows how to do it yourself. (Just make sure your comprehensive insurance is up to date).

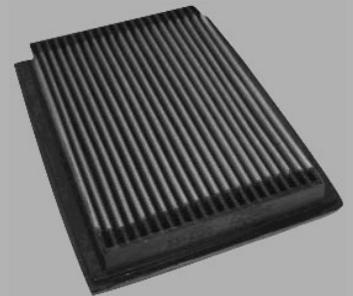
<http://youtube.com/watch?v=jXxtNyDF9bE>

Healthy Air, Happy Car

Did you know that for every gallon of fuel your engine burns, it will use 10,000 gallons of air?

Kinda like a politician.

The only thing standing between all that air and your engine is a big piece of pleated paper called an air filter.



People rarely give this guy much thought but it has a very important job; keep dirt, bugs, debris and garden gnomes from entering and damaging your engine.

But here's something else you may not know, a **neglected air filter may not necessarily damage your engine, but it can still cost you a lot of money.**

As a filter traps debris, it becomes less efficient, which can **reduce your fuel economy by up to 10%**. And with gas being \$3.00 a gallon, that can add up fast.

But avoiding this is easy, just bring in your vehicle for regular service, which is generally every 3K-5K miles. We'll inspect the filter (along with a lot of other parts of your car) and insure it's working at optimum efficiency. It's healthy for your car, and your wallet.