

## Tips to reduce your vehicle's emissions

The way you drive can make a big difference to the amount of pollution your car produces:

- Keep your vehicle tuned to the manufacturer's maintenance guidelines.
- Don't wait to warm up your car – it is wasteful of fuel and is unnecessary if the vehicle is tuned.
- Don't fill the tank past the first click – expansion of the fuel can result in increased emissions.
- Drive cleaner cars with the latest emissions control equipment – ask your dealer.
- Remove excess weight from your vehicle (for example, sporting equipment or tools in the boot).
- Keep the windows closed to minimise the drag and improve fuel efficiency.
- Keep track of fuel economy – a loss in economy usually means an increase in emissions.
- Try to reduce idling time – idling for about 30 seconds uses more fuel than it takes to start the engine.
- Avoid driving at peak times.
- Minimise trips and kilometres – walk, cycle, carpool, use public transport.
- Plan trips so that you have one linked up trip rather than multiple trips.
- Avoid short trips – until your car is at normal operating temperature, it will emit excess pollution.
- Travel at moderate, steady speeds and avoid high speeds as they result in greater emissions.
- Don't rev the engine and avoid excessive acceleration and braking.
- Have your vehicle's emission control systems checked regularly (if fitted).

Note: These tips are provided to assist motorists get the most from their vehicle. Always seek vehicle maintenance advice from a qualified person.