

Winter Storage Recommendations



- * If necessary, thoroughly wash car including underside, fenderwells, etc.
(Car should be taken for an extended drive to allow air flow to dry inner panels, etc.)
- * Adjust tire pressures to recommended pressures.
(If vehicle is to be stored on its wheels, raise pressures to allowable maximum)
- * Add fuel stabilizer, then fill with fresh fuel
(run the car sufficiently for treated fuel to get through to carburetors)
- * Check maintenance items:
 - Drive belts
 - Hoses
 - Cables
 - Brakes
 - Tires
 - Tune-up items-plugs,pts, filters, etc.
 - Fluid levels
- * Check brake/clutch fluid for cleanliness & moisture content, replace if necessary
- * Check coolant strength/ ph level, replace every 2 years or as required.
- * Change oil & filter, lubricate chassis grease points, hinges, etc.
- * For long term storage, remove spark plugs & pour a teaspoon of oil into each cylinder
(An alternative is to use a fogging spray after removing air cleaners)
- * Wax vehicle to protect paint, chrome, etc.
(A protective spray such as WD40 can be used on unpainted metal parts)
- * Check under mats/carpets for moisture,lift carpets where possible.
- * Moisture absorbers such as baking soda, silica gel, etc. can be left inside the car to discourage mould/mildew if necessary
- * If stored in a heated area, leave windows open slightly to allow air circulation
- * Soft tops should be raised for storage.
- * Remove battery, clean battery & terminals, make sure it is fully charged, and store in a dry warm location. (Check electrolyte level on serviceable batteries)
- * Remove tonneaus, loose items etc that may encourage rodent inhabitation,vacuum interior & trunk (boot?)
- * Mothballs, mint leaves, lavender can be used to help to discourage rodents
- * Do not set handbrake
- * If car to be stored on stands, ensure it is supported under suspension points, not the body or chassis rails.
- * (Suspension should not be left on full droop to avoid stressing shock absorbers/rebound straps, etc.)
- * If vehicle is to be stored on gravel, earth or bare concrete, it is advisable to put down a vapour barrier of plastic sheeting.
- * Cover with a dust cover made of a soft, breathable material