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Ways to save on fuel

DESPITE arguments that fuel should be subsidised, fuel price will only go up as it is a finite source of energy.

However, you can still save money by reducing your fuel consumption. To make that happen, you can either change to an energy-efficient vehicle or follow a few simple steps.

- **Ensure tyres are properly inflated**

This is the easiest and most effective method. A properly inflated tyre minimises drag, resulting in lower fuel consumption. The car feels better to drive too.

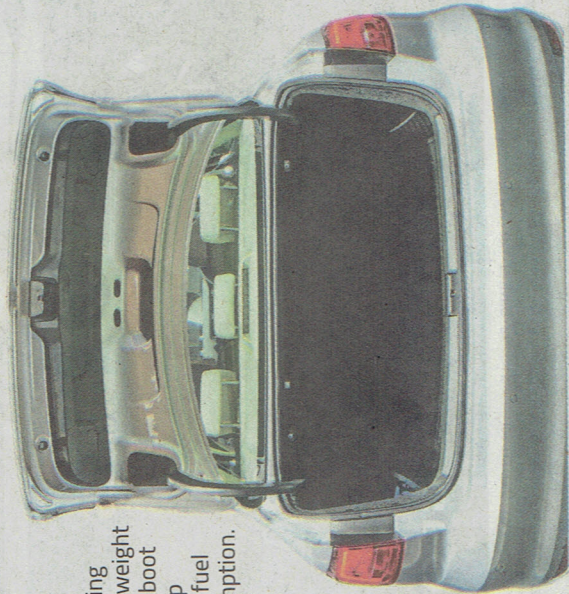
- **Lose the weight**

Pop open your boot and remove items you rarely use. It has been proven that if you lose 45kg, your fuel consumption improves by about 2%.

Car companies go the extra mile to ensure their new cars are made lighter. Make their effort worthwhile and throw out the junk.

- **Curb your top speed**

Whether you like it or not, high-speed driving uses more fuel. Keep to the speed limit and you should be fine.



Removing access weight in your boot will help reduce fuel consumption.



- **Avoid the jam**

While it may be impossible for many of us to avoid traffic congestion altogether, you can make use of Waze or Google Map to direct you to smoother alternative roads.

- **Avoid sudden acceleration and deceleration**

Having a heavy foot, be it on the accelerator or brake pedal, is by far the quickest way to burn fuel.

Remember that quick accelerating responses, especially in a traffic crawl, will also require hard braking that will add wear and tear to your brake pads.

Instead, always strive to be a smooth driver.

- **Keep to the same brand**

Although the base fuel is the same in most brands, the additives are what make fuel brands different.

Additives act as a detergent to your engine components and improve combustion, thus reducing the use of fuel. For an additive to work its magic, sticking to the same brand of fuel helps.

If a situation forces you to use a different brand of fuel, do not lose sleep over it.

Just go back to your usual brand the next time you need to fill up your tank.