

Classic Car Winter storage guide



As temperatures drop this session, it may be time to park your pride and joy away – here's a handy guide to help you out.

10 top tips to maintain your classic car this winter.

1. Get a smart charger

Smart chargers keep your battery charged. Start your car every now and then for ten minutes as on-board computers batteries can be damaged if disconnected for too long.

2. Clean and polish

Prevent corrosion by removing mud, dirt and road salt before storing away your vehicle.

3. Lots of ventilation

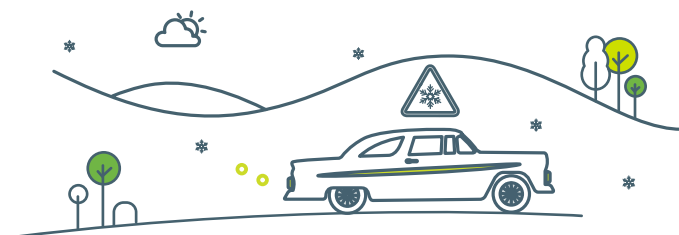
Grab a dehumidifier to help dry the air and keep your garage well-ventilated if storing your vehicle there.

4. Top up with fuel and anti-freeze

You can reduce condensation build up by keeping your fuel tank and anti-freeze full and running your engine for a few minutes.

5. Use WD-40 to reduce corrosion

You can use WD-40 on any unpainted metal parts under your car to prevent rust. Avoid spraying belts, hoses and braking surfaces.



6. Inflate tyres

Check tyre pressures are correct. Storing your car for several months? Lift it to raise tyres from floor-level to prevent flat spots.

7. Don't use the handbrake

Leaving your handbrake on allows brake pads to fuse with discs. Tyre stoppers are better - stops your car from rolling.

8. Invest in a good waterproof car cover

It protects your car from dust, rubbish and small animals. Avoid paint damage by using non plastic tarp.

9. Change oil and filters

Old engine oil may have contaminants that damage the engine if left to sit for long periods of time. Oil and air filters should also be swapped at the same time.

10. Make a note of all work carried out

Write down all you've done - it avoids damages during your spring restart, caused by things such as rags left within the exhaust pipe.

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