

Windscreen maintenance tips



It's getting frosty, here's how to keep your windscreen in good condition.

Your windscreen needs some extra TLC in the colder months – and looking after it may save you money in the long run. We've pulled together a few tips to keep your windscreen in shape.

How to de-ice your windscreen

1. Use a proper ice scraper or de-icer spray.
2. Count to ten after spraying de-icer to let the chemicals get to work.
3. Remove the melting ice with your scraper.
4. Wait for the windscreen to clear before setting off.

How to maintain your windscreen wipers

Check your wipers regularly to make sure they're in good condition (rubber should be soft and flexible).

- Clear away any bits of plants trapped under the blades and look out for small pebbles.
- Lift your wiper blades up if it's likely there'll be frost in the morning (cold weather can crack the rubber).
- If your windscreen wipers smear when you turn them on, consider replacing them as soon as possible.
- Protecting your windscreen wipers prevents damaging your windscreen glass.



Deal with chipped or cracked windscreens quickly

- Large scratches or chips (anything over 40mm - or 10mm if it's in the driver's direct line of vision) could mean your car fails its next MOT.
- Check your windscreen for chips or cracks regularly. Every time you clean your car, give your windscreen the once over, inside and out. If you do spot a chip, get it repaired sooner rather than later. Time is of the essence when it comes to windscreens - repairing means less time, money and environmental impact compared to replacing.

- Did you know driving with a windscreen chip or crack could be an offence under **the Road Traffic Act**? Large scratches or chips (anything over 40mm - or 10mm if it's in the driver's direct line of vision) could also mean your car fails its next MOT.

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