



AUTOMOTIVE SOLUTIONS: SUPPORTING KIWI DRIVERS, WHEREVER THE ROAD LEADS

Seasons change and the year moves on, but your Automotive Solutions member is always on hand.

With 65 independent repair centres across New Zealand, Automotive Solutions connects a nationwide group of skilled technicians who share one simple goal: keeping drivers safe, informed, and confidently on the road.

No matter where you are in the country, you'll find the same commitment to honest advice, quality workmanship, and friendly local service. Our member workshops are independently owned and operated, but supported by a trusted national network giving you the best of both worlds.

Whether you're looking for a seasonal checkup or needing an urgent repair, your local Automotive Solutions workshop is here to help with expert servicing, practical guidance, and reliable care for your vehicle.

For automotive care you can count on, call 0800 791 791 or visit automotivesolutions.co.nz

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PREPARE YOUR CAR FOR AUTUMN ROADS

Autumn brings beautiful scenery, but it also brings wet leaves, early nightfall, and fluctuating temperatures, conditions that can challenge your car's safety and performance. Now is the perfect time to give your vehicle a seasonal check.

Tyres: Cooler temperatures mean less grip on cold roads. Inspect tyre tread depth and pressure regularly, and consider swapping summer tyres for all-season options if you live in an area with frequent wet roads.

Brakes: Wet leaves and early morning frost can make stopping distances longer. A brake check ensures pads, discs, and fluid levels are all performing safely.

Battery & Lights: Shorter days mean more driving in low light. Test your battery, headlights, brake lights, and indicators. Autumn chills can weaken battery power, and dim or faulty lights can compromise safety.

Wipers & Fluids: Falling leaves can clog drains and wipers, while autumn rain and frost demand clear visibility. Replace worn wiper blades, top up washer fluid, and check antifreeze levels.

Heating & Comfort: Cooler mornings call for a functional heater and demister. A quick inspection keeps you warm and your windows clear.

Book your autumn check-up early. Our team can help ensure your vehicle stays reliable and safe, whether it's daily commuting, weekend trips, or tackling the scenic routes of the season. A small check today can prevent big problems tomorrow. Drive into autumn with confidence!





AUTUMN BATTERY & ELECTRICAL TIPS

Cooler temperatures in autumn can take a toll on your car battery and electrical system. Batteries lose efficiency in colder weather, so a quick check now can prevent a frustrating breakdown later.

Battery Health: Inspect for corrosion, leaks, or loose connections. Most batteries last 3-5 years, if yours is approaching this age, consider a replacement.

Charging & Alternator: Shorter trips may not fully charge your battery. Make sure your alternator is working correctly to maintain battery health.

Lights & Signals: Autumn brings fog, rain, and early darkness. Check all headlights, tail lights, indicators, and brake lights for brightness and functionality.

Fuses & Electronics: Dampness can cause short circuits. Ensure all fuses are in good condition and that electrical components, like wipers and defoggers, work reliably.

Professional Check: Your local Automotive Solutions member can run a full battery and electrical system check to ensure your car starts every time and all electrical systems function safely. A simple check today saves frustration and keeps your car reliable throughout autumn and winter.

KEEPING KIDS SAFE:

CHOOSING THE RIGHT CAR SEAT

When it comes to travelling with children, the right car seat can make all the difference. Correct restraints dramatically reduce the risk of injury in an accident and are one of the most important safety features in any family vehicle.

Children grow quickly, and their car seat needs change as they do. Babies and toddlers should travel in rear-facing seats, which provide the best protection for their head, neck, and spine. As they grow, they move into forward-facing seats with a built-in harness, then into booster seats that position the adult seatbelt correctly across their body. Eventually, when they are tall enough, they can use the standard seat belt safely.

It's not just about age - height and weight matter too. A child who looks ready for the next stage might not yet fit safely. The seat belt should sit across the shoulder and chest (not the neck) and low across the hips (not the stomach).

Correct installation is just as important as choosing the right seat. Loose restraints, twisted straps, or incorrectly routed belts can reduce protection in a crash. It's also important to check expiry dates on car seats and avoid using seats with unknown history or crash damage.

If you're unsure whether your child's restraint is suitable or installed correctly, your local Automotive Solutions member can help point you in the right direction. A few minutes spent checking now could make a life-saving difference later.

Because every trip - even the short ones - deserves the highest level of safety.

REAR-FACING CAR SEAT	FORWARD-FACING CAR SEAT	BOOSTER SEAT	SEAT BELT
			
BIRTH TO 3 YEARS	1 TO 7 YEARS	4-12 YEARS	8 TO 13+ YEARS



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