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# Car Tips During The Lockdown

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Recently, we have stayed home more than usual, and our cars have done the same in their parking spot.

During the quarantine, it's important to pay attention to your vehicle if you aren't using it as much. At IPT, we care about your car, so we believe it's important to help you maintain its performance. Here are some tips to keep your car roadworthy during lockdown.

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# 5 TIPS

## 01

### BATTERY DISCHARGE



#### START

Your car engine every 3 days to avoid battery discharge.

Due to electrochemical reaction (even when not in use), batteries lose their charges as they sit. Luckily, the reaction is reversible; simply by turning the car on, the battery regains its charge. Keep your car battery safe, and start your engine for a couple of minutes every three days. Also, run the air conditioner with the blower on while you are doing this so that any dust or foreign particles get thrown out. Disconnect your car's battery if it is not in use for a long time to ensure that the battery does not get discharged.

## 02

### FULL TANK



#### MAINTAIN

A full tank to avoid condensation and rusting.

It is wise to maintain a full tank during such times. If there is less fuel, then overtime the air above the fuel would cause condensation which is not good for your vehicles. In the long run, it could even cause rusting.

## 03

### NO HANDBRAKE



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Avoid using the handbrake when you leave the car idle for a long time as it could get jammed.

It's always better to leave the car in gear or parking mode if your car has that feature. For additional safety, you could also go old school and use wheel chocks, like using a big piece of wood or brick to keep the car from rolling.

## 04

### COVERED PARKING



#### PARK

In a safely covered area.

If you do not have covered parking, then keep the car covered. This will protect it from bird droppings or excessive sunlight that could damage the paint. It's also important to remove leaves and flowers if your car is in open parking as flowers and leaves are a breeding ground for bacteria. Also, make sure that you thoroughly clean the cabin. Do not leave any kind of junk items in the car that might leave a bad stench and might even attract rodents.

## 05

### INFLATED TIRES



#### MOVE

The car around to avoid flat spots.

Make sure that your tyres are properly inflated and are at the correct pressure. When kept idle for a long time the tyres could lose air pressure and keeping them inflated help prevent cracking of the sidewalls and flat spots. If you get a chance to move the car forward and backwards to avoid flat spots.

#### **To all our customers**

*IPT stations have been following the strictest health and safety measures to ensure a safe and clean work environment to its employees and customers. During lockdown, we encourage you to stay home, but when you do need to leave, our team is ready to serve you.*

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