

Survival strategies for the road

Road trips are fun, but things can get rather nasty in a fraction of a moment. So, what do you do to save life and limb? Here's a quick road survival guide



First reaction after an impact should be to jump out of the car; it might turn into an inferno for all you know!

You are trundling down the highway with kids, wife et al, enjoying the well deserved break from your everyday monotonous schedule, but suddenly something goes wrong.

What should be your next move? And, how do you cope with such a situation? Here are some tips which should bail you out in a crisis.

Blowouts: Cars these days sport tubeless tyres which are far less prone to blow outs. However, in case you do have one, hold on tight to the steering (especially in case of front tyre blow out), and gradually apply the brakes so that the car doesn't skid.

Once you have got the situation under control bring the car to a halt at the side, calm your passengers, and please don't bother touching the tyres; these would be very hot thanks to friction. Don't however, stop the car on the fast lane. It is also a

good idea to pull out the warning triangle which manufactures provide.

Overheating: This occurs when the level of coolant in the car **Keep an eye on the temperature gauge**



runs low, or there's a leak in the rubber hose line. A working temperature gauge should indicate such a situation. However, if it doesn't, or you miss reading it, the steam billowing from the bonnet certainly will. Stop, and don't try and open the radiator cap to pour cold water or coolant. Let the car cool down first, and only then attempt to open it once the steam has subsided.

Fire: There are many reasons for a car to catch fire like a short circuit in the electric lines, overheating among others. Get out of the car ASAP! Next, don't try and pour water as the oil will emerge on top and spread the fire faster. Use a fire extinguisher if you have one.

Stranded: There can be situations when a car simply dies down without warning. However, most of national highways these days offer assistance on the road. So, once you spot a placard with the number displayed, it's a good idea to ask fellow passengers to note it down. In case you are passing through some major towns, keep toll free helpline numbers of your car manufacturer handy and give them a buzz.

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Park at the side and on a hard surface before changing tyres

You can enjoy power better when your 60-0 can outdo your 0-60.

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Safe drive
CHECK . SET . GO