

Now in 2010 - 25 Years  
Later... what needs to be  
added/ updated?



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AS MY DAUGHTER APPROACHED THE AGE  
OF 16 IN 1985, I CONSTRUCTED A  
PRACTICAL AUTO TEST TO GO BEYOND  
WHAT SHE HAD BEEN TAUGHT IN  
PRIVATE DRIVING LESSONS.

THIS CAN BE A DIFFICULT TRANSITION  
PERIOD FOR ALL. EXPECTATION  
CLARITY IS A MUST. RULE CLARITY  
ALSO.

PARENTS ALSO REQUIRE A SENSE  
THAT THE NEW DRIVER HAS THE  
KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS THAT GO  
BEYOND STEERING AND GAS/BRAKE  
PEDAL MANIPULATION.

GOOD LUCK TO YOU ALL.

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## 1985 AUTO TEST

This test must be successfully completed prior to you being allowed to do any extended driving ( anything beyond driving to work, school or on assigned errands-- no cruising ).

To complete this test you may get the information from anyone other than Mom or Dad. The purpose of this is to make you work at getting the information, rather than just having them tell it to you. Hopefully, this will make the information stick longer. Call a local auto dealership, the family mechanic, the local police department, your insurance agent and/ or your friends on the phone and ask them for help in getting the answers. Think of this exercise as a "treasure hunt".

### DEMONSTRATE THE FOLLOWING:

(actually perform the following)

- GAS CAR (SELF SERV)
- CHECK THE TIRE AIR PRESSURE
- CHANGE A FLAT TIRE
- CHECK THE OIL
- ADD OIL
- CHECK THE RADIATOR FLUID LEVEL
- CHECK THE BATTERY FLUID LEVEL
- CHECK THE BRAKE FLUID LEVEL
- CHECK THE TRANSMISSION FLUID LEVEL
- REFILL THE WINDOW WASHER FLUID
- JUMP STARTING A DEAD BATTERY WITH JUMPER CABLES
- CHANGE A FUSE

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### EXPLAIN/ DESCRIBE THE FOLLOWING:

(write your answer in the space provided)

- WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF BAD/DIRTY OIL TO THE ENGINE'S PERFORMANCE ?

\_\_\_ WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF TOO LITTLE OIL IN THE ENGINE ?

\_\_\_ HOW OFTEN SHOULD THE OIL BE CHECKED ?

\_\_\_ HOW OFTEN SHOULD THE OIL BE CHANGED ?

\_\_\_ HOW MANY QUARTS OF OIL WILL IT TAKE TO REPLACE THE OLD OIL DURING AN OIL CHANGE ?

\_\_\_\_\_ QUARTS

\_\_\_ HOW OFTEN SHOULD THE OIL FILTER BE REPLACED ?

\_\_\_ WHAT'S THE PRICE OF A NEW OIL FILTER ?

\_\_\_ HOW MUCH IS A QUART OF OIL ?... IF YOU BUY IT...

YOURSELF - \$ \_\_\_\_\_ TO \$ \_\_\_\_\_

AT A GAS STATION - \$ \_\_\_\_\_ TO \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO HAVE A SERVICE STATION CHANGE THE OIL AND REPLACE THE OIL FILTER ?

\_\_\_ HOW MUCH WOULD IT COST (APPROXIMATELY) TO REPLACE OR REBUILD AN ENGINE AFTER IT BURNED UP DUE TO A LACK OF OIL ?

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ TO \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ WHAT IS THE POTENTIAL IMPACT OF LOW RADIATOR FLUID LEVEL ?

\_\_\_ WHAT KIND OF FLUID GOES INTO THE RADIATOR / AND WHY ?

\_\_\_ WHAT KIND OF FLUID DO YOU USE IN THE WINDOW WASHER SYSTEM  
/ AND WHY ?

\_\_\_ WHAT SHOULD YOU DO AFTER YOU HAVE TO DRIVE THRU A DEEP PUDDLE  
OF WATER ?

\_\_\_ WHAT DOES AN AUTOMATIC IDLE DO/ HOW DO YOU OPERATE IT ?

\_\_\_ HOW DO YOU DETERMINE THE "MILES PER GALLON" YOU'RE GETTING ?

\_\_\_ HOW OFTEN SHOULD YOU CHECK YOUR TIRE'S AIR PRESSURE ?

\_\_\_ WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF LOW TIRE PRESSURE ?

\_\_\_ WHAT IS THE CORRECT TIRE PRESSURE FOR THE CAR(S) YOU WILL BE  
DRIVING ? (in pounds per square inch.)

car 1: \_\_\_\_\_ --front \_\_\_\_\_ psi    --rear \_\_\_\_\_ psi

car 2: \_\_\_\_\_ --front \_\_\_\_\_ psi    --rear \_\_\_\_\_ psi

car 3: \_\_\_\_\_ --front \_\_\_\_\_ psi --rear \_\_\_\_\_ psi

\_\_\_ WHAT ARE THE STEP FOR CHANGING A FLAT TIRE ?

\*\*( CHECK YOUR SPARE TIRE TO MAKE SURE IT IS FILLED WITH AIR! )\*\*

\_\_\_ WHAT "LEVERAGE" TRICK CAN YOU USE TO UNTIGHTEN A VERY TIGHT LUG BOLT NUT ?

\_\_\_ WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR TIRE IF YOU DRIVE ON A FLAT TIRE FOR EVEN A SHORT DISTANCE ?

\_\_\_ WHEN YOU GET A FLAT- WHERE DO YOU SAFELY CHANGE THE TIRE ?

\_\_\_ WHAT ARE THE STEPS TO LIGHTING AN EMERGENCY FLARE ?

\_\_\_ WHERE ON THE ROAD DO YOU PLACE AN EMERGENCY FLARE ?

\_\_\_ WHAT OTHER SAFETY EQUIPMENT SHOULD YOU HAVE IN YOUR CAR ?

\_\_\_ WHAT ARE THE STEPS TO FOLLOW IF YOU HAVE AN ACCIDENT ?

\_\_\_ HOW MUCH EXTRA IS THE CAR INSURANCE PREMIUM NOW THAT YOU ARE ON THE POLICY ?

\_\_\_ WHAT SAFETY PRECAUTIONS SHOULD YOU TAKE WHEN JUMP STARTING A CAR BATTERY WITH JUMPER CABLES ?

\_\_\_ HOW CAN YOU JUMP START A CAR WITH A DEAD BATTERY IF YOU DON'T HAVE A SET OF JUMPER CABLES ?...

-MANUAL TRANSMISSION

-AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION

\_\_\_ WHAT IS THE DANGER OF CARRYING A CAN OF GASOLINE IN YOUR CAR... AND WHAT PRECAUTIONS SHOULD YOU TAKE ?

\_\_\_ HOW MANY PEOPLE CAN LEGALLY BE IN YOUR CAR WHEN YOU ARE DRIVING ?

car 1: \_\_\_\_\_

car 2: \_\_\_\_\_

car 3: \_\_\_\_\_

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GET THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM YOUR PARENTS  
REGARDING THE RULES AND RESTRICTIONS FOR YOUR DRIVING

\_\_\_ DO YOU REQUIRE SPECIFIC PERMISSION TO DRIVE THE CAR ?

-ALWAYS \_\_\_\_\_

-SOMETIMES \_\_\_\_\_

-IF ONLY SOMETIMES-WHEN:

-IF ONLY SOMETIMES-WHEN NOT:

\_\_\_ ARE THERE ANY CONSTRAINTS OR LIMITATIONS ON WHERE YOU CAN  
DRIVE TO WHEN YOU ARE OUT WITH YOUR FRIENDS ? IF SO, WHAT ARE  
THE BOUNDARIES ...

NORTH: \_\_\_\_\_

WEST: \_\_\_\_\_

SOUTH: \_\_\_\_\_

EAST: \_\_\_\_\_

THESE LIMITATIONS ARE VALID THROUGH WHAT DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ IS THERE ANY TIME RESTRICTION/ OR CURFEW YOU MUST ADHERE TO  
WHEN OUT WITH THE CAR ?

WEEKDAYS- \_\_\_\_\_ P.M.

WEEKENDS- \_\_\_\_\_ P.M.

\_\_\_ WHAT ARE YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES FOR PAYING FOR THE GAS AND OIL  
YOU USE WHEN YOU USE THE CAR ?

\_\_\_ WHAT ARE YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES FOR PAYING FOR CAR INSURANCE ?

\_\_\_ WHAT ARE YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES FOR DRIVING FOR FAMILY ERRANDS?

\_\_\_ WHAT ARE YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES FOR HELPING TO KEEP THE CAR CLEAN ?

\_\_\_ WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES FOR BREAKING ANY OF THE RULES...

...EXCEEDING THE BOUNDARIES SET FOR YOUR DRIVING ?

...EXCEEDING YOUR CURFEW ?

...OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

...OTHER \_\_\_\_\_