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## Recommended Web Pages

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### Automobiles

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#### INFORMATION ABOUT AUTOMOBILES

[Auto Channel](http://www.theautochannel.com/) <http://www.theautochannel.com/>

This Gordon Communications "Supersite" offers a variety of links and specialty information on the world's automobiles. It is also a showcase for the latest Internet graphics.

[Autopedia](http://www.autopedia.com/) <http://www.autopedia.com>

This web site has been described as a "deep well of car information."

[Car Connection's](http://www.thecarconnection.com/) <http://www.thecarconnection.com/>

The Car Connection aims to be a one stop web site for automotive information. It includes news, car reviews, and links to a wide variety of automobile industry web sites.

[Hemmings Motor News](http://www.hemmings.com/) <http://www.hemmings.com>

Hemmings describes itself as the "world's largest antique, classic, vintage, muscle, street rod, and special interest marketplace." A wealth of information for the auto enthusiast. A companion to the magazine of the same name.

[National Highway Traffic Safety Administration](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/) <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/>

This federal government agency provides information on automobile safety tests, regulations, standards, research, and development. A searchable database of recalls, consumer complaints, and compliance investigations is included. It also links to technical bulletins.

[Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles](http://www.odot.state.or.us/dmv/index.htm) <http://www.odot.state.or.us/dmv/index.htm>

This web site has phone numbers and addresses for DMV offices. Visitors can also download DMV's "Business Regulation" forms or review the **Oregon Revised Statutes** (find the "Oregon Vehicle Code" in ORS Chapters 801 through 826.)

#### PURCHASING AN AUTOMOBILE: Advice and Prices

[Auto Loan Payment Calculator](http://www.bankamerica.com/tools/auto_payment.html) <http://www.bankamerica.com/tools/auto\_payment.html>

Bank of America sponsors this web site. To estimate your potential car payments, just type in the pertinent interest rates, costs, and the duration of your payments -- the payment calculator will do the rest!

[AutoSite - The Ultimate Automotive Buyers' Guide](http://www.autosite.com/) <http://www.autosite.com/>

AutoSite, a product of the Automotive Information Center, will help you research new (and used) cars and trucks. Fact sheets (by make and model) include dealer invoice prices, features and specifications, recalls, photographs, shopping reports, side by side comparisons, and "pro-picks" in the new car market. Search AutoSite for information on repairs and maintenance, as well.

[Car and Driver New Car Buying Guide](http://www.caranddriver.com/) <http://www.caranddriver.com/>

An annual evaluation of automobiles sponsored by **Car and Driver** magazine.

[Carfax](http://www.carfax.com/) <http://www.carfax.com>

The Carfax Vehicle History Service offers a "Free Carfax Lemon Check."

[CarPrices](http://www.carprices.com/) <http://www.carprices.com/>

Although similar to other car price web sites, CarPrices also allows you to order brochures and post vehicle classified ads at no charge.

[Consumer Reports](http://www.ConsumerReports.org/index.html) <http://www.ConsumerReports.org/index.html>

Automobile advice from the publishers of **Consumer Reports** magazine. (Click on "Cars and Trucks.")

[Edmund's Automobile Buyer's Guides](http://www.edmunds.com/) <http://www.edmunds.com/>

This web site provides new and used vehicle values. It also includes road tests, rebate, and incentive information. Both cars and trucks are covered on this web site.

[Fuel Efficiency](http://www.eren.doe.gov/feguide) <http://www.eren.doe.gov/feguide>

The federal Environmental Protection Agency maintains this web site which evaluates the fuel efficiency and environmental impact of passenger vehicles.

[Green Guide to Cars and Trucks](http://www.greencars.com) <http://www.greencars.com>

Sponsored by the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy. Rates vehicles' environmental impact. (Note: Although much of this web site is only available by subscription, be sure to check the "Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)" and links for useful information.)

[Insurance Institute for Highway Safety](http://www.highwaysafety.org) <http://www.highwaysafety.org>

The Insurance Institute is dedicated to "reducing highway crash deaths, injuries, and property losses." Use their web site to find vehicle ratings, driver education publications, and special reports.

[IntelliChoice](http://www.intellichoice.com/) <http://www.intellichoice.com/>

Dealer pricing and ownership costs for new and used cars, vans, and trucks. Advice on leasing, air bags, insurance, and crash avoidance is available, too.

[Kelley Blue Book New & Used Car Price Reports](http://www.kbb.com/index.html) <http://www.kbb.com/index.html>

This classic auto/truck price guide is even easier to use on the web. It includes "Buy a New Car" online, with lists of dealer and manufacturer web sites.

[Microsoft CarPoint](http://carpoint.msn.com/) <http://carpoint.msn.com/>

This web site includes much more than prices of new cars -- you will also find safety reports, vehicle comparisons, and an interactive database of dealers in the United States. Used car classified ads are featured. If you download free *Surround Video*, you can even see a 360 degree view of auto interiors.

## MAINTAINING AND REPAIRING AN AUTOMOBILE

[Car Talk](http://cartalk.cars.com/) ,<http://cartalk.cars.com/>

Visit "Click and Clack's" web site for humorous (and sometimes helpful) car repair advice. A companion to public broadcasting's "Car Talk" radio program.

## AUTOMOBILE SPORTS AND DRIVING

[Insurance Institute for Highway Safety](http://www.highwaysafety.org) <http://www.highwaysafety.org>

The Insurance Institute is dedicated to "reducing highway crash deaths, injuries, and property losses." Use their web site to find vehicle ratings, driver education publications, and special reports.

[NASCAR](http://www.nascar.com/) <http://www.nascar.com/>

The official web site of the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing.

[Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles](http://www.odot.state.or.us/dmv/index.htm) <http://www.odot.state.or.us/dmv/index.htm>

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[Rental Car Guide](http://www.bnm.com/rcar.htm) <http://www.bnm.com/rcar.htm>

The Rental Car Guide is an online reservation center for car rental agencies -- not a rental car company. It is provided free of charge, "as is." This web site is also useful for finding the latest auto rental rates at major airports, rental discount coupons,

and links to car rental companies.

[Road Conditions: California](http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/roadinfo) <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/roadinfo>

[Road Conditions: Oregon Travel Advisor](http://www.tripcheck.com)<http://www.tripcheck.com>

[Road Conditions: Washington](http://traffic.wsdot.wa.gov)<http://traffic.wsdot.wa.gov>

The road condition reports listed above include driving advisories for the mountain passes, road closures and repair, and other useful information for motorists. Sponsored by the Departments of Transportation in California, Oregon, and Washington.

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