

Summer Driving Tips

Key things to remember when
using your car this summer

Summer driving tips with Novuna

There's nothing quite like the great British summer, with longer days and (hopefully) warmer weather. This might be good news for us, but it may surprise you to know that hotter temperatures can put just as much strain on cars as extreme cold.

This can mean that, as the number of breakdowns increase, you could find yourself waiting longer than usual for roadside recovery. And, with the vehicle parts supply chain still under pressure following a tumultuous few years, it pays to do everything you can to keep safe and comfortable on the road this summertime.

Safety

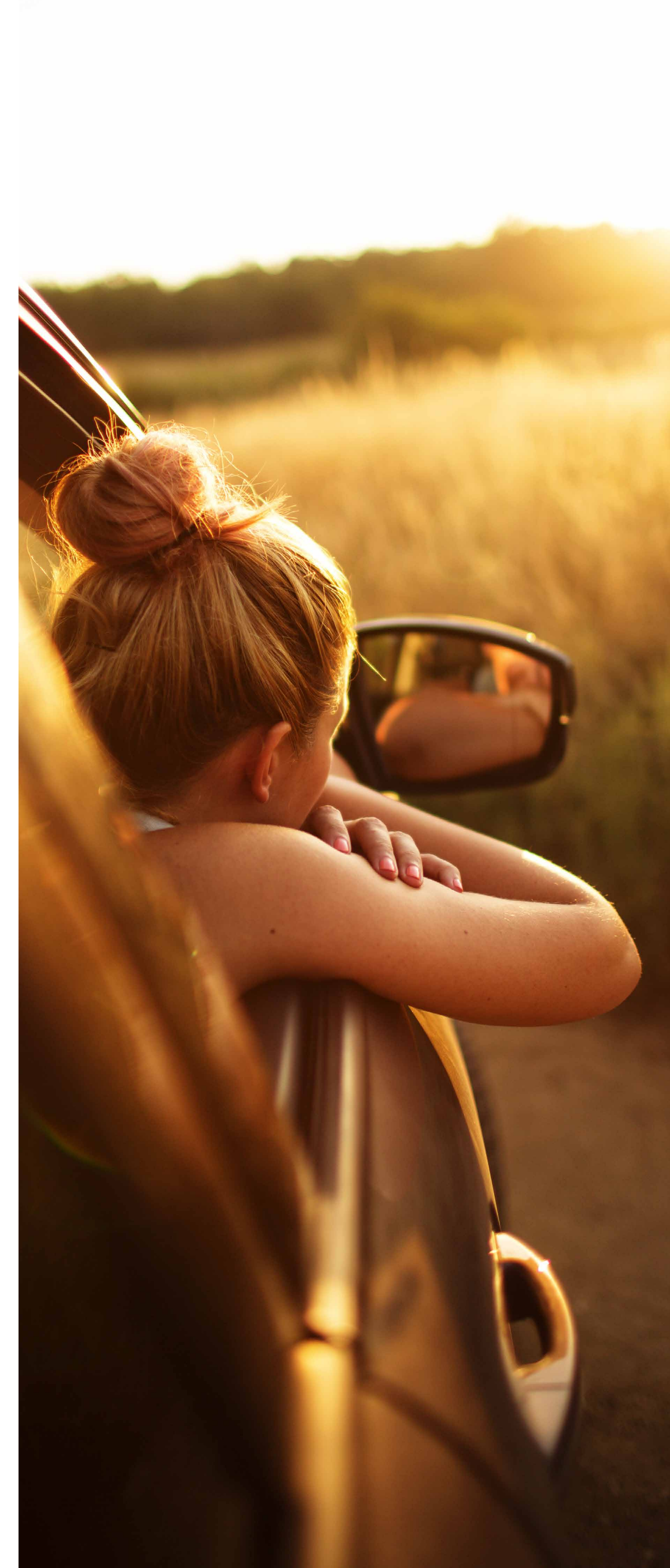


- 1 Never leave an animal unattended in a car, take regular breaks to help them cool off, and always make sure they have plenty of water to drink.
- 2 Higher temperatures can aggravate any damage or general wear on tyres, so make regular checks and don't ignore any visible signs of damage (however small).
- 3 Check the coolant reservoir regularly to avoid running dry, keep an eye out for leaks, and don't ignore any unusual sounds coming from the electric cooling fan.
- 4 For hay fever sufferers, it's worth knowing that sneezing at 70 mph could cause you to lose vision for up to 100 meters, but please do remember to ensure that any medicine you take won't cause drowsiness.
- 5 Even if it doesn't feel that hot, cars can heat up quicker than you might expect, so it's a good idea to keep things like plastic bottles or containers, and especially food and drink, away from direct sunlight.
- 6 The summer months mean an increase in cyclists, tractors and non-local pedestrians, so be aware of your surroundings and avoid blind overtaking.

Electric Vehicles

There are some simple steps you can take to maximise your range in the hot weather:

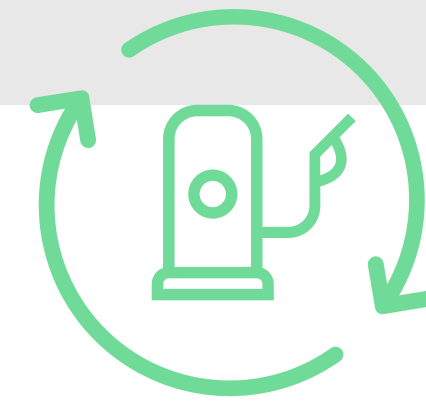
- 1 Avoid rapid acceleration and harsh breaking.
- 2 Whenever possible, use your car's energy saving settings.
- 3 Cool your car down before setting off to reduce battery strain.
- 4 Try not to carry any unnecessary weight in the car.
- 5 Once you have parked up, use a sunscreen, car cover, or leave your vehicle in a shaded area.
- 6 Staying plugged in can help maintain battery temperature.





Fuel Saving

- 1 Whilst it's true that air conditioning can affect fuel economy, open windows make a car less aerodynamic, so try opening your air vents first.
- 2 If you decide to use air conditioning, remember to turn it off once the car has cooled sufficiently – you can always turn it on again.
- 3 If you want to carry luggage on the roof, using a streamlined roof box will help reduce air resistance and improve fuel efficiency.
- 4 If you are staying away from home then remember that using the car as extra storage space once you have arrived is likely to waste precious fuel as you drive around.



Comfort

- 1 Using a windscreen shade and parking under cover can make a real difference to how your car feels when you return.
- 2 Wearing sunglasses whilst driving not only helps you see better but can also help avoid eye strain, which can be very tiring during a long journey.
- 3 On returning to your vehicle, open all the doors and let the car cool off before you get in.
- 4 If you have leather or vinyl seats, you'll know that these can get very hot and sticky, so keep them cool with a light blanket whilst you are out and about.



Taking your car abroad?

Before planning your trip abroad, it is important to make sure that you have all the necessary paperwork and are fully aware of any country-specific rules and regulations.

If your car is leased from Novuna Vehicle Solutions, you may need specific documentation before taking the vehicle out of the country. Please let us know at least 10 days before you travel so that we can arrange this for you. You should also check that your breakdown cover extends to the country you will be travelling in and that you know the relevant numbers to call in the case of an emergency. For more information about driving abroad, please visit:

novunavehiclesolutions.co.uk/news-and-insights/driving-tips/are-you-driving-abroad-this-year

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