



Driving Essentials

How to Jump-Start a Battery

- Position another vehicle with a healthy battery and your car so they do not touch each other. Be sure both batteries are of the same voltage.
- Read the owner's manuals for BOTH vehicles for any special directions.
- Turn off the ignitions of both vehicles and set the parking brakes. Place automatic transmissions in "Park" and standard transmissions in neutral.
- Wear safety glasses and gloves while using cables.

Using Cables

- Unless given different directions in the owner's manual, use the booster cables in this order:
- Clamp/connect one end of the positive (+) booster cable to the positive (+) post of the dead battery.
- Connect the other end of the same cable to the same marked post (+) of the booster battery.
- Connect the second, negative (-) booster cable to the other post of the booster battery.
- Make the final negative (-) booster cable connection on the engine block of the stalled vehicle away from the battery.
- Start the booster vehicle and let it run for a few minutes. Then, start the disabled vehicle.
- Remove the cables in the reverse order of connection, being very careful not to let the booster cable clamps touch each other or come in contact with car parts. Also, avoid the fans of the engines. Electric fans may run without the engine being on.

If Your Car Catches Fire

These step-by-step suggestions provide general recommendations on what to do if your car or another motor vehicle catches on fire.

While you are moving on a roadway:

- Signal and move to the right lane.
- Get onto the shoulder or breakdown lane.
- Stop and shut off the engine.
- Get yourself and all other persons out of the vehicle.
- Get far away from the vehicle and stay away from it. Keep onlookers and others away.
- Warn oncoming traffic.
- Notify the fire department.
- Don't try to put out the fire yourself. The unseen danger is the possible ignition of fuel in the vehicle's tank.

In all vehicle fire situations, the first thing to think about is personal safety; any vehicle can be replaced – humans cannot. Think and act quickly, in the safest way possible.

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