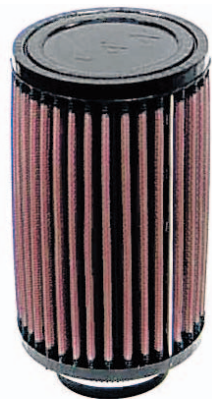


Auto Accessory of the Week

Do you regularly change your car's oil but always forget to put in a new air filter? You'll never have to worry about replacing the filter again with K&N Engineering's High-Flow Air Filter, which is reusable and comes with a million-mile limited warranty.



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K&N makes more than 1,200 different air filters to fit nearly every vehicle on the road. The only required maintenance is the occasional cleaning — every 50,000 miles for most driving conditions. For an initial cost between \$40 to \$80 (depending on the type of filter you need), you'll save money in the long run and have increased horsepower, acceleration and fuel economy.

Cold facts about A/C refrigerant

How did we ever get along without air conditioning in our cars? It's a feature we take for granted until, suddenly, it's blowing hot air.

In the past few years, many owners have discovered that fixing an inoperative air conditioner can cost a few hundred dollars or more, depending upon the make and model of vehicle. The reason is that the old standby R-12 refrigerant, trade named DuPont Freon, has been replaced by R-134a. Touted as being environmentally safer than its predecessor, R-134a has been standard since 1994.

If your older vehicle needs major repairs to the

air conditioning system, you can expect to replace refrigerant and the oil in the compressor in addition to the old components. You also may need to install a retrofit conversion. Do not allow anyone to mix refrigerants. They're not inter-changeable. You cannot add R-134a to your older air conditioner without first flushing the system. And, according to the Car Care Council, some substitutes are volatile mixtures of propane, butane and flammable hydrocarbons. You should also keep in mind that if your vehicle is leaking refrigerant, you're damaging the ozone layer.

An annual inspection of



The dog days of summer are here. How well is your car air conditioner working?

your vehicle, including the air conditioning system, may help forestall costly repairs. Many automotive service shops offer A/C inspection specials during

the summer months. Otherwise, ask your service center to evaluate your system.

— Car Care News Service



Safety First

Problems with your car's air conditioning system can range from the simple to the complex, but there are some basic checks you can make. This will help you decide whether you're dealing with something you feel comfortable tackling on your own, or if it's time to seek the help and guidance of a skilled service technician.

Before you start digging for what's wrong, always take a few minutes to make sure you're safe when working with the A/C system and when working underneath the hood in general.

- Always wear safety glasses, as refrigerant can harm your eyes if it comes in contact with them or other parts of your body.
- It's also wise to wear rubber gloves to prevent refrigerant oil or other chemicals from coming in contact with your skin.
- Finally, do not wear any loose clothing that may become tangled with moving parts, and remove jewelry (like watches and so forth) for the same reason.

— Car Care Council

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COURTESY GREAT RACE SPORTS INC.

Spectators will have the opportunity to see vintage cars like this one when the Great American Race pulls into Lane Motor Museum in Nashville on July 2.

will be determined by the racers and will receive an award of \$5,000. If Nashville is chosen as the winner, the money will benefit the Metro Public Library. Lane Motor Museum

“It will be a fun family event where visitors can experience this famous cross-country race first-hand.”

— Joan Williams
Marketing Director,
Lane Motor Museum

admission rates will apply for access to the museum during the event.

Public parking will not be available at Lane Motor Museum, but off-site parking will be available at 210 Cole Ave., located

will open at 2 p.m. on July 2; activities will begin at 4:00 p.m. Cars in the race are expected to begin arriving at approximately 5:15 p.m. An awards ceremony will take place at 7:15 p.m., and the vehicles will depart at 7:45 p.m. The outdoor activities are free to the public; regular

just off of Murfreesboro Pike and Arlington Ave. Shuttle service will be provided.

Lane Motor Museum is located at 702 Murfreesboro Pike in Nashville. Call (615) 742-7445 or visit online at lanemotormuseum.org for more information. ■

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