

## **SUNBURST ROAD TRIP PREPARATION**

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Tire pressures should be checked **cold in the shade before driving** in the morning. C5's and C6's with runflats use 30 psi, others will have a decal on the door frame, in the glove box, or in the manual. If you can't find the numbers or have non-standard tires, 32 psi is a good start. On **all** cars, pressures will increase 3-6 psi while driving during the heat of day. This is **normal**. Don't be under inflated. Consider getting a 4-wheel alignment.

Min. legal tread depth is 2/32" on *all* the grooves, but that will **double** your stopping distance in rain compared to new tires. Even 4/32" will take 50% more distance to stop .

We suggest buying a small air compressor that runs off your cigarette lighter so you can air-up a slow leak and keep going to a repair station. Digital gages are cheap and good.

C4-C5-C6: tighten wheel nuts dry (no oil or anti-seize) to 100 lb/ft. Re-tighten after 50 miles, 200 miles, and before starting the trip. Bring the "key" for anti-theft nuts.

Plan on using about 10% of your C5-C6 oil life for each 1,000 miles on a road trip. Be sure the car is level when checking oil. Extra quart oil bottle in a ziploc bag?

Rain-X on the windshield works great, just don't overdo it. Not on transparent top. Wiper blades need to be in good condition, recommend replacement each year.

Buying and installing your CB radio will take at least twice as long as you think. Do it now and avoid the last minute rush. We suggest a separate speaker for more volume.

You will enjoy your trip more with individual folding maps for each state, even if you have a road atlas and GPS. Rand McNally must be ordered but are much nicer, AAA are free to members but have less information and smaller print. A soft clear plastic envelope is much safer than a clip board in case of accident (air bags!).

GPS: You can enter each of your hotels and other stops before leaving home and then recall them from "Previous Destinations" during the trip. **Very** convenient.

PACKING: Soft luggage (small duffel bags) makes the best use of your trunk. Test to see if you can store the top with your luggage in the trunk, without forcing anything.

Coupes: get a thick 100% cotton beach towel to lay on top of your luggage to help protect the underside of your top from getting scratches. Zippers, etc need extra padding. If the top won't fit, you can still enjoy topless driving when your luggage is in the hotel.

Keep sun lotion and hats readily available. Wipes to get the lotion off your hands. Temperatures are unpredictable, bring proper clothing for hot and cold. Umbrella!

Bring car and room chargers for both cellphones. Store other car's cell numbers.