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Vehicles, trucks and fleets · dyno and performance tuning

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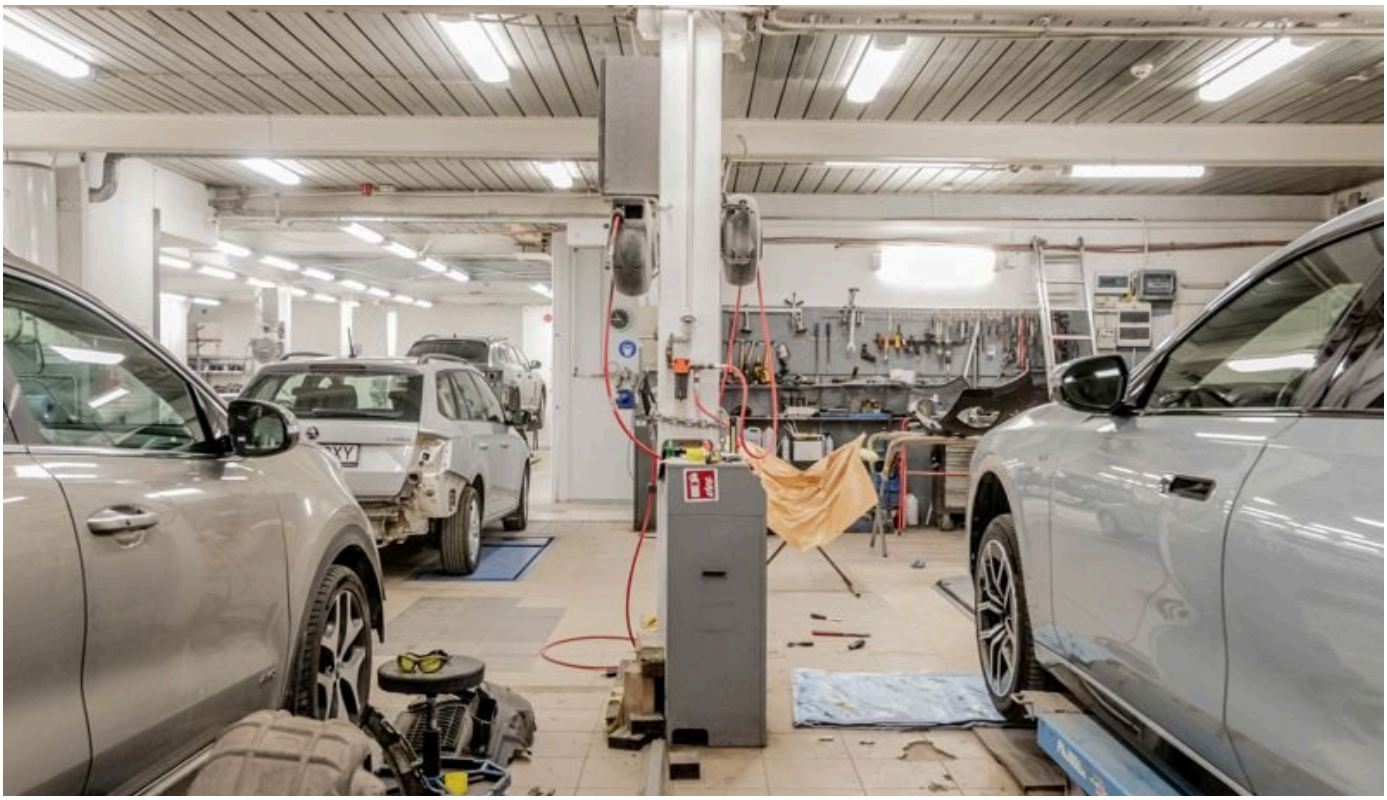

TIP OF THE MONTH

Minor or major service?

- A minor service covers oil, filter and the safety checks.
- A major service adds spark plugs, air and fuel filters and a full inspection.
- Your service book shows which one is due.
- Regular servicing protects your warranty and resale value.

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JANUARY 2027

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
				1 New Year's Day	2	3
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PUBLIC HOLIDAYS **Fri 1** New Year's Day



TIP OF THE MONTH

Cabin and aircon filter

- The cabin filter cleans the air you breathe inside the car.
- A clogged filter means weak airflow and musty smells.
- Replace it once a year or at every service.
- Dusty roads? Change it more often.

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FEBRUARY 2027

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TIP OF THE MONTH

Fleet: the daily walk-around

- Drivers should check tyres, lights and leaks before every shift.
- Report warning lights straight away, not at month-end.
- Keep a simple logbook for each vehicle.
- Scheduled fleet maintenance means less downtime.

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MARCH 2027

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Human Rights Day
22 Public holiday	23	24	25	26 Good Friday	27	28 *Easter Sunday*
29 Family Day	30	31				

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS **Sun 21** Human Rights Day **Mon 22** Public holiday **Fri 26** Good Friday **Mon 29** Family Day

Human Rights Day falls on a Sunday, so Monday 22 March is a public holiday.



TIP OF THE MONTH

Wheel alignment and balancing

- A steering wheel that shakes at speed needs balancing.
- A car that pulls to one side needs aligning.
- Hit a pothole hard? Have it checked.
- Good alignment saves tyres and fuel.

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APRIL 2027

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
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26	27 Freedom Day	28	29	30		

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS **Tue 27** Freedom Day



TIP OF THE MONTH

Spark plugs and filters

- Worn plugs cause misfires, hard starting and poor fuel consumption.
- A dirty air filter robs your engine of power.
- The fuel filter protects your injectors.
- Replace them at the intervals in your service book.

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MAY 2027

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
					1 Workers' Day	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 *Mother's Day*
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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PUBLIC HOLIDAYS **Sat 1** Workers' Day



TIP OF THE MONTH

Cold winter mornings

- Diesels: faulty glow plugs mean hard cold starts.
- Let the engine idle a few seconds, then drive gently until it is warm.
- Have the battery and charging system tested.
- Never ignore a warning light that comes on in the cold.

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JUNE 2027

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 Youth Day	17	18	19	20 *Father's Day*
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS **Wed 16** Youth Day



TIP OF THE MONTH

Clutch care

- Don't rest your foot on the clutch pedal.
- Use the handbrake on hills, not the clutch.
- Revs rise but the car doesn't speed up? The clutch is slipping.
- A high biting point or a burning smell are early warnings.

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JULY 2027

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TIP OF THE MONTH

Performance and dyno tuning

- A dyno run shows your real power and torque at the wheels.
- Tuning after modifications gets the most out of your engine.
- It's also the best way to track down flat spots and misfires.
- From classics to modern cars, book a run on our dyno.

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AUGUST 2027

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
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9 National Women's Day	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS **Mon 9** National Women's Day



TIP OF THE MONTH

Brake fluid and brakes

- Brake fluid absorbs moisture over time, so it boils sooner.
- Replace it every two years.
- A spongy pedal needs checking at once.
- Have pad and disc thickness checked at every service.

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SEPTEMBER 2027

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
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20	21	22	23	24 Heritage Day	25	26
27	28	29	30			

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS **Fri 24** Heritage Day



TIP OF THE MONTH

Caring for older and classic cars

- Drive them regularly so seals and gaskets don't dry out.
- Change the oil every year, even on low mileage.
- Check rubber hoses and fuel lines for perishing.
- Laid up? Keep the battery on a trickle charger.

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OCTOBER 2027

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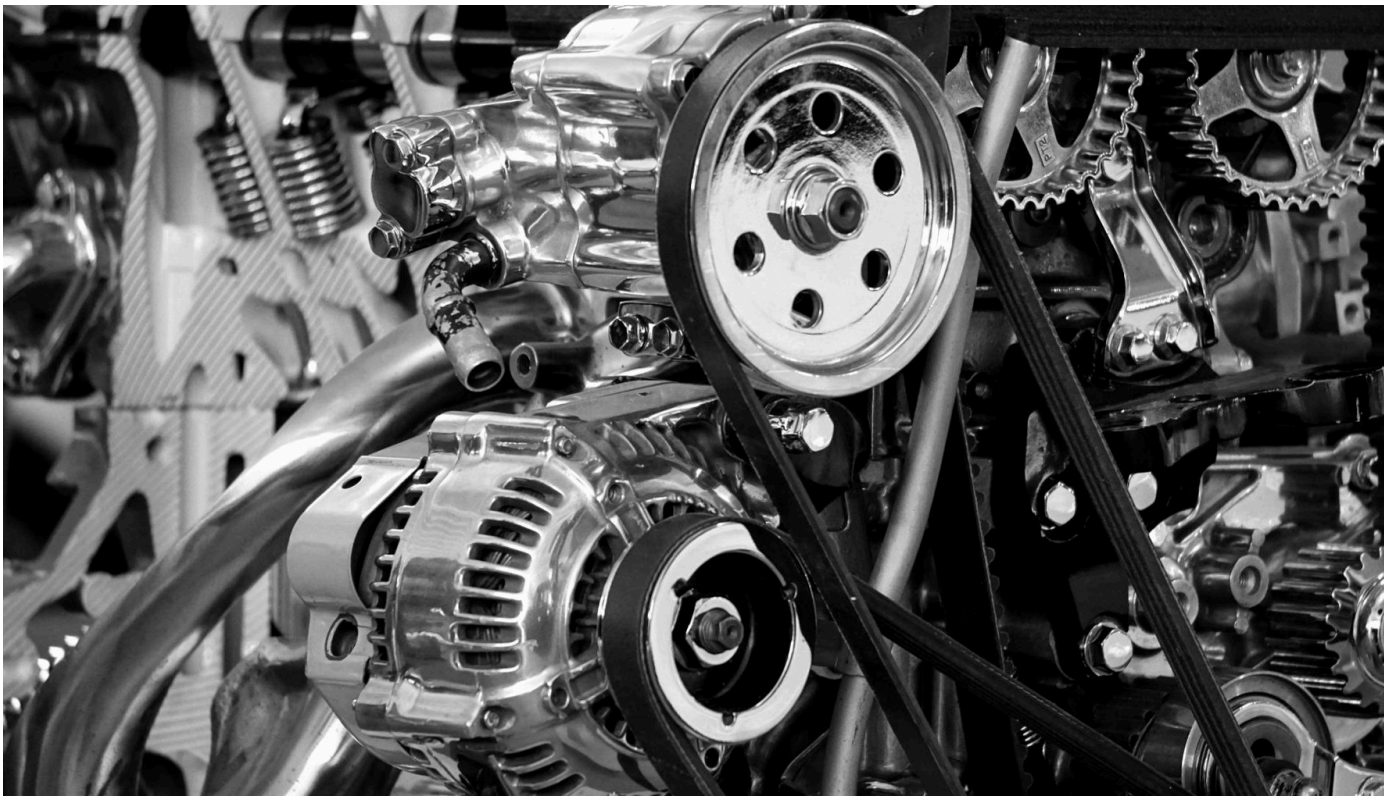

TIP OF THE MONTH

Timing belt or chain

- Most belts need replacing every 60 000 to 120 000 km: check your service book.
- A snapped belt can bend valves and wreck the engine.
- Replace the tensioner and water pump at the same time.
- A rattle at start-up can mean a stretched chain.

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NOVEMBER 2027

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TIP OF THE MONTH

Towing and heavy loads

- Check your vehicle's towing limit before you hitch up.
- Set the tyre pressures for a full load, as shown on the door sticker.
- Test the trailer lights, hitch and safety chain.
- Book your pre-holiday service early.

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DECEMBER 2027

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Day of Reconciliation	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 *Christmas Eve*	25 Christmas Day	26 Day of Goodwill
27 Public holiday	28	29	30	31 *New Year's Eve*		

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS **Thu 16** Day of Reconciliation **Sat 25** Christmas Day **Sun 26** Day of Goodwill **Mon 27** Public holiday

Day of Goodwill falls on a Sunday, so Monday 27 December is a public holiday.



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