



Safety Bulletin

Remember, Remember, the 16th of November

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With temperatures growing increasingly colder and the holidays approaching, it is a stark reminder that the 16th of November serves as National "Change your Windshield Wipers Day". Your windshield wipers serve a critical, yet often overlooked safety role in helping you maintain visibility during inclement weather conditions.

What's the cost?

Kelley Bluebook averages the cost to replace wiper blades between \$53 and \$64, depending on the installer, size, and quality. This pales in comparison to the cost of not replacing them.

Federal Highway Administration reports that impaired visibility is a leading factor in 46% of fatal car accidents. Torn wiper blades can also accrue additional costs by rubbing against your windshield, potentially damaging or scratching it.

A national survey found that 1 in 5 vehicles have deficient windshield wiper blades.

Tips for Wiper Blades:

- ◇ Replace them regularly (Annually).
- ◇ Look and listen for signs (squeaking, streaks).
- ◇ Consider the climate, use and condition of your windshield wipers.
- ◇ Manufacturers recommend lifting wiper blades before winter weather

- ◇ events to protect the rubber blade.
- ◇ Have vehicle maintenance and safety checks conducted regularly.

"Ask not what your windshield wipers can do for you, but what you can do for your windshield wipers..."

-Author Unknown



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