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Driving and Maintenance Tips for Cold Weather

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Cold weather and winter driving can reduce your fuel economy significantly. These tips can help improve your fuel economy in cold weather:

- Park your car in your garage to increase the initial temperature of your engine and cabin.
- Combine trips when possible so that you drive less often with a cold engine.
- Minimize idling to warm your car up. Most manufacturers recommend driving off gently after about 30 seconds.
- Check your tire pressure regularly. Tire pressure changes with temperature.
- Use the type of oil recommended by your manufacturer for cold weather driving.
- Remove accessories that increase wind resistance, like roof racks, when not in use.
- Don't use seat warmers or defrosters more than necessary.
- If you drive a plug-in vehicle, preheating the cabin while plugged into the charger can extend your vehicle's range.
- If you drive a plug-in vehicle, using the seat warmers instead of the cabin heater can save energy and extend range.

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