

Driving on Wet & Rainy Roads

SPEED, DISTANCE & BRAKING

- Slow down! It takes longer to stop or adjust your car when on wet roads.
- Leave plenty of space between you and the car in front-it takes longer to stop.
- > Always brake gently before entering a curve, especially in wet or ice conditions.
- After you drive through a water puddle, test your brakes by applying slowly and pumping.
- Avoid slamming on brakes when roads are wet.

WHEN DRIVING

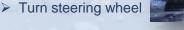
- > Be alert when driving in wet or slippery conditions. Watch out for brake lights in front of you.
- > Turn your lights on even in a light rain, so vehicles behind you can see you better.
- Drive in the middle lanes water tends to pool in the outside lanes.
- Approach intersections slowly, as these are often filled with oil spots on the road.

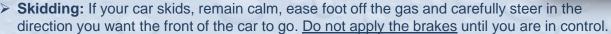
HYDROPLANING & SKIDDING

- > Hydroplaning: When your steering becomes loose and your vehicle begins to move from side to side (not in a skid), remember:
 - 1. Ease off the gas until steering returns to normal
 - 2. <u>Hold steering wheel firmly</u> steering straight ahead

Never:

- Apply your brakes





VARYING WEATHER CONDITIONS

- > When rain is light or visibility is unclear on your windshield, use your wiper fluid for cleaning.
- Foggy windows: Rain can quickly cause windows to fog up inside your car. Use your defroster with cool air. If all else fails, a rag or article of clothing will work as well.
- > Heavy rain conditions: Sudden heavy rain can quickly reduce visibility. If this occurs pull over with your emergency flashers on and wait for the rain to ease up.

NEVER

- Never drive through moving or rushing water if you cannot see the ground through it.
- Never follow large trucks or busses too closely, as too much spray reduces visibility.
- Never drive over a flooded road, as the road might be washed out under the water. If the water is deeper than the bottom of your doors do not drive through it.



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