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Maintaining Your Boat Trailer

Most of us know that it's important to wash your trailer down after every use, especially if it has been in salt water, but what else should you do to prolong the life of your boat trailer?



Well, the first thing is to make sure that the wash is really thorough, not just a quick flick!

Rinse every part of the trailer, concentrating on the suspension and behind the wheels. If you have a trailer with a brake flushing system, then use this. If it doesn't come with one, you can always install your own after-market system as I did, I really believe it will make a big difference to the life of my trailer. Don't forget to wash the rear wheels of your car while you're at it if you had to dunk them in the tide during the process. Next, protect your trailer hardware with an Anti Corrosion spray, spraying the nuts, bolts, leaf-springs, winch gears and all other hardware.

It's a good idea to have your boat trailer serviced at least once a year. It's vital, for instance, that the wheel bearings are checked. If you want to handle things yourself, jack the trailer up and give the wheels a spin – if the bearings are grumbling you should definitely change them. When you've been driving, bearings should be no hotter than a good cup of tea, any hotter and that is also a sign of trouble.

Remember to keep tyres at the right pressure to reduce excessive tyre wear, and check wheel nuts for signs of rust, there's nothing worse than trying to fix a flat tyre (in the rain!) when you can't remove the wheel nuts.

Happy Boating,
Rhett and the Team at Epsom Automotive

PS: Good luck to all competitors in OBC's Annual Family Fishing Competition. All entrants receive a FREE WOF for a boat trailer – look for the voucher in your boat bag.

Our Services Include:

- Warrants of Fitness (Cars & Trailers)
- Vehicle Servicing
 - Lube Only or Full Annual Service
- Cambelts
- Batteries
- Tyres, fitting and rotation
- Pre-purchase Inspections
- Diagnostic Scanning

Courtesy cars are available (booking required) or a local drop off can be arranged.

Visit our website www.epsomautomotive.co.nz for full details of all our service inclusions and prices.

Changes to the Give Way Rules

At 5am on Sunday 25 March, new road rules come into effect, eliminating New Zealand's special 'give way to vehicles turning right' rule.

There'll be a major advertising and PR campaign promoting the change but you can bet your bottom dollar that it'll still cause confusion, so be on the look out for this one. We really don't want any accidents, especially not turning off Manukau Rd into our driveway!

You can check www.giveway.govt.nz for the latest information.

Cornwall Park District School Fair

Saturday 1st April, 2012

Make sure the date is on your calendar, it's sure to be a great day of family entertainment as always.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

*Rhett, Denis, Darrell,
Julian and Sharon*



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