

5 Things to Teach Your Kids About Cars

When it comes to knowing about cars, it's mostly through your own experience that you've had with a particular car or cars in general. You learn through research, your friends, family, technicians, and even what you see on TV. But let's admit it – we've all had car troubles in one way or another. It's easy to forget things and go about our daily lives.

However, sooner or later, our cars will call for attention. The best method is to be prepared for cases like that. One way to become better at knowing more about cars is by learning as you grow – meaning, learning as a kid. I know, I know, we are all grown now. But it isn't late to teach the younger generation a thing or two about cars so they will be more prepared as they get older and it comes time for them to have and take care of their own car.

Here are 5 things to teach your kids about cars:

Manufacturer Recalls. Taking a minute to teach kids that vehicles have recalls, what they mean and where to find out more about them, is a great step to practicing overall safety.

Vehicle Fluids. Learning how to check fluids – and what fluids to check when, is essential for proper vehicle performance. This is also a great task to be able to do together.

Proper Fit, Form and Functioning Parts. Whether it's you, the internet, or a technician you trust, it is important to teach your kid about what parts are in a car and how to determine what parts properly fit in the car. Learning about different types of parts now helps in the future when a technician talks to them about what parts your car needs.

Cars are Expensive. Whether you pass down your car to the next generation or they save and buy themselves a car, it is important to teach them the monetary value a car holds. Keeping the car up to date with proper maintenance is essential in keeping your car for many years. By having kids learn that proper maintenance can prevent some expensive repairs in the future, it can also teach how to save money.

Rules of the Road. Yes, they will learn about this in Drivers Education. However, teaching them beforehand will not only give them a head start on safety measures, but this will also give you a peace of mind. Having them learn more about rules of the road will have them understand how important it is to drive safe, knowing when and where to pull over for emergency vehicles, and just overall understand the different signs on the road.

All in all, by teaching your kid more about cars and the different functions there are to a car in order to keep it running smoothly, it will benefit them in the long run, and may also save you some money. Whether you teach them, or they learn from an experienced technician, they will be prepared on what to expect when they get their first car.

