



## Potential safety hazards on Australian roads as 14% of cars are overdue for service

New research conducted by Kmart Tyre & Auto Service reveals the biggest offenders when it comes to overdue car servicing and maintenance

Today, Kmart Tyre & Auto Service announces new research into the overdue vehicles that are creating potential safety hazards on Australian roads. Among the top 5 biggest offenders are popular car brands such as Daewoo, Holden, Ford, Honda and Toyota, while Suzuki car owners are most vigilant in servicing their car on time. A total of 14% of Aussie vehicles are overdue for service, with male and female drivers equally as bad as each other when it comes to sticking to the recommended service date.

Ranking	Model	% Overdue
1	DAEWOO	17.76%
2	HOLDEN	15.52%
3	FORD	15.33%
4	HONDA	14.48%
5	TOYOTA	14.26%

Tony Skallias, General Manager of Marketing at Kmart Tyre & Auto Service says, "It is important to have your vehicle serviced by a fully qualified motor mechanic to ensure it is running efficiently. Kmart Tyre & Auto Service recommends having your vehicle serviced as per the manufacturers recommended service interval, or every 6-8 months for older vehicles."

"It is also just as important to keep up regular maintenance and repairs, especially before long trips to ensure the safety of drivers and their passengers," he added.

Despite this recommendation, the older the vehicle becomes, the less vigilant Australians are at ensuring the recommended service date is met, with vehicles made in 1992 making up the largest percentage of overdue servicing at 21%.

The research also singles out the biggest offenders nation-wide. 1 in 4 cars in the Northern Territory are overdue for service, followed closely by South Australia (22.37%) and Tasmania (21.39%), while Western Australians appear to be the most active in having their vehicles serviced on time, with only a small percentage of vehicles overdue (5.86%).

Ranking	State	% Overdue
1	WA	5.86%
2	ACT	9.87%



3	QLD	11.45%
4	VIC	15.32%
5	NSW	15.54%
6	TAS	21.39%
7	SA	22.37%
8	NT	26.49%

Kmart Tyre & Auto Service recommends having your vehicle serviced through a reputable service outlet by a qualified mechanic to ensure your vehicle continues to run reliably and efficiently between services.

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### **About Kmart Tyre & Auto Service**

Kmart Tyre & Auto Service is a division of Kmart Australia Ltd and part of the Wesfarmers group of companies. Established in 1969 and restructured in 1992 as a specialist automotive division of Kmart, Kmart Tyre & Auto Service provides a full range of automotive services including, scheduled servicing, tyres, brakes, suspension, batteries and general mechanical repairs.

KTAS is committed to an ongoing investment program which includes state of the art service and diagnostic equipment, training, improved workshop design and reception refurbishment, whilst minimizing their impact on the environment. But their biggest investment is in their most valuable resource, their team members. Kmart Tyre & Auto Service is proud to train people to new and higher industry benchmarks in both technical competence and service quality.

With the convenience of over 260 stores and a team of over 1300 people nationally, Kmart Tyre & Auto Service is one of Australia's largest and most respected automotive service, repair and tyre retailers.

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