



California Vehicles Face Serious Damage From Smoke and Ash

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MEMPHIS, Tenn., Oct 25, 2007 (PrimeNewswire via COMTEX News Network) -- The potential danger to people and property caused by the fires raging in California actually extends further than you might think. Examples include the potential damage to cars, trucks, drivers and passengers caused by smoke and soot in the air. AutoZone offers these tips to help protect your engine and, more importantly, yourself and your passengers.

Cabin Filters:

- Harmful substances inside a vehicle can be up to six times more concentrated than in the air outside.
- Most vehicles are equipped with a cabin filter in the heating and air conditioning system, which, if clean, will trap close to 100 percent of airborne contaminants before they enter the interior passenger cabin of your vehicle.
- A cabin filter can become dirty over time, reducing its ability to filter the air you breathe. If you haven't replaced your cabin filter recently, you may want to do so now to help prevent the harmful smoke and soot from getting inside your vehicle. This is especially important for anyone suffering from any form of breathing disorder.

Air Filters:

- Every time you drive, your air filter prevents dirt and other damaging particles from entering your vehicle's engine.
- A dirty air filter can restrict airflow, which contributes to decreased acceleration and horsepower, as well as reduced overall performance.
- If you don't remember when you last changed your vehicle's air filter, replacing it now may help prevent bigger engine problems down the road.

About AutoZone:

As of August 25, 2007, AutoZone sells auto and light truck parts, chemicals and accessories through 3,933 AutoZone stores in 48 states plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico in the U.S. and 123 stores in Mexico.

AutoZone is the leading retailer and a leading distributor of automotive replacement parts and accessories in the United States. Each store carries an extensive product line for cars, sport utility vehicles, vans and light trucks, including new and remanufactured automotive hard parts, maintenance items, accessories, and non-automotive products. Many stores also have a commercial sales program that provides commercial credit and prompt delivery of parts and other products to local, regional and national repair garages, dealers, and service stations. AutoZone also sells the ALLDATA brand automotive diagnostic and repair software. On the web, AutoZone sells diagnostic and repair information, and auto and light truck parts through www.autozone.com. AutoZone does not derive revenue from automotive repair or installation.

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