



Maintaining Your Wipers and Washer Fluid

Under the hood of your vehicle is a plastic container that contains the fluid for your windshield wipers. Is it full of liquid? If not, we carry a wide variety of windshield washer solutions.

Pay attention to the kind of windshield washer fluid you use. Some are concentrated, which means that you need to mix them with water before adding them to the reservoir. If you live in an area that gets cold in the winter, consider a premixed washer solution that contains antifreeze. This solution comes in quart and gallon sizes and keeps your windshield clean while preventing the liquid from freezing up in cold weather.

If your wipers have been making a mess of your windshield, buy new blades or new inserts for them. The rubber wiper inserts are inexpensive and usually just slide into place. The metal blades into which the inserts fit are a little more expensive, but if your old ones look corroded or generally aren't in good shape, you should replace them as well. Consult your owner's manual or auto parts store for the type and size of blades you need and for instructions on inserting the blades if you can't figure out the instructions on the package. Be aware that some vehicles have different-sized wipers for the driver and passenger sides and that other vehicles have only one wiper. If your vehicle has a rear window wiper, don't forget to check that, too.

To avoid being caught in a downpour with no visibility, change your blades after a hot summer, before an annual rainy season, or at least twice a year.

How to Replace Wiper Blades Guide:

- Potential tools needed to replace wiper blades:
- Flat blade screwdriver (small)
- Small nosed pliers
- Latex or vinyl gloves
- Safety goggles

To replace wiper blades the actual action of replacing the blade is no big deal, it's the location of the blade down below the hood that can make it difficult though. Sometimes it helps to open the hood to gain

access to the wiper blades. Other times it is helpful if the wiper blade is somewhere in the motion line of wiper action. The trick is to get the

wiper to stop somewhere in the wiper arc. Turn the wipers to the on position and allow the wipers to start, and then shut the key off when the wiper has arrived in a desirable position on the windshield. To replace your wiper blades please follow the step by step instruction below. Also, watch the "How to replace wiper blades" video above to gain additional information. The method in which the wiper blades are attached will vary slightly. If you are unable to remove the wiper blades on your car please ask us...we'll be glad to show you how!

Step 1: With the hood closed, turn the wipers on, when the wipers are in the middle of their arc turn the key to the off position. (Note: if this can't be done because of wiper condition and you want to avoid scratching the windshield please open your hood to gain access)

Step 2: Locate the mounting clips at the top pivot on the wiper blade

Step 3: Release the clip and remove the wiper arm

Step 4: Match the size of the old blade against the new blade to ensure proper fit and operation

Step 5: Reinstall the new wiper blade and recheck wiper operation

Common Problems:

Make sure the wiper blades are the same size as the original blades. When replacing wiper blades not getting the blade on the mounting pin completely allowing the wiper arm to become dislodged and possibly causing damage to the windshield.

Using wiper blades after the blade has failed permanently damaging the windshield by craving scratches in the wiper arc.