

# FACT SHEET FLEET

## Springtime Road Safety.

Slowly but steady the world around us is waking up from the winter. From the second half of May the chance of (night) frost diminishes and the temperature during daytime rises steadily. Summer tires are being fitted once again and the first cabriolets are joining the roads. The days are getting longer, but low sun is causing dangerous situations. In this fact sheet we want to give some tips to improve safety:

- (Prescription) sunglasses reduces annoying glare and is therefore a must for each driver, whatever vehicle is being driven.
- Pay extra attention to the vehicles ahead and keep an appropriate distance: drivers tend to be surprised by low sun or sudden rainfalls causing them to brake abruptly.
- During the first week of daylight savings a lot of wild animals get hit on back roads. Follow the maximum speed on these roads and stay alert.
- In rural areas the fields are tilled again. This can cause dirty and slippery roads. Stay alert, reduce your speed and make sure your tires have the correct pressure.
- During the spring season extra attention to increased recreational traffic is needed. Especially during the holidays or around the weekend. Pay attention to possible inexperienced drivers that are pulling their caravan for the first time in months.
- Also keep in mind that children playing and extra pedestrians will be in traffic.
- In early spring more motorcycles are joining you on the road. Don't get surprised and check your mirrors frequently. Please bear in mind that an adaptive cruise control can't detect motorcycles in certain circumstances.
- Make sure the safety system sensors such as adaptive cruise control and lane departure warning stay clean. An extra wash will help you to keep the cameras clean.
- Always drive with the dipped beam on!



### Hay fever

Do you suffer from hay fever? Make sure you take your medicine on time to prevent sneezing behind the wheel. Sneezing can cause dangerous situations for yourself and other people on the road. Take special care of the pollen filter and clean this regularly. Ask your workshop to change this while changing from winter to summer tires.

### Concentration

At the end of the spring the days get warmer. On these warm days concentration can diminish. Make sure you start your journey well rested, do enough exercise (e.g. a short walk during your break) and stay hydrated. When you are too tired to continue driving there is only one solution: take a short nap for approximately 15 minutes. Sugar and energy drinks will give you a short boost, but moments later the fatigue will kick in harder.



## Windscreen

Make sure your windscreen stays free from bug remains and other dirt. Dirty windscreens create poor visibility, especially in combination with low sun. For cleaning use a clean sponge and dry it straight away with a cloth or wash leather. Do not dry with paper towels as this will leave dust behind.

Don't forget the inside of the windscreens. Clean this with glass cleaner.



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