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Joe Jahnsen of Owensville happened to own his dream car back in the '80s during his high school years — a '69 Dodge Dart Swinger. Like many who owned their dream cars in their youth, he sold it and it took until 2017 to finally purchase another.

Like his first car, Jahnsen had to learn some skills and work hard to restore his first love.

"I had (a Dodge Dart Swinger) in high school and always had plans to get another one," Jahnsen said. "This one came up for sale on Craigs List up in Chicago. I lowballed the guy on the price, thinking there was no way, and he took it. It was a complete rust bucket."

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While there are modern-day versions, when car lovers think or say Mopar, there is an emphasis on the classic or vintage versions.

“Other than the rust, it was just in bad shape,” Jahnsen said. “The interior was all out. It was basically a shell and the car was completely taken apart.”

Luck was on his side though, because his purchase included most of the parts that went with it.

“The interior wasn’t done, but the old interior was there,” Jahnsen continued. “The seats needed to be recovered. There was no motor or transmission — which was good because it was all rusted out.”

The quarter panels and floorboards needed special care too.

“I did all the bodywork myself,” Jahnsen said. “I put it all back to stock original, how it came from the factory.

The bricklayer by trade said that Youtube became his best friend during the two-year restoration, along with Clay and Clayton Kossuth of Clay and Sons Mopar Salvage Yard in Catawissa.

“A lot of Youtube videos,” he said. “The hardest thing was putting the quarter



panels on until I figured it out. Now it ain’t so bad, but that was probably the biggest challenge. Getting the quarter panels lined up with the doors, keeping everything lined up, all the body lines.”

The Kossuths were there to answer questions and share ideas.

Determined to do it right, the novice researched until he felt he had enough instruction to make the work look experienced.

“That was the first car I’ve done since ‘86 when I done my old car in high school,”

he said. “I haven’t done anything on a car since, but I just jumped in and got into it.”

Once the bodywork was completed, Jahnsen focused on the interior.

“The paint color is F8-Green,” he said, describing what most would call the ‘70s green, “They are starting to bring the color back.”

With a new black hard top, upholstery, carpet and interior complementing the authentic black dashboard and imitation radio, the Dart is a parody of the more expensive ‘70s version, but cool nonetheless.

But how does she drive?

True to its factory release, the ‘69 Dodge Dart 340 sported its traditional 340 engine with a four-speed in the floor when Jahnsen turned the key for the first time.

“I put a bigger cam than was in from the factory, and new headers,” Jahnsen said. “It runs pretty good, pretty strong.”

The bigger camshaft allows more air and fuel into the engine’s cylinder, which makes the vehicle go faster. Bigger headers

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allow the exhaust gases more release, resulting in less back pressure. Less pressure equals a faster car with more performance.

“It was a stock motor,” Jahnsen said. “It ran 13.9 seconds in a quarter mile, got it up to about 100 miles an hour.”

Since the car’s restoration, Jahnsen and his wife Wonda Jahnsen have taken it to the St. Louis Moparr event and ran it down the track. The Moparr Worldwide Technology event, in East St. Louis, is a favorite. The drive is a plus.

“Everybody is your friend when you are driving them old cars,” Jahnsen said. “Giving you the thumbs up. I just like the feel and it reminds me of the old days.”

The Jahnsens have been in Owensville for about 21 years, but they love driving in the car back to Cedar Hill to see their family.

It’s about 60 miles, we take it for a day drive,” Jahnsen said. “Take off driving and spend the day. It’s brand new and there are no problems with it.”

The only other non-original item is the imitation radio. Jahnsen said it looks old, but it has blue tooth and other modern capabilities. And they only listen to old music. Old country. Old rock.

The ‘69 that Jahnsen fondly calls “The Dart” was fully restored by January 2020.

“I was done in November 2019, but the interior didn’t get done until January

2020,” he said.

After the car was finished, Jahnsen added one more unique touch.

“I found an original ‘69 license plate and registered it to the car,” he said. “They are basically historical plates, even though they don’t say that.”

He purchased the old license plate off the internet.

Since the Dart’s restoration, the Jahnsens have put 4,500 miles on the engine. In hindsight, the novice-turned-expert says the hardest part about the restoration may have been the wait.

“It may be months before you get the parts,” he said. “When I redone the Dart, parts was still high, but nothin’ compared to now. Every aftermarket part you buy, you have to go back through and refurbish because everything is made in China and what you get, half of it don’t work.”

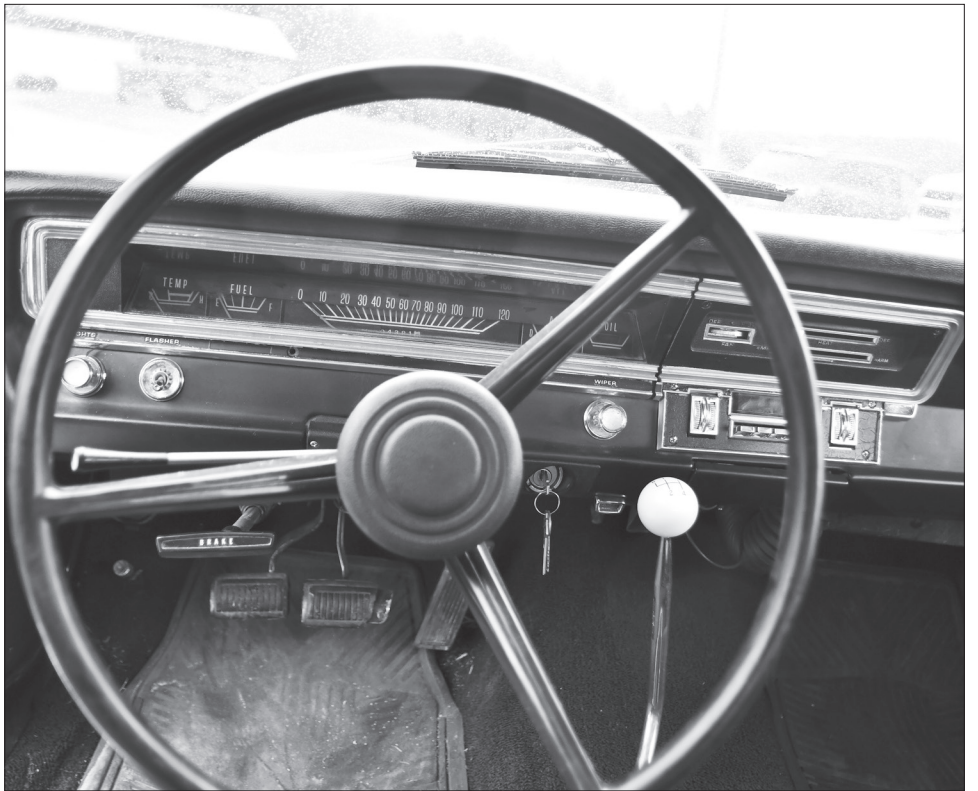
Jahnsen also admits to catching the Mopar bug.

“Like most guys, I can’t settle for just one,” Jahnsen said.

The Dart didn’t get as much drive time in 2021 because Jahnsen was working on two other projects.

“I’ve got two other cars (in my shop) I am trying to get done,” he said. “My plan was to sell it and do another.”

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THE ‘69 Dart has a traditional 340 cubic inch engine with a 4 barrel carburetor. Jahnsen only plays old tunes on the push button radio in his Dart. The radio (right) is one of only two non-original items on the car. It’s an imitation with blue tooth capabilities.



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JAHNSEN ALSO refurbished this '67 Dodge Coronet R/T with a four-speed big block Hemi. Jahnsen uses a grinder on the back seat of the Dart Swinger(photo above right). The bare metal (below) is ready for the primer.



THE '69 Dart sits on the trailer after being towed from Chicago in 2017.



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Jahnsen just finished restorations on a '67 Dodge Coronet R/T with a four-speed big block Hemi engine.

Jahnsen said he traded the car from a man in Catawissa who had purchased it in 1972 from a man in Illinois who had an engine fire.

"Instead of fixing the hood, I am sure there was nothing wrong with the engine, he tore it completely apart like he was goin' to restore it — in 1972," Jahnsen said. "It has been sitting since '72 and there wasn't a nut or bolt on it. Fenders wasn't on it. Wasn't nothin' on it."

The parts were mostly still in boxes. Jahnsen traded another finished restoration for the Coronet."

"I drove a 1969 Plymouth Roadrunner to Catawissa and hauled the R/T back," he said.

He added that the '67 Coronet is technically for sale and he has two more in the works.

"I need two or three," Jahnsen said. "I get more enjoyment out of fixing them than just driving them."

Keep Your Car Safer and On the Road Longer

(Family Features) For many families, cars are huge, long-term investments second only to homes. Many are looking for ways to keep their cars on the road longer and make them safer to continue to serve their needs for years to come.

No matter what or where you drive, you can keep your current vehicle looking and performing its best - and even update it to make it safer - with these tips inspired by eBay Motors' Parts of America tour, a cross-country tour exploring unique car cultures across America.

CHOOSE THE RIGHT TIRES

If it's time to trade your tires in, take the time to learn what options are available for your vehicle. For those in fair weather states, summer performance tires offer the best possible fuel efficiency all year round. Families living in milder states with occasional snow may consider all-season tires that trade efficiency for safety on a variety of surfaces. Finally, when it comes to driving in a winter wonderland, there is no substitute for specialized rubber and tread patterns - purchase a dedicated set of snow tires to ensure you're safe all winter long. No matter your situation, a new set of tires can maximize safety and extend the life of your car.

NEW LOOK, NEW RIDE

One way to breathe new life into your ride is to take it to the next level aesthetically. With enthusiast communities growing around nearly every make and model of vehicle, it's easy to find parts to make your vision a reality. One of the most eye-catching additions is a new set of wheels, and there are thousands of brands, styles and sizes to choose from for every car. The addition of front, side and rear aerodynamics kits, such as front splitters or rear spoilers, can give any ride that athletic look. Upgrading stock headlight and taillight units - many fitted with high-visibility LEDs - has never been easier.

UPGRADE YOUR TECH

Safety and creature comforts alike can add to your enjoyment of your vehicle, even if you've been driving it for several years. Many cars can be updated with the latest and greatest features available in new rides, including high-tech infotainment equipped with digital assistants, front and rear cameras, parking sensors, blind spot warning and even collision avoidance systems. As families look to extend their cars' lifespans, these technology upgrades can make driving comfortable and safer.

POWER AND PERFORMANCE

While looks and tech can bring new experiences to your car, no change has quite the same impact as improving its performance. Options abound for those looking to improve the power and handling of their ride, such as replacing the exhaust system, lowering springs, adding a coilover kit or conducting a full suspension replacement.



FIND PURPOSE-BUILT PARTS

Whether you're an amateur DIY-er looking to maintain and make small upgrades to your vehicle or an expert looking to make bigger modifications, finding parts and accessories that fit your vehicle is crucial. From hard-to-find performance modifications to made-to-fit cosmetic accessories, eBay Motors offers parts and accessories for nearly any vehicle, skillset and project. The app offers an entire catalog of inventory with 122 million live parts listings at any given time, giving auto enthusiasts the ability to purchase from an expansive inventory from the convenience of a smartphone. What's more, features like Buy It Now, My Garage and Fitment Finder enable users to easily search parts and accessories, verify the items fit their vehicle and make immediate purchases for what they need.

SKIP THE WAIT

The global supply chain continues to recover from disruptions that have stretched back several years, and many customers are feeling the strain when it comes time to upgrade, maintain or repair their vehicles. Some shops around the country are quoting waiting times of several months just to have the right part delivered for service. However, families can find relief and get their car back on the road quicker by looking online to source their

much-needed parts. In fact, many technicians work with customers to have parts delivered directly to their shop from online sources to expedite and simplify the process.

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Gifts to rev auto lovers' engines

Since they first became widely available in the early 20th century, cars have inspired no small number of passionate devotees. Some people simply can't resist the thrills of the open road, while others love driving because of the sense of independence it provides. Regardless of what inspires their passions, come the holiday season, auto enthusiasts undoubtedly would be excited to unwrap these auto-related gifts.

- **Car wash kit:** It's one thing to drive, and another thing entirely to drive a car that looks like it's fresh off the dealership lot. Car wash kits come in various sizes, so they're ideal for holiday shoppers working with various budgets. Kits may include wet wax, wheel gel, glass cleaner, a short handle brush, and microfiber towels, among other supplies. Each accessory within the kit can make cars or trucks shine and look as good as new.

- **Mechanics' tool kit:** Many car lovers enjoy working on their vehicles almost as much as they love driving them. That makes a mechanic's tool kit a must-have for auto enthusiasts. Like car wash kits, mechanics' kits are ideal gifts because they can suit shoppers working with various budgets. Extensive kits include all the

tools car lovers need, from ratchets to extension bars to sockets and more, to spend a fun day working in the garage.

- **Tire inflator:** All those miles on the open road is bound to catch up with tires over time, and a portable tire inflator can ensure tires are always properly inflated. Cordless varieties are popular, but so are options that can be plugged into vehicle lighters. Either way, this is a must-have item for anyone who puts a lot of miles on their vehicle.

- **Autocross lesson:** Of course, gifts for auto lovers needn't be restricted to helping them take care of their own cars. Autocross lessons can teach drivers the finer points of timed competitions while enabling them to get behind the wheel of an exotic car they've dreamed of driving. Autocross schools typically have classes for drivers with experience as well as novices, making this a fun gift for anyone who wants to take the thrill of driving to the next level.

There's no shortage of gift ideas to please the auto enthusiast on your holiday shopping list this year. From the fun to the functional, there's something for everyone who loves being behind the wheel.



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Performance issues that can affect older cars

Modern cars have much longer life spans than one may expect. Not too long ago, drivers often commemorated the milestone of their vehicles reaching the 100,000-mile mark. However, data from Car and Driver indicates the average vehicle now lasts around 12 years or roughly 200,000 miles. More advanced electric or hybrid vehicles may be able to go even further, with some capable of reaching as much as 300,000 miles.



According to a 2006 report from Consumer Reports, vehicles made in Japan and Korea have fewer problems per 100 vehicles than those made by American and European manufacturers, making them tops in vehicle longevity.

Thanks to advancements in technology, cars are more durable than ever, but that doesn't make them impervious to breakdowns or the need for repairs. A recent report from AAA found that more than two-thirds of service calls were for vehicles a decade or older. Here's a look at some of the problems that can affect older vehicles.

Battery

The average car battery lasts between three and five years, according to Auto Zone. Batteries tend to show signs

of wear at the four-year mark on average. Corrosion or dirt on battery terminals also can affect battery performance.

Electrical system

Electrical system issues can be caused by anything from burnt out car fuses to bad or faulty electrical connections and contacts. Corroded or loose screws, nuts and wires can cause electrical issues, which may be more common in older vehicles that have significant mileage on them.

Suspension

The suspension system is comprised of springs, tires, shock absorbers, struts, anti-sway bars, and other parts that connect the vehicle to the wheels. Suspension systems regulate the amount of bouncing in the vehicle while on

the road and make it manageable. Eventually, all suspension systems can and will wear out, and parts will need to be serviced or replaced.

Evaporative emissions

The evaporative system consists of a network of hoses, canisters and valves. It helps vent pressure in the gas tank. An older vehicle may end up with a cracked hose that can cause a fuel leak. Hoses also may be compromised elsewhere in vehicles, so these points should be checked during routine maintenance.

Braking system

As with other moving parts on a car, the brake system wears down over time and parts will need to be replaced. Squealing, squeaking or a soft brake pedal are indicative of braking system issues and should be looked at by a

mechanic promptly.

Obsolete components

Modern vehicles are increasingly being controlled by computers. These computers handle a variety of features, including navigation and pairing to mobile phones, among others. Over time, systems may no longer work if there are no computer updates available. That means Bluetooth pairing may no longer function, or maps may not be current for GPS systems.

Cars and trucks have longer life spans due to technological advancements. However, age is still a factor in the deterioration of different vehicle systems.



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What to know when buying from a private seller

In recent years, more and more car buyers are considering pre-owned vehicles as the world continues to confront supply shortages related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Certified pre-owned dealerships may be the first place used car buyers go when looking to replace their current vehicles, but they might be able to find even better deals if they look at the private seller market.

Buying vehicles from private sellers was once relatively common but has fallen out of favor over the last few decades. In fact, the insurance comparison site The Zebra reports that roughly 61 percent of car buyers prefer to buy from a dealership. But that doesn't mean buyers can't still find great cars on the private seller market, especially if they keep a few strategies in mind as they begin their vehicle search.

- Get as much paperwork as possible. Many vehicle owners prioritize record-keeping, saving maintenance receipts for everything from standard oil changes to more significant repairs. When buying from private sellers, buyers should not hesitate to request a vehicle history report as well as all documentation of maintenance that has been performed on the car since sellers have owned it. Consider it a red flag if sellers do not have

any paperwork or refuse to provide it.

- Be patient. Patience is a buyer's ally when shopping for a pre-owned vehicle. Certified pre-owned vehicles at a local dealership have already been vetted and met certain standards to earn that designation, but buyers must do their own vetting when buying from private sellers. That requires patience as buyers peruse vehicle history reports provided by the seller (or gather them on their own) and don't rush to buy cars that could ultimately prove to be lemons if they're not vetted properly.

- Insist that a mechanic be allowed to examine the car. One of the biggest risks of buying from private sellers is that such vehicles are rarely under warranty when put up for sale, and sellers likely won't guarantee parts. That underscores the importance of having a vehicle thoroughly examined by a certified mechanic before buying it. Private sellers should have no issue allowing this, especially when buyers pay for the inspections. If sellers are unwilling to let mechanics inspect the car, look elsewhere for your next car or truck.

- Confirm the number of owners. There's no magic number of owners a vehicle can have before it's considered too risky to buy, but the more owners a car has had, the less likely buyers will



learn its full history. In addition, if sellers were not the first owners, they won't know how the car was treated or driven prior to them buying it. That's another potential red flag to consider before buying a car that has had more than one owner.

The private seller market can be a great place to find a reliable pre-owned vehicle. But caution and patience is of the utmost importance when buying vehicles from private sellers.

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What certain noises may indicate about your car



Automobiles have come a long way since their introduction more than 100 years ago. Though modern cars and trucks still employ some of the same principles as their forebears, the vehicles people drive today bear little resemblance to those that made waves in the early part of the twentieth century.

Modern automobiles are technological marvels, which has made both driving and maintaining a vehicle much simpler. In regard to maintenance, built-in diagnostic systems can now alert drivers when something is wrong with their vehicles. Though that feature is undeniably useful, drivers can still benefit from learning to recognize issues by ear. Many issues that can affect a car or truck produce unusual sounds, and learning what certain noises may indicate can help drivers detect problems as soon as possible.

- **Rattling sound in a wheel well:** Most people have mistakenly placed clothing in a dryer without realizing they had spare change in their pockets. That mistake is immediately apparent once the dryer starts thanks to the unpleasant noise of coins bounc-

ing off the interior of the machine. Drivers may hear a similar sound when behind the wheel and wonder what's behind it. Such a sound is often indicative that there's a loose lug nut inside the hubcap. This issue can arise when drivers don't tighten the wheel properly after changing their own tire, or if mechanics make the same mistake when rotating or replacing tires during a routine maintenance session.

- **Squeaking sound:** The auto insurance experts at Geico® note that rear-wheel or four-wheel drive vehicles may produce a rhythmic squeaking sound when an issue arises with the universal joint. JD Power notes that the universal joint, often referred to as a U-joint, is part of the system that enables the rotating crankshaft in the engine of a vehicle to transfer that rotating motion to the rear wheels. U-joints get a workout whenever vehicles are driven, so they require maintenance, and a squeaking sound is one indicator that the U-joint needs to be addressed immediately.

- **Squealing sound:** A high-pitched squealing sound is typically indicative of worn out brake pads. However,

Cars.com notes that if such a sound is only present when a car is first driven in the morning, it could just be surface rust being scraped off the rotors. After a few initial applications of the brakes, that sound might disappear. If it doesn't, the vehicle will likely need new brake pads.

- **Scraping on the windshield during rain:** The scraping sound on a windshield when the wipers are in use should not be taken lightly or be interpreted as a sign that the rain is only falling slightly. In fact, that sound indicates the wipers are worn out, which means they're not effectively clearing the windshield. In addition, the wipers could be scratching the windshield each time they produce this sound, ultimately necessitating a costly windshield replacement. Wiper blades can be replaced in a matter of minutes, so address this issue promptly.

Learning to recognize the culprits behind various vehicle noises can help drivers nip problems in the bud before they compromise the automobile and the safety of the people inside it.

What to do after an accident

Car accidents occur every day. According to data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, there are more than five million car accidents in the United States every year. Forty-three percent of car accidents resulted in injuries in 2020.

No one wants to get into an automobile accident, which can be stressful and even fatal. Even accidents that do not result in any major injuries can be traumatizing. Knowing what to do in the immediate aftermath of an accident may make such instances less stressful.

Assess the situation

The insurance experts at GEICO® advise individuals involved in an accident to first determine if any of the involved parties suffered an injury. If you are injured, stay put. If not, check on the condition of the other driver. At this point do not admit any fault or reveal any policy limits.

Next, make a call to emergency services to request assistance from the police and an ambulance, if necessary.

Move your vehicle

If possible, pull the vehicle over to a safe, well-lit public location. This is especially important if you believe you were the victim of a staged accident, says the Insurance Information Institute. If the car will cause another road hazard, it is best to move it over to the side and use flashers to alert oncoming

traffic. It is important that you don't leave the scene, according to American Property Casualty Insurance Association.

Gather evidence

Have the police write up an accident report. You should take pictures of the damage to your vehicle, the other vehicle, if possible, and the scene of the accident, including any skid marks, debris and/or property damage. If there are any witnesses to the accident, get their names and contact information. You'll need this information when filing an insurance claim.

Exchange information

Collect the names, phone numbers, addresses and email addresses of other drivers and vehicle occupants and exchange insurance information with all drivers involved. That includes the insurance company name, policy number and the name of the insured.

Notify a friend or family member

Even if the accident is not serious, you may want to call a friend or family member to provide emotional support. If you've been injured, a friend or family member can meet you at the hospital and/or arrange to have your vehicle towed or returned home while you get the care you need.

Automotive accidents can be nerve-racking. Knowing the steps to take can alleviate some stress.

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Addressing headlight glare

Headlight glare becomes dangerous when visibility is impaired to a point where the risk of accidents is heightened. Glare is a growing problem for many modern drivers due to the increased use of light emitting diodes in headlights.

Driving at night is challenging because pedestrians, cars and other obstacles are difficult to see once the sun sets. However, a study from the U.S. Department of Transportation found that 88 percent of drivers noticed LED and HID headlight glare, with more than 30 percent saying the glare is “disturbing.” While LED lights may not actually be brighter, their “cool” spectrum make them appear so. Studies have found that blue and white light tends to hit people’s eyes harder, especially at night.

In addition, human eyes do not adjust to changes in lighting very quickly, according to Pierre Paul Driving School in New York. The older a person gets, the longer his or her eyes will take to adjust to changes in lighting. In fact, it can take up to seven seconds to recover from the blinding glare of headlights. That’s

enough blindness to swerve off the road or potentially hit something.

While glare can be problematic, drivers can take certain steps to make it safer to drive at night.

- Clean the windshield. Dirt and grime found on the windshield can refract light and make glare worse. Therefore, clean all windows and mirrors thoroughly, inside and out.

- Repair scratches and cracks. Glare can be exacerbated by any imperfections in the windshield. Repair cracks or scratches promptly.

- Get a vision and health check. Changes to vision can impact how glare affects certain individuals. Vitamin A deficiency can cause night blindness, also known as nyctalopia. Eye shape changes, including a condition called keratoconus, can affect vision. Cataracts and diabetes also impair vision. Visit with a primary care physician as well as an eye doctor to diagnose conditions that can make night vision worse.

- Change your line of sight. Do not look directly into oncoming headlights. Rather, look slightly down and

to the right side of the road so that you’re not focusing on the beams.

- Get glare-resistant coatings on eyeglasses. Speak with an optician about eyeglasses with anti-glare coating. This will significantly reduce the amount of glare. VisionCenters.com says standard plastic lenses reflect around 8 percent of the light that reaches glasses, while high-index lenses reflect up to 12 percent of available light. Anti-glare coating allows 99.5 percent of available light to reach the eyes, essentially eliminating glare. Those who don’t wear eyeglasses can purchase specific anti-glare glasses to wear in high-glare conditions, such as when looking at computer and phone screens.

- Flip the rearview mirror to “night” mode. This will make it appear as though lights coming from behind are dimmer.

These are some of the steps to take when glare becomes problematic while driving at night. Taking breaks also can help eyes recover.

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How motorcyclists can stay safe while riding

Many people are drawn to motorcycles because of the intensity and excitement riding provides. Motorcycles are fun and routinely draw attention from other motorists.

What motorcycles add in terms of speed and excitement, they may lose in safety, especially when compared to cars and trucks. The National Transportation Safety Board says motorcycle riders and their passengers have the highest risk of fatal injury among all motor vehicle users. Per mile traveled, motorcyclist fatalities occur nearly 28 times as often as passenger vehicle occupant fatalities in traffic crashes.

Thankfully, the risks associated with riding motorcycles can be reduced with some simple safety precautions.

GEAR

Motorcycle riders can improve the barrier between themselves and the road with the proper gear. Quality leather jackets and pants, helmets, gloves, and nonskid boots can protect the body from severe injuries.

IMPROVE VISIBILITY

Reflective tape added to clothing can help motorcyclists become more visible to other drivers; otherwise, wear bright clothing colors. Also, riding with others as a group increases visibility.

FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH THE BIKE

Motorcycle riders are not advised to

take an unfamiliar bike into busy traffic. If the bike has never been ridden before, become familiar with its handling and responsiveness in a controlled area that isn't full of traffic before taking it on the open road.

STAY OUT OF BLIND SPOTS

Consumer Reports says roughly two-thirds of all motorcycle accidents are caused by a car driver violating a motorcycle rider's right of way. Motorcycle riders should never assume a driver sees them. Staying out of blind spots and steering clear of turning vehicles can help.

ADJUST FOR WEATHER

Riding in the rain or in other difficult conditions is more risky since the roads are slippery. Slow down or keep the bike at home in inclement weather.

REMOVE DISTRACTIONS

Stow cell phones away so your attention is not drawn away from the road.

REMAIN SOBER AND ALERT

Don't ride while under the influence of alcohol or drugs (including over-the-counter if they cause drowsiness). Also, do not drive while drowsy, as it is just as dangerous as driving while intoxicated.

BE AWARE OF OBSTACLES

Motorcyclists need to be very careful about road obstacles, more so than other drivers. This includes uneven road surfaces, fallen branches, oil slicks, and/



or wet spots. ConsumerSafety.org says a motorcycle has less contact with the road than a car, making it more likely to skid out of control or throw a rider from the bike.

Motorcycle riders need to be more cautious on the road because they are at increased risk for injury.



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