

- Buy genuine replacement parts with a warranty from:
 - the car manufacturer's dealer network, or
 - a reputable muffler fitting shop, or
 - a service station.

Ask for a noise test from the muffler fitter

- Cars made before 1st January 1983 must not exceed 96 dB(A).
- Cars made after 1st January 1983 must not exceed 90 dB(A).

Remember — excessive noise can cost you money. **Maximum penalty** is \$250 for an **individual**, and \$2,500 for a **corporation**.

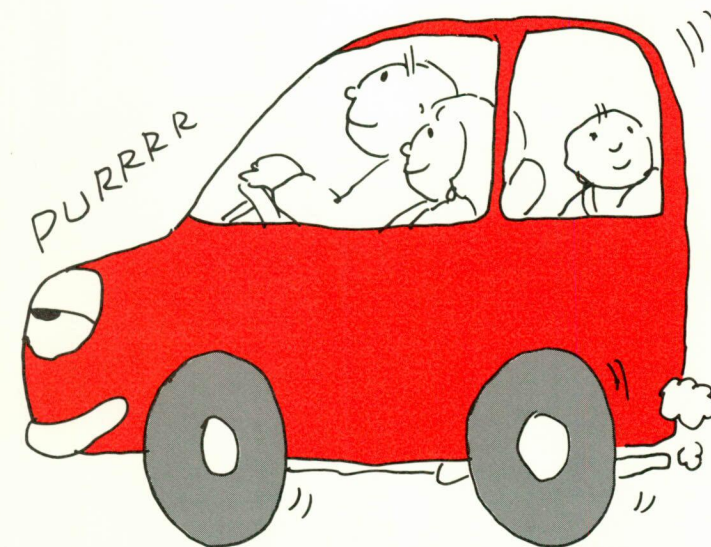


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Noise pollution from cars

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Can you imagine life without a car? Could your family manage without one?

Cars are an important part of our daily lives. Without them, we wouldn't be able to get around as easily.

But there is a price for this freedom of movement. Each of those millions of cars on our roads creates noise — the more cars, the more noise.

So what's wrong with noise?

Lots. Noise pollution can affect your health, it can disturb sleep, make learning harder, make you tired, and even increase the risk of heart disease.

What can be done?

We obviously can't ban all cars, but we can reduce the amount of noise coming from each car.

That's where you come in. Your car may be making more noise than it should.

Check to see if there are holes in your exhaust system. They could be letting out noise or dangerous carbon monoxide.

But **BE CAREFUL**, exhaust pipes get **HOT**.

Where does the noise come from?

Excessive noise can come from:

- deterioration of the exhaust system from corrosion;
- use of non-standard mufflers or pipes;
- engine modifications such as a different camshaft, inlet manifold, carburettor or air inlet silencer; or
- bad driving — screeching tyres, blowing the horn.

How you can help

Fit a good exhaust system

- Beware of cheapies. They wear out faster and often cause high backpressure and use more fuel even if they are quiet. And many of them don't carry a warranty.

