

STORING YOUR JAGUAR “IN and OUT”

The following is a list of things to do while putting your Jaguar (or other) car in storage, as well as removing it from its 6 month winter hibernation.

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PREPARING YOUR CAR FOR WINTER STORAGE

- 1) **TIRES:** Pressure up to 45lbs on 4 road tires and 30 lbs for spare.
- 2) **OIL/FILTER:** Preferred time to change, so that the impurities do not sit all winter.
- 3) **GASOLINE:** Add fuel stabilizer to fuel tank. Some recommend topping-up fuel tank in order to minimize condensation.
- 4) **FOGGING:** Using spray fogging oil into the carburetors in order to lubricate the valves/head/pistons, or remove the plugs and spray directly into each cylinder. Turn the engine over. Clean and set the gaps of the plugs or install new ones.
Using the same fogging oil, do your door hinges, door latch and striker, hood hinges, hood release and latch, trunk hinges and latch, jack, etc...
- 5) **BATTERY:** Preferably remove the battery from the car and store in a warmer setting. Check the acid level and top up if necessary with distilled water.
The voltage should be 12.5 volts. If not, charge or trickle charge until 12.5 volts is obtained. Check and recharge every month or two if necessary.
- 6) **BRAKE FLUID:** Flush out reservoir using a turkey basted to agitate and suck out old fluid. Replace with the grade of fluid as specified for. Do not use Dot 4 or synthetic if DOT 3 is called up. The chemicals added to DOT 4 will derogate the older style rubber compound as in brake hoses, master cylinders, wheel cylinders. Same goes for clutch fluid.
- 7) **ANTIFREEZE:** Measure voltage between fluid and ground. Less than .5 volts is good. Anything above 1.5 volts should be changed immediately in order to prevent corrosion of the aluminum head and fittings. Check freezing point level and top up if necessary.
- 8) **INTERIOR:** If stored in a outside garage, place a few sheets of “Bouncy” or “Fleecy” to ward off mice. The same or moth balls into the engine compartment to ward off squirrels and chipmunks.