

## Gauges and metres

### Measuring Savings, Gauging Safety.



You see the instrument cluster on your dashboard every time you drive. Are you using it to stay safe and save money? Sure, you check your fuel gauge so you don't run out of gas. You probably eye the speedometer to avoid traffic tickets. Before you go on a trip, you might set the odometer to see how far you travel.

But checking the other gauges improves safety and saves money. Watch your tachometer. Running the engine fast wastes fuel and money. A glance at the temperature gauge prevents overheating. Monitor your tires with the tire pressure gauge. Correctly inflated tires add miles per gallon. Finally, watch out for the battery light. If it turns on, there's a problem with the charging system.

### **1. Before you read the passage, talk about these questions.**

- 1 What gauges and dials are on the dashboard of a car?
- 2 When you are driving, which gauges do you check most often?

### **2. Read the column in an auto magazine. Then, mark the following statements as true (T) or false (F)**

- 1 \_\_\_ Setting the odometer can help avoid tickets.
- 2 \_\_\_ Checking the tachometer can help save fuel.
- 3 \_\_\_ Correctly inflated tires increase fuel efficiency.

### **3. Match the words (1-5) with the definitions (A-E).**

- 1 \_\_\_ battery light

2 \_\_tire pressure gauge

3 \_\_ tachometr

4 \_\_dashboard

5 \_\_ measure

A a gauge that shows engine rotation

B a display that warns of electronic problems

C an instrument panel with gauges and dials

D to find out the amount, size or degree of something

E a gauge that shows air pressure

#### 4. Fill in the blanks with the words and phrases from the word bank.

(Wypełnić formularz ze słów i zwrotów z banku słów.)

Fuel gauge

instrument cluster

odometer

speedometer

measures

temperature

gauge

1. An ammeter \_\_\_\_\_ the flow of electric current.
2. Check the \_\_\_\_\_ to see if the engine is too hot.
3. To avoid running out of gas, check the \_\_\_\_\_ .
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ shows how fast a car is moving.
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ holds dials and gauges and is located on the dashboard.
6. Harry set the \_\_\_\_\_ to see how far he will travel in his trip.

