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Office of Defect
Investigation
No.
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To Whom it may concern,

I'm wondering if you can investigate whether
the 2010 Yaris sedans have a defective
fuel gauge or fuel sending unit.

I had two bars of gas, and I knew I should
get gas. I was driving and the gas gauge
continued to show two bars. I was driving
on Friday afternoon toward the gas station at
Paris Road and College Avenue in Columbia, MO
and my car died on a two-lane Paris Road,
close to the Wilkes Boulevard intersection. Thankfully
nobody was injured when my car died on the road.

Paris Road is a busy road and this happened
around 4:08 p.m. Friday, Jan. 31, 2020. I called
AAA road service tow truck arrived around 5 p.m.
I had my car towed to Joe Mackens Toyota-Scion
at 1180 Vandiver Drive, Columbia, MO, 573-445-
4450.

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My husband drove me to Joe Machens, where we talked to Matthew Reid, the service manager, and I asked him to diagnose what was wrong.

Matthew called me on Saturday, Feb. 1, 2020, to say they put a gallon of gas into my gas tank and the car started up. (I think they must have put more than 1 gallon of gas.)

Matthew said the fuel sending unit needed to be replaced, and this shows the gas gauge how much gas there is and he said this would cost ~~more than~~ at least \$490.

I told him to repair my car.

When I went to pick up my car the whole repair cost \$513.96.

I looked online if others had problems with the gas gauge, and I found some interesting ~~enter~~ information that the gas gauge may not work at 2 bars.

There was no warning light and no flashing bar that I was close to

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indicate I might break down at any moment
while I had two bars showing on the
gas gauge.

I often drive late at night, and sometimes I
drive between 10 p.m. and 2 A.M., and I'm
grateful and I thank God I did not get stranded
on the highway driving 70 mph, on a remote
~~des~~ road with a cell phone that might not
have been fully charged, and I'm thankful
my ~~car~~ car didn't dip in the middle of
an intersection. I'm glad there were no accidents,
fatalities or injuries from my car breaking down
~~while driving~~ ^{while driving} Someone online said the sending units aren't
faulty most of the time.

I think it's dangerous for 2010 Yaris cars if
they have a defective gas gauge or faulty
fuel sending unit.

I think it's dangerous for a gas gauge to
show two bars when the gas tank is
empty.

I Used to have a 2002 Toyota Echo, and I forgot to put gas and I was able to drive on E for some time before by the grace of God I was able to get gas to fill up while I was driving on U.S. 63 by Columbia. Because of this experience I believed on Friday, Jan. 31, 2003 I was OK and I had time to get gas when the gas gauge showed 2 bars on my 2010 Toyota Yaris.)

I hope you all will investigate what happened to me. I wonder if this gas gauge or fuel sending unit issue is a problem for other 2010 Yaris owners.

IF you find there is a problem I hope you will alert Toyota Manufacturing so they will find a solution to keep all motorists safe on the roads.

Thank you.
Sincerely

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After I paid my repair bill of \$513.96,
I went to get gas and I filled up my
tank and it cost me \$15.88.

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Fuel gauge

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Asked by Helpwithyaris Feb 22, 2016 at 04:43 PM about the 2007 Toyota Yaris 2dr Hatchback

Question type: Maintenance & Repair

I have 2007 Toyota Yaris and recently I had some problems with my car, I had two squares of fuel and my car died and lost all power. I had it towed to a shop to be looked at. When I got the phone call from the garage they told me it was out of gas. My question is could the fuel level sensor be the culprit for my gauge reading more fuel than what there really is

7 Answers

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12,605

Jay answered 3 years ago

there is not an LED that turns red? to warn you "I'm thirsty, now"~ my wife calls them "mario bars"...the last mario bar turns red...and starts flashing...sounds to me the float in the tank float stopped floating~ will check for technical service bulletins or recalls~

3 people found this helpful

Mark helpful

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Jay answered 3 years ago

https://www.google.com/?
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http://www.carcomplaints.com/Toyota/Yaris/2007/accessories-interior/fuel_gauge_malfunction.shtml I'm sorry, an oil painting to cheer you up~



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profileOwn [redacted] (30)

I had this same issue happen 3 weeks ago! Did you get yours fixed? If so, what was the approximate cost? I am so irritated that this is happening and when I googled the problem there were several others who had experienced the same problem... some were back as far as 2008!

2 people found this helpful.

👍 Mark helpful

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(/Cars/garage/viewGarage.action?
profileOwn [redacted] (12,605)

[redacted] answered 3 years ago

this is a ground problem...the gauge needs to see proper chassis ground...no ground the computer don't know what the !@#s going on...so at the battery there are two ground cables...first be sure the 2008 battery is now a 2015 or newer battery...as this lack of available amperage may have caused the failure...yep get a new battery and clean connections with a wirebrush or get new cables-



👍 Mark helpful

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(/Cars/garage/viewGarage.action?
profileOwn [redacted] (30)

[redacted] answered 3 years ago

I just got a new battery within the past 5 months

1 people found this helpful.

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(/Cars/garage/viewGarage.action?
profileOwn [redacted] (12,605)

[redacted] answered 3 years ago

...right, good...now examine the black cable...one leg connects to the motor...the other leg connects to the chassis/fender...Be sure they are free of corrosion as they will need to pull 40 amps through there- if you had an electrical tester, you might check the voltages at the troubled components-



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2007 Toyota Yaris 2dr Hatchback - Maintenance & Repair

[Fuel gauge \(/Cars/Discussion- \[REDACTED\]\)](#)

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I left my destination yesterday and my fuel gauge showed just below half a tank of fuel less than 70kms later of what was moderate driving on a country road, the gauge showed two notches above empty..

2018 Toyota Yaris CE 2dr Hatchback - General

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Good morning, I'm working on changing the fuel pump in my Yaris. I've watched a video on YouTube so I'm clearly an expert. At this point I have the fuel assembly visible, and disconnected, but I ...

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05-13-2010, 01:34 AM

#1



Drives: 2008 yaris
Join Date: Jan 2010
Location: los angeles
Posts: 6

I've run out of gas three times

am i just a moron or what. I have ran out of gas three times and have been seriously low countless other times because i don't notice the gas meter....it seems to go from 2 bars to nothing really quick and the fact that it's not in front of me is a factor\

has this happened to anyone else?

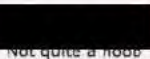
I wish toyota would have added better technology to the dash like letting you know how many miles left until you need to refuel.

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05-13-2010, 01:38 AM

#2



Not quite a flood



Drives: e46 325
Join Date: Jul 2009
Location: edmonton
Posts: 1,412

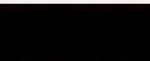
It's hard for the fuel gauge to be correct because of the shape of the tank and the mechanism that calculates fuel left. When you hit two bars directly go to a gas station, simple.

user: offline

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05-13-2010, 07:13 AM

#3



just use the miles as your indicator simple

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Drives: 2007 Yaris Blazing Blue
Join Date: Jun 2007
Location: Montreal Canada
Posts: 6,322

user: offline

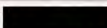
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05-13-2010, 08:01 AM

#4



Quote:

Originally Posted by 

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Drives: black toyota yaris t3
sprit
Join Date: May 2010
Location: Pretoria, south africa
Posts: 122



user: offline

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if u watch your last bar will start flashing really fast then u know u in the crap again, but the last bar should give you about 15km dont let the happen to offen as the fuel filter seal gets damage, then u got petrol smell in the car, and u wont be able to fill up because it leaks, then u need to change it, and the dealers take the whole day doing this,

yes it would have been nice if they put a beeper to the last bar

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quote

05-13-2010, 08:08 AM

#5

Drives: 09 3dr LB MT
Join Date: Aug 2009
Location: Lehigh Valley, PA
Posts: 683

Quote:

Originally Posted by [REDACTED]

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The problem is seeing when that last bar starts flashing. When I'm driving, I pay more attention to the road in front of me rather than looking at the gauges all the time. If there was a seperate light, that would have been good. Then again, what would have been even better than that would have been to stick with the analog gas gauge. I find them to be a hell of a lot better.

2009 3dr LB MT Meteorite Metallic.

Car bought 8/7/09. Now over 89k miles of trouble free driving, other than user error!!

user: offline

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reset your miles counter then keep an eye on the gas gauge then u will know when to fill up more or less, also do u drive with the aircon on

05-13-2010, 08:47 AM

#7

i too reset my trip whenever i fill so i have a good idea of how far i can go



Drives: the #wrecho
Join Date: Jun 2006

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Location: Grand Rapids, MI
Posts: 5,876

user: offline

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#8

Quote:

Originally Posted by [REDACTED]
am i just a moron or what.

Drives: '10 Yaris5drHB+99
4runner LTD
Join Date: Sep 2009
Location: NE
Posts: 686

probably.

it is not rocket science.

Toyota did all they could putting a gas gauge in that
blinks when YOU NEED TO GET MORE

no one can help you after that, except take your keys away

user: offline

quote

05-13-2010, 09:59 AM

#9

View User's Garage
Drives: 07 Yaris Sedan Aero
Join Date: Oct 2006
Location: Brossard, QC
Posts: 3,924

Well, even if you pay more attention to the road.. you should learn to somehow check how much gas is left
BEFORE you start driving?!?!?

and you should get the idea how many miles you can go with whatever's left...

also, You probably are someone who don't pay too much attention do the speed you are going at. And you
probably is someone who forgets to turn on the headlights at night??

user: offline

quote

05-13-2010, 10:10 AM

#10



Drives: 07 Yaris S Sedan 5-
Speed
Join Date: Oct 2008
Location: Massachusetts
Posts: 2,197

I don't know what's so difficult. The gas gauge is clear and set right near the speedometer and clock which I
imagine most people take a look at regularly. No?

There's 8 bars. How does one not notice those bars disappearing over the course of 400 miles or so. How do
you drive that far and not check your gas level? Personally, I make a mental visual of my gas level like every
5 minutes.

Don't wait to go much pass the last 2 bars unless you can plan well and are around numerous gas stations.
The Yaris can go at least another 40 miles when the 2nd to last bar disappears and leaves you with a blinking
bar. Running out of gas boggles my mind.

user: offline

quote

05-13-2010, 10:18 AM

#11

Drives: 09 3dr LB MT
Join Date: Aug 2009
Location: Lehigh Valley, PA
Posts: 683

Quote:

Originally Posted by [REDACTED]
*reset your miles counter, then keep an eye on the gas gauge then u will know when to fill up more or
less, also do u drive with the aircon on*

I always reset my trip every time I fill up. But again, with the point that I already made, I don't look at my
gauge every second. I only turn on the air conditioning when it is too unbearable to drive without it on at
highway speeds. When not on the highway, even on the hottest day, I open the windows. But the higher
speeds on the highways make it too noisy to have them open.

Quote:

Originally Posted by [REDACTED]
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I've run out of gas three times - Toyota Yaris Forums - Ultimate Yaris Enthusiast Site
Do I look at my gas gauge when I get in my car and start it up? Yeah I do. I'm not an idiot.

Quote:

Originally Posted by [REDACTED]
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I know generally how far I can go. On occasions it's a matter of I need to get somewhere at a certain time (usually an appointment), and therefore don't have time to stop beforehand to fill up. I know that I can make it there on what I have left in the tank. I just don't exactly when that last little bar starts blinking in the issue because I'm not staring at it while I drive. There are too many truckers on the road as well as idiots that you have to watch for.

Quote:

Originally Posted by [REDACTED]
also, You probably are someone who don't pay too much attention do the speed you are going at.

I watch my speed so that I am not going much above the limit. I keep it to about 65 on the turnpike (speed limit = 65), and about 60 on other highways where the speed limit = 55. I don't need to actually "watch" the speedometer though to know how fast I am going. I can generally feel how fast my car is traveling by how hard it is working while traveling on either flat, uphill, or downhill.

Quote:

Originally Posted by [REDACTED]
And you probably is someone who forgets to turn on the headlights at night??

Do I forget to turn my headlights on at night? No. I generally have them on before the sun even sets.

Anyone else have a dig at me just because I state my opinion that having a different style of gas gauge would have been better, in my opinion?

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user: offline

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#12

I am not obsessive however I monitor my gauge and know that depending on where the bars disappear tells me certain things. for example when the second to last bar disappears you have used just below 10 gal of gas. If you are an aggressive driver it might behoove you to only drive another 20 miles if you have no way to fill up immediately, or if you are a cautious driver (or at least once you hit one bar) you should be able to go 30 miles in a predicament. I can tell you that I did have 3 quirks where I ran out of gas. Twice my gauge was actually showing 2 bars left and once there was 3 believe it or not. The dealership reset my ECU after the 3 bar incident occurred and things have been smooth sailing since then. I can tell you that I have actually gone over 40 miles on multiple occasions before once the second to last bar disappeared. The biggest thing is to be cognizant of your driving habits and pay attention to when the bars disappear.

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Youtube Channel: Team Tiamat Racing

Class record holder in Land Speed @ 154.5mph for 1.5 mile and 145.5mph in the mile in the F (2.016 to 3.014 L), G (1.524 to 2.015 L), and H (1.016 to 1.523 L) classes.

user: offline

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#13

I want my car to automatically drive itself to the gas station and fill itself up when I get low on gas. Driving is too hard - sadface

Drives: 07 sedan
Join Date: Mar 2010
Location: new mexico
Posts: 295

But seriously, let me get a high speed camera to watch my eyes and I'll tell you how many THOUSANDTHS of a second it takes me to look at my gas gauge and then look back at the road. If you hit someone in that time, you were following too closely or doing something else unsafe. Oh, and last time I was in PA, they still had stop lights you can stop at and maybe, just maybe, its safe to take your eyes off the road then - just for a second.

Also, drive on your last bar as much as you want, your fuel filter will be fine.

user: offline

quote

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#14

I think it is just a function of a person's personality. I never let my Yaris go under 2 bars. I'm way too scared of damaging the fuel pump (if I were ever to run out of gas), even though I don't even know if that is possible on a Yaris. I just know that letting your fuel tank go dry is not good for your car and that is enough for me.

Drives: 2010 Yaris
Bicksandpearl sdn
Join Date: Dec 2009
Location: Midwest USA
Posts: 25

user: offline

quote

05-13-2010, 12:41 PM

#15

I never let mine go beyond the three bar. Set a bar limit. I think that's the simplest way to do it. If you go past the limit that you set, then you know it's time to fill up. No need to wait til your completely out unless of course you're one of those people who intentionally not fill up so they can get "free" gas.

Drives: 12 Hot Lava iQ/07 Jade
Vios
Join Date: Jun 2007
Location: SoCal
Posts: 1,769

user: offline

quote

05-13-2010, 01:01 PM

#16

I've got a year-old who likes to constantly watch the fuel gauge. i think it's the highlight of her time in the car to keep daddy informed of how many 'bars' of gas i have left! best system out there 😊



Drives: street-legal go-kart
Join Date: Oct 2008
Location: bowser's castle
Posts: 624

user: offline

quote

05-13-2010, 01:16 PM

#17

@ OP : yeah, the last 2 bars don't last as long as the others. There are some threads on here about that. When it starts blinking, start looking for gas! 🙌

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Drives: Yaris 2DR LB 07, MT,
Abs. Red
Join Date: Feb 2009
Location: San Francisco Bay
Area
Posts: 5,388

user: offline

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#18

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Usually when you get to the last bar you have about 1.9 gallons of gas left, this is when it is blinking normally, when the bar starts to blink rapidly you have 1.1 gallons of gas left, so basically on how you drive you have about 30+ miles left before you go on E, but yea i agree there should be some sort of beep or noise notification letting you know your fuel is low, like the ticking time bomb seat belt noise lol

Drives: 2008 Yaris Sedan
Join Date: Oct 2008
Location: Long Island, NY
Posts: 329



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I've run out of gas three times



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#1

05-13-2010, 01:34 AM



Drives: 2008 yaris
Join Date: Jan 2010
Location: los angeles
Posts: 6

I've run out of gas three times

am i just a moron or what. I have ran out of gas three times and have been seriously low countless other times because i don't notice the gas meter....it seems to go from 2 bars to nothing really quick and the fact that it's not in front of me is a factor\

has this happened to anyone else?

i wish toyota would have added better technology to the dash like letting you know how many miles left until you need to refuel.

user: offline

quote

#2

05-13-2010, 01:38 AM



Drives: e46 325
Join Date: Jul 2009
Location: edmonton
Posts: 1,412

it's hard for the fuel gauge to be correct because of the shape of the tank and the mechanism that calculates fuel left. When you hit two bars directly go to a gas station, simple.

user: offline

quote

#3

05-13-2010, 07:13 AM



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Drives: 2007 Yaris Blazing Blue
Join Date: Jun 2007
Location: Montreal Canada
Posts: 6,322

just use the miles as your indicator simple



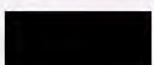
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user: online

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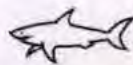
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Quote:

Originally Posted by [redacted]
am i just a moron [redacted] ran out of gas three times and have been seriously low countless other times because i don't notice the gas meter....it seems to go from 2 bars to nothing really quick and the fact that it's not in front of me is a factor\

has this happened to anyone else?



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Drives: black toyota yaris t3
sprit
Join Date: May 2010
Location: Pretoria, south africa
Posts: 122



user: offline

quote

05-13-2010, 08:08 AM

#5

Drives: 09 3dr LB MT
Join Date: Aug 2009
Location: Lehigh Valley, PA
Posts: 683

Quote:

Originally Posted by [REDACTED]
if u watch your last bar will start flashing really fast then u know u in the crap again, but the last bar should give you about 15km dont let the happen to offen as the fuel filter seal gets damage, then u got petrol smell in the car, and u wont be able to fill up because it leaks, then u need to change it, and the dealers take the whole day doing this,

yes it would have been nice if they put a beeper to the last bar

The problem is seeing when that last bar starts flashing. When I'm driving, I pay more attention to the road in front of me rather than looking at the gauges all the time. If there was a seperate light, that would have been good. Then again, what would have been even better than that would have been to stick with the analog gas gauge. I find them to be a hell of a lot better.

2009 3dr LB MT Meteorite Metallic.

Car bought 8/7/09. Now over 89k miles of trouble free driving, other than user error!!

user: offline

quote

05-13-2010, 08:13 AM

#6



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Drives: black toyota yaris t3
sprit
Join Date: May 2010
Location: Pretoria, south africa
Posts: 122



user: offline

quote

05-13-2010, 08:47 AM

#7



View User's Garage
Drives: the #wrecho
Join Date: Jun 2006

i too reset my trip whenever i fill so i have a good idea of how far i can go



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Location: Grand Rapids, MI
Posts: 5,876

user offline

quote

05-13-2010, 09:18 AM

#8

Drives: '10 Yaris5drHB+99
4runner LTD
Join Date: Sep 2009
Location: NE
Posts: 686

Quote:

Originally Posted by [REDACTED]
am i just a moron or what.

probably.

it is not rocket science.

Toyota did all they could putting a gas gauge in that
blinks when YOU NEED TO GET MORE

no one can help you after that, except take your keys away

user offline

quote

05-13-2010, 09:59 AM

#9

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Drives: 07 Yaris Sedan Aero
Join Date: Oct 2006
Location: Brossard, QC
Posts: 3,924

Well, even if you pay more attention to the road.. you should learn to somehow check how much gas is left
BEFORE you start driving?!?!?

and you should get the idea how many miles you can go with whatever's left...

also, You probably are someone who don't pay too much attention do the speed you are going at. And you
probably is someone who forgets to turn on the headlights at night??

user offline

quote

05-13-2010, 10:10 AM

#10



Drives: 07 Yaris S Sedan 5-
Speed
Join Date: Oct 2008
Location: Massachusetts
Posts: 2,197

I don't know what's so difficult. The gas gauge is clear and set right near the speedometer and clock which I
imagine most people take a look at regularly. No?

There's 8 bars. How does one not notice those bars disappearing over the course of 400 miles or so. How do
you drive that far and not check your gas level? Personally, I make a mental visual of my gas level like every
5 minutes.

Don't wait to go much pass the last 2 bars unless you can plan well and are around numerous gas stations.
The Yaris can go at least another 40 miles when the 2nd to last bar disappears and leaves you with a blinking
bar. Running out of gas boggles my mind.

user offline

quote

05-13-2010, 10:18 AM

#11

Drives: 09 3dr LB MT
Join Date: Aug 2009
Location: Lehigh Valley, PA
Posts: 683

Quote:

Originally Posted by [REDACTED]
*reset your miles counter then keep an eye on the gas gauge then u will know when to fill up more or
less, also do u drive with the aircon on*

I always reset my trip every time I fill up. But again, with the point that I already made, I don't look at my
gauge every second. I only turn on the air conditioning when it is too unbearable to drive without it on at
highway speeds. When not on the highway, even on the hottest day, I open the windows. But the higher
speeds on the highways make it too noisy to have them open.

Quote:

Originally Posted by [REDACTED]
*Well, even if you pay more attention to the road.. you should learn to somehow check how much gas
is left BEFORE you start driving?!?!?*

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Do I look at my gas gauge when I get in my car and start it up? Yeah I do. I'm not an idiot.

Quote:

Originally Posted by [REDACTED]
and you should get the idea how many miles you can go with whatever's left...

I know generally how far I can go. On occasions it's a matter of I need to get somewhere at a certain time (usually an appointment), and therefore don't have time to stop beforehand to fill up. I know that I can make it there on what I have left in the tank. I just don't exactly when that last little bar starts blinking in the issue because I'm not staring at it while I drive. There are too many truckers on the road as well as idiots that you have to watch for.

Quote:

Originally Posted by [REDACTED]
also, You probably are someone who don't pay too much attention do the speed you are going at.

I watch my speed so that I am not going much above the limit. I keep it to about 65 on the turnpike (speed limit = 65), and about 60 on other highways where the speed limit = 55. I don't need to actually "watch" the speedometer though to know how fast I am going. I can generally feel how fast my car is traveling by how hard it is working while traveling on either flat, uphill, or downhill.

Quote:

Originally Posted by [REDACTED]
And you probably is someone who forgets to turn on the headlights at night??

Do I forget to turn my headlights on at night? No. I generally have them on before the sun even sets.

Anyone else have a dig at me just because I state my opinion that having a different style of gas gauge would have been better, in my opinion?

2009 3dr LB MT Meteorite Metallic.

Car bought 8/7/09. Now over 89k miles of trouble free driving, other than user error!!

user: offline

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05-13-2010, 10:28 AM

#12



[View User's Garage](#)
Drives: Seriously Modded 07 Sedan
Join Date: Jun 2005
Location: In The Hotbox
Posts: 4,770

i am not obsessive however I monitor my gauge and know that depending on where the bars disappear tells me certain things. for example when the second to last bar disappears you have used just below 10 gal of gas. If you are an aggressive driver it might behoove you to only drive another 20 miles if you have no way to fill up immediately, or if you are a cautious driver (or at least once you hit one bar) you should be able to go 30 miles in a predicament. I can tell you that I did have 3 quirks where I ran out of gas. Twice my gauge was actually showing 2 bars left and once there was 3 believe it or not. The dealership reset my ECU after the 3 bar incident occurred and things have been smooth sailing since then. I can tell you that I have actually gone over 40 miles on multiple occasions before once the second to last bar disappeared. The biggest thing is to be cognizant of your driving habits and pay attention to when the bars disappear.

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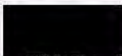
Class record holder in Land Speed @ 154.5mph for 1.5 mile and 145.5mph in the mile in the F (2.016 to 3.014 L), G (1.524 to 2.015 L), and H (1.016 to 1.523 L) classes.

user: offline

quote

05-13-2010, 11:20 AM

#13



Drives: 07 sedan
Join Date: Mar 2010
Location: new mexico
Posts: 295

I want my car to automatically drive itself to the gas station and fill itself up when I get low on gas. Driving is too hard - sadface

But seriously, let me get a high speed camera to watch my eyes and I'll tell you how many THOUSANDTHS of a second it takes me to look at my gas gauge and then look back at the road. If you hit someone in that time, you were following too closely or doing something else unsafe. Oh, and last time I was in PA, they still had stop lights you can stop at and maybe, just maybe, its safe to take your eyes off the road then - just for a second.

Also, drive on your last bar as much as you want, your fuel filter will be fine.

user: offline

quote

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05-13-2010, 12:16 PM

#14



I think it is just a function of a person's personality. I never let my Yaris go under 2 bars. I'm way too scared of damaging the fuel pump (if I were ever to run out of gas), even though I don't even know if that is possible on a Yaris. I just know that letting your fuel tank go dry is not good for your car and that is enough for me.

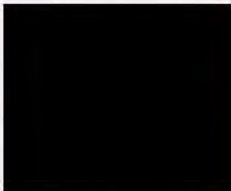
Drives: 2010 Yaris
Blacksandpearl sdn
Join Date: Dec 2009
Location: Midwest USA
Posts: 25

user: offline

quote

05-13-2010, 12:41 PM

#15



I never let mine go beyond the three bar. Set a bar limit. I think that's the simplest way to do it. If you go past the limit that you set, then you know it's time to fill up. No need to wait til your completely out unless of course you're one of those people who intentionally not fill up so they can get "free" gas.

Drives: 12 Hot Lava IQ/07 Jade
Vios
Join Date: Jun 2007
Location: SoCal
Posts: 1,769

user: offline

quote

05-13-2010, 01:01 PM

#16



I've got a [REDACTED] who likes to constantly watch the fuel gauge. I think it's the highlight of her time in the car to keep daddy informed of how many 'bars' of gas I have left! best system out there 😊



Drives: street-legal go-kart
Join Date: Oct 2008
Location: bowser's castle
Posts: 624

user: offline

quote

05-13-2010, 01:16 PM

#17



@ OP : yeah, the last 2 bars don't last as long as the others. There are some threads on here about that. When it starts blinking, start looking for gas! 🙌

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View User's Garage
Drives: Yaris 2DR LB 07, MT,
Abs. Red
Join Date: Feb 2009
Location: San Francisco Bay
Area
Posts: 5,388

user: offline

quote

05-13-2010, 01:30 PM

#18



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Usually when you get to the last bar you have about 1.9 gallons of gas left, this is when it is blinking normally, when the bar starts to blink rapidly you have 1.1 gallons of gas left, so basically on how you drive you have about 30+ miles left before you go on E, but yea i agree there should be some sort of beep or noise notification letting you know your fuel is low, like the ticking time bomb seat belt noise lol

Drives: 2008 Yaris Sedan
Join Date: Oct 2008
Location: Long Island, NY
Posts: 329



user offline

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LABOR & PARTS
J# 1 10TOZMINORDIAG MINOR ELECTRICAL HOURS: 0.40 TECH(S):76 57.95
CUSTOMER STATES VEHICLE DIED WHILE DRIVING, AND WOULDN'T
START BACK UP. CHECK AND ADVISE.
FUEL PRESSURE NOT PRESENT. UNABLE TO HEAR FUEL PUMP PRIMING.
RELAYS CLICK WHEN ACTIVE TESTING FUEL PUMP.
FUEL GAUGE SHOWS 2 BARS. FILLED WITH 1 GALLON OF FUEL
VEHICLE STARTED UP.
VEHICLE RAN OUT OF GAS, FUEL GAUGE NOT READING PROPERLY
RECOMMENDING REPLACEMENT FUEL SENDER GAUGE.

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PARTS-----QTY---FP-NUMBER-----DESCRIPTION-----UNIT PRICE-
JOB # 1 TOTAL PARTS 0.00
JOB # 1 TOTAL LABOR & PARTS 57.95

J# 2 09TOZ BODY CONCERN HOURS: TECH(S):76 0.00
CUSTOMER STATES A-PILLAR TRIM ON PASSENGER SIDE IS NOT
STAYING IN PLACE, CHECK AND ADVISE.
A-PILLAR TRIM IS POPPED OUT AND NEEDS TO BE POPPED IN
REINSTALLED A PILLAR TRIM

PARTS-----QTY---FP-NUMBER-----DESCRIPTION-----UNIT PRICE-
JOB # 2 TOTAL PARTS 0.00
JOB # 2 TOTAL LABOR & PARTS 0.00

J# 3 24TOZDECLINEMPI DECLINE MPI HOURS: 0.00 TECH(S):76 0.00
CUSTOMER DECLINED A MULT-POINT INSPECTION
CUSTOMER DECLINED
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REQUEST.

PARTS-----QTY---FP-NUMBER-----DESCRIPTION-----UNIT PRICE-
JOB # 3 TOTAL PARTS 0.00
JOB # 3 TOTAL LABOR & PARTS 0.00

J# 4+10TOZ ELECTRICAL CONCERN HOURS: 2.00 TECH(S):76 251.95
REPLACE FUEL SENDING UNIT AND GAUGE ASSEMBLY
SEE DIAG
REPLACED FUEL SENDING UNIT

PARTS-----QTY---FP-NUMBER-----DESCRIPTION-----UNIT PRICE-
JOB # 4 1 83320-52261 GAGE ASSY, FUEL S 126.99 126.99
JOB # 4 1 77169-52040 GASKET, FUEL SUPT 36.99 36.99
JOB # 4 TOTAL PARTS 163.98
JOB # 4 TOTAL LABOR & PARTS 415.93

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