

HOW TO JUMP START YOUR CAR



FOLLOW THESE STEPS...

- 1** Park so that your car's engine is next to the other car's engine without touching.
- 2** Place both vehicles in park or neutral. Shut off the ignition. Put on the parking brake.
- 3** Pop the hoods. Locate the batteries.
- 4** Get out the jumper cables. Note that they have red and black clamps.
- 5** Attach one of the red clamps to the positive terminal on the dead battery. Look for the plus sign or the letters "POS" to make sure it is positive. The positive terminal is usually the larger one. *(Always connect the dead battery first. Otherwise, you could be feeding energy in the cables and cause a safety hazard.)*
- 6** Attach the other red clamp to the positive terminal on the battery of the working battery.
- 7** Clamp the black negative to the negative terminal of the working battery.
- 8** Attach the last black clip to an unpainted metal surface on the car with the dead battery. You can find such a surface on one of the metal struts that holds the hood open.
- 9** Start the working vehicle and let the engine run for a few minutes.
- 10** Try to start your vehicle. If it doesn't start right away, give it another minute and then try again.
- 11** Remove the cables in the reverse order that you connected them.
- 12** If the jump start works, don't shut off your vehicle. Drive around for at least 15 minutes to recharge your battery.

STAY SAFE WITH...

Do...

- ✓ Owner's manual special instructions for jump starting
- ✓ Ensure battery on the other vehicle has at least as much voltage as your own.
- ✓ Rust-free jumper cable clamps
- ✓ No battery corrosion or rust.
- ✓ Unplug accessories like cell phone chargers. A power surge could cause them to short out.
- ✓ Turn off lights, hazards, turn signals and radio in both vehicles.
- ✓ Use rubber gloves & goggles if available for extra safety.

THE DO'S & DON'TS

Don't...

- ⊗ Lean over the battery
- ⊗ Smoke while jump starting
- ⊗ Jump start a battery if it is cracked, leaking or the fluids are frozen. This can lead to an explosion.
- ⊗ Ignore the warning signs:
 - 🔦 Slow starting engine
 - 🔦 Dim lights or electric issues
 - 🔦 Check engine light is on
 - 🔦 Corroded connectors
- ⊗ Rotten egg smell

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