

What are Windshield Wipers?

Worksheet

Windshield wipers are devices that clear moisture and debris from the windshield to ensure driver visibility. They operate in multiple speed modes and can be controlled manually or automatically.

Questions

1. What is the purpose of windshield wipers?
 - A) To wash the windshield
 - B) To remove rain and debris for visibility
 - C) To cool the windshield
 - D) To defrost the side mirrors
2. Where is the windshield wiper control stalk usually found?
 - A) Right side steering column
 - B) Left side steering column
 - C) Dashboard center
 - D) Roof control panel
3. Wiper blades should be replaced approximately every...
 - A) 6 months
 - B) 1 year
 - C) 2 years
 - D) 3 years
4. In heavy rain, you should set wipers to...
 - A) Off
 - B) Intermittent
 - C) Slow
 - D) Fast
5. When should you use windshield wipers?
6. What wiper speed for light rain?
7. How often should wiper blades be replaced?
8. Define: What do windshield wipers do?
9. Define: Name three wiper speed settings.
10. Define: Where is the wiper stalk usually located?

Answer Key

1. B) To remove rain and debris for visibility — Wipers sweep away moisture and debris so the driver can see the road.
2. B) Left side steering column — The wiper stalk is typically on the left side of the steering column.
3. B) 1 year — Most manufacturers recommend annual replacement or when streaking occurs.
4. D) Fast — Fast/continuous mode maintains clear visibility in heavy precipitation.
5. Use wipers when visibility is reduced. Activate them when rain, snow or fog appears. Choose speed matching weather intensity.
6. Set to intermittent or slow mode. Adjust timing to clear droplets before they obstruct vision. Increase speed if rain intensifies.
7. Inspect blades monthly for wear or streaking. Replace annually or if rubber is hardened or split. Clean metal arms and connectors during replacement.
8. They clear rain, snow and debris from the windshield for visibility.
9. Intermittent (timed pauses), slow, and fast (continuous).
10. On the left side of the steering column (varies by vehicle).

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