

# REPLACING WIPER BLADES

It may be one of the easier pieces of car maintenance, but it is certainly necessary. Wiper blades are like tires or brake pads, they have a limited life and they are a “consumable.” They are going to need to be replaced every so often, probably about every two years if you really take care of them. But one rough winter using wipers with ice on them or a hot, dry summer drying the rubber out can be the end of them.

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### EARN THIS NUGGET

- Change a set of wiper blades.
- If you cannot find a car that needs a change, with the permission of the owner, remove and replace the blades as laid out on this sheet.

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You'll be able to tell they need replacing when you get streaks across the windshield and it is awkward to see well in the rain without moving your head position. At that point, it is high time to get those suckers replaced.

1. Measure your windshield wipers, not all wipers are the same size. In fact, there is a good chance you have more than one size on your car. So make sure you measure them both. This will help verify that you are buying the right blades.

2. Any automotive store or mass retail store with an automotive department will carry wiper blades. At the store there will be a book or chart where you can look up your make and model of car and get the correct wiper blades. Make sure you know your car's make, model, and year.

3. To remove your old blade, flip the entire wiper blade arm up. It is spring loaded but will stand up on its own as long as you pull it all the way out.

4. Unclip the old wiper blade making sure not to let the metal arm snap back and hit the windshield. If you are concerned about this, place a towel over the area, so that if it snapped back, the blow is cushioned.

5. Snap the new wiper blades into place and lower the arm back onto the windshield.

Make sure you dispose of the old wiper blades responsibly.

