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We made it through Spring Break. James took off for south Florida to visit the grandkids. His return trip home included a minor roadside repair when the right front tire picked up a nail which caused a blow out. Bring the prepared Boy Scout as always, the entire incident took him only 20 minutes to change the spare tire. The remainder of his drive home was a much slower speed since the temporary spare tire has a speed rating of less than 50 mph. ***The moral of the story ... Check your spare tire before a trip & know how to change it... You never know when you might need it.***



Pecan Lace Cookies

2/3 cup packed light-brown sugar
1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter
1/2 cup light corn syrup
pinch of salt
1 cup pecans, finely chopped
2/3 cup cake flour (spooned and leveled)

Keep dough refrigerated while you make one batch at a time.

1. In a medium saucepan, over medium heat cook sugar, butter, corn syrup, and salt, stirring until sugar has dissolved and butter has melted, about 7 minutes.
2. Remove from heat and fold in pecans and flour. Transfer to a medium bowl, cover with plastic and refrigerate until firm, about 2 hours.
3. Preheat the oven to 350. Line baking sheet with parchment paper. Using a teaspoon measure, roll dough into small balls (each 1/4 ounce). Place on a large baking sheet, about 2 inches apart (you can fit 6). Bake one sheet at a time, until cookies are golden brown, about 9 to 10 minutes. Transfer cookies on parchment to a wire rack to cool completely.



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Know the Facts about Your Vehicle Warranty

FTC Provides “Tips on Making Most of Your Auto Warranty”

Bethesda, MD – Feb. 15, 2011 – Because there are many misconceptions about what makes a vehicle’s warranty valid, the Car Care Council applauds the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) for issuing a second consumer alert to ensure consumers are aware of the facts surrounding auto warranties.



“The Federal Trade Commission has made it a point to inform vehicle owners of their rights when it comes to their car manufacturers’ warranties,” said Rich White, executive director, Car Care Council. “They have made it crystal clear that consumers can patronize their neighborhood repair shop or do the work themselves without violating the manufacturer’s warranty.”

The recent FTC consumer alert entitled “FTC Offers Tips in Making the Most of Your Auto Warranty” states, “Can a dealer void your car’s warranty if you have someone else do routine maintenance on the vehicle? The answer is no, and the Federal Trade Commission wants to make sure consumers know it. Under federal law, it is illegal for manufacturers or dealers to refuse to honor a warranty or to deny coverage simply because someone other than the dealer did work on the car.”

The FTC also offers these tips to help consumers make smart decisions and get the most out of their auto warranties:

- Read the warranty that came with the car, or check the “owners” section of the manufacturer’s Web site.
- Be aware of when the warranty period ends, and get any problems that arise checked out beforehand.
- Service the car at regular intervals, following the manufacturer’s recommended service schedule.
- Keep all service records and receipts, regardless of who performs the service. This includes oil changes, tire rotations, belt replacement, new brake pads and inspections. These receipts can be used to prove that the vehicle was properly maintained.
- Complain if you believe your warranty claim has been denied unfairly. Speak to a supervisor at the dealership, and then go to the manufacturer or another dealer. Consider filing a complaint with the state Attorney General, local consumer protection office, local Better Business Bureau or the FTC.

“It is also important to note that aftermarket parts can be used without fear of voiding the warranty,” White said..

You do not have to take your vehicle to the new car dealer to maintain your warranty.