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Risk of sun cancer from sitting in cars



Sitting beside car windows may seriously damage your health

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MOTORISTS are being warned they risk getting skin cancer if they spend too much time in their cars this summer.

Charity Cancer Research says that although closed windows can cut the risks of sunburn, most automotive glass doesn't protect you from all harmful ultraviolet (UV) rays.

And unless occupants apply the same sunblock rules that they would on the beach, they could increase their risk of developing skin cancer when spending long spells in the car. A spokesman for Cancer Research said: "Most glass

blocks UVB, not UVA. This greatly reduces the risk of sunburn, but it doesn't prevent long-term damage from UVA.

"If you're driving long distances, you need to ensure you are protected on sunny days." Deep penetration from UVA is what causes skin cancer.

However, a new protective window tint could save passengers the trouble of applying messy lotion. Maker Solar Gard's new Ultra Performance product is made from millions of microscopic particles which it claims block UV light and infra-red radiation from the sun. Solar Gard boss

Peter Reece said: "It's like applying a permanent invisible sun block to your car window. Most UK motorists don't think to apply sun cream to their children when they are in the car, but the threat of UV damage is persistent throughout the journey."

The tint also keeps the car cooler, the company claims, which means that there is less need to switch the air-con on. This in turn should boost fuel economy.

Covering all the glass in a car costs up to £450 including labour, and takes around four hours.



Ford leads prices go up

PREPARE for price hikes! Ford has announced a rise of four per cent from today, and rival Vauxhall. Industry expert has even warned of further price increases of up to 10 per cent by the end of the year.

Ford confirmed its price rises will be in line with a bid to claw back the hundreds of millions lost to crippling euro/sterling conversion losses that account for 75 per cent of the firm's losses. The Government Scrapage Scheme, which is expected to eliminate more than half of the £1.5bn of losses dealers. The Ka's starting price goes up to £8,595, while it's £650 on a Focus.

Renault has confirmed Twingo a price rise of one per cent from July. Honda has announced a 2.7 to 3.7 per cent - adding £375 on a Civic and £500 on a Civic. Peugeot's are with £200 added to the price tag of the 207. BMW and Fiat have no plans to change prices.

And automotive analyst JATO Consulting says price hikes could follow later in the year. JATO's Di Girolamo said: "It's possible that some manufacturers will raise prices up again and its rivals will probably follow. The difference in price between a car bought in the UK and January 2010 could be as much as 10 per cent."

The price increases are due to the loss of the pound against the euro. Most manufacturers in the UK, so all their costs are in euros. The Government Scrapage Scheme is also having an effect as it encourages buying smaller cars, which have less expensive components.

on the road



Clio special a world

HERE'S a special Clio ready to take on the world! A new World Series by Renault edition of the supermini (below) is being launched, along with a version of the Mégane family hatch.

The models have been built to mark the event of the same name at Silverstone race circuit.

and WSR badging. Buyers get a choice of 1.2-litre 16v and Tce petrol engines, plus the 1.5 dCi diesel. Prices start at £12,170.

WSR updates are offered on both the Mégane five-door and three-door Coupé, and include extended front spoilers, side skirts, revised rear bumpers

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