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BACK TO SCHOOL AND BACK ON THE ROAD

Get Your College Student Ready for School with a Rehabbed Vehicle

It's time to head back to school, and for college students, that means hopefully taking a car to campus to get around and drive back home for the holidays.

But anyone who has had a college-age driver knows there is always the possibility of dings, dents and accidents around the corner, so a new car isn't always the best solution.

Many families send their kids back to college with a used car or a hand-me-down vehicle from a friend or relative, one that is already broken in but still has lots of life remaining.

Sometimes these cars need a bit of a makeover to keep students driving in style, but for less than the average cost of school supplies, a rehabbed vehicle can look great and run well through graduation.

"You want to help your college-bound son or daughter enjoy some independence and be able to drive to class, work and even home to see you, but you want to put them in a reliable vehicle that's a good value and investment," said Dan Bailey, president and COO of CARSTAR Collision Centers, the nation's largest family of auto body repair experts. "By giving them a used or hand-me-down vehicle, you can provide them freedom and a great value, too. It is very affordable to rehab a vehicle with your local auto body repair expert, and you can have their car ready before the first class bell rings."

Bailey suggested that for a \$500 investment, a local body shop can make some of the following updates to restore the looks of the car just in time for the first day of school:

- **Conduct a thorough cleaning of the car's exterior and interior**
- **Restore the headlights to remove scratches and yellow hazing that age the car and diminish visibility. CARSTAR recommends 3M Headlight Lens Restoration System to remove scratches and yellow hazing that age the car and diminish visibility.**
- **Clean the wheels and tires to remove brake dust and highway grime.**

- **Restore black plastic bumpers, door handles and tires to brand new finish.**
- **Repair small scratches in the clear coat and paint to a like-new surface with a long-lasting professional wax job.**
- **Repair minor dings and dents without replacing damaged body panels.**
- **Replace missing or damaged trim or decorative elements and broken mirrors.**
- **Update all of the light bulbs with newer long-lasting bulbs and switch to new flexible windshield wipers.**

There are some things that parents can do to improve the mechanical performance, too, including using new do-it-yourself fuel cleaners or tune-up kits, changing the oil, replacing air and cabin filters, and cleaning the brakes with a high-power brake cleaner.

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CARSTAR Collision Service offers high-quality, reliable auto body repair experts in 28 states and 10 Canadian provinces. Just call 1-800-CARSTAR when you need a vehicle repair and they will send the tow truck, contact your insurance company, arrange for a rental car and repair your car. For information and store locations visit www.CARSTAR.com.

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