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Shade Tree Garage Provides Tips on How to Buy a Car for a Teenage and College-Bound Driver

Morristown, New Jersey, August 23, 2010 With the new school year approaching your teenager or college-bound student may be asking you for a car. Selecting the right vehicle can become quite challenging, especially when their preferences can be quite different from yours. The automotive repair experts at Shade Tree Garage, in Morristown, New Jersey, have created a list of tips to keep in mind when purchasing a new vehicle for your teenage driver.

Dan O'Connor, Service Advisor at Shade Tree Garage says, "When purchasing a vehicle for your teenager, you'll want to look at safety, affordability and reliability. If you evaluate each of these areas carefully, you will be confident you're getting the best vehicle you can for the money you want to spend." Here's O'Connor's list of tips.

1. **Safety** - According to AAA, automobile crashes are the leading cause of death for teens. "Because safety is of primary importance, it's critical to choose a vehicle that has the latest safety features designed to prevent crashes and minimize injury," states O'Connor. Any vehicle considered should include features like anti-lock brakes, daytime running lights, electronic stability control, adjustable/locking head restraints, and airbags.
2. **Affordability** - Insurance costs, fuel and maintenance will all affect the affordability of a car. According to O'Connor, "A lot of times a car might look great and be in your price range, but the owner is selling it right at the time it will need a lot of maintenance work done, like new brakes, tires, or the major service. Quality automotive repair shops, like Shade Tree Garage, can perform a pre-purchase inspection to let you know if the vehicle is safe, reliable and priced right."
3. **Reliability** - Of course you want to know the vehicle won't break down the first time your teen takes it out on the road. It's a good idea to order the vehicle's CarFax report. You should also determine if there's a warranty for the vehicle. Again, you may want to have an automotive repair expert perform a pre-purchase inspection. In doing so, you'll know the vehicle you are thinking of purchasing is roadworthy, mechanically-sound and equipped with operational safety components.

Shade Tree Garage is a trusted independent automotive repair shop located in Morristown, New Jersey. They work hard to accomplish their mission: "To give you peace of mind about the safety and reliability of your car." They are located at 171 Washington Street, just past Mills and next to Golden Cleaners. For more information, visit their web site at www.shadetreegarage.com.

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