

## Keep your BATTERY ALIVE!



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#### Is Your Car Battery Dying When it's Cold? Here's why

Particularly low temperatures can have a detrimental effect on your vehicle's battery. The reason why car batteries die in the cold is because they cannot initiate the reaction that produces electricity to start the engine. This is usually only a problem in older devices or those that have been damaged and, therefore, have reduced energy generation capability and overall battery capacity. When in pristine condition, a battery should be able to supply sufficient power even at -58°F, but if the overall charge of the battery is weak, even between 20 and 30 °F is enough to cause it to freeze. Thus, it is clear that temperature does affect battery life and we advise you to ensure you keep your battery charged at all times.

#### What You can Do to Avoid a Dead Car Battery in Cold Weather

- **Drive** Charging a car battery by driving is one of the simplest ways to maintain capacity. So, assuming you aren't already dealing with an engine that won't start, you should take every opportunity to go for a drive from time to time. This helps to retain the charge of the battery, which means it should have less trouble initiating a start in low temperatures. If the battery is dead, you need to drive for at least 30 60 minutes after having jump-started it.
- Keep your battery's **terminals and connectors clean**.
- Wait to turn on accessories Once the vehicle has been started, give it a few minutes to warm up and start charging the battery before turning on the headlights, radio, or other onboard systems. If the charge is already low, the immense drain might cause it to fail completely.





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