

AutoShack Weekly Tip



- Consider this: Your night vision is fine, your car's headlight bulbs are not burned out but you find yourself struggling to see the road ahead of you during night driving.
- Although sometimes, this can be due to causes of poor visibility such as fog and rain, it could also mean your headlights may be aimed too low.
- Consider another scenario: Your high beam is not on but on-coming traffic keeps flashing you to turn your high beam down.
- This means your headlight may be aimed too high.
- Headlight aim needs to be checked and adjusted from time; Every 2 years is ideal.
- There have been several instances of accidents caused by improper headlight adjustment.

- **What causes headlights to be out of adjustment?**

- The vehicle height is provided by the suspension system so suspension problems such as problems with shocks and control arms can cause headlight aim to be off.
- Extended and constant use of vehicle on harsh roads can also cause the headlight adjustment to be out of specification.

- **What do I need to know about headlight adjustment?**

- Headlight adjustment is not a cosmetic issue, it's a safety issue.
- Headlight adjustment is a technical procedure so it is recommended that you entrust the job to someone who has some experience doing it.
- Remove any heavy items from your vehicle when taking your vehicle for headlight adjustment unless you drive around often with the items in your car.

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