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Being stranded on the side of the road with a broken-down vehicle is not only frustrating but can also be dangerous. That's why many drivers choose to sign up for roadside assistance services. Roadside assistance can provide a range of benefits in case of a breakdown or an accident. But is getting roadside assistance for your car a good idea?

In this article, we'll explore the pros and cons of roadside assistance and help you decide if it's worth the investment.

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## What is Roadside Assistance?

Roadside assistance is a service that helps drivers with various issues such as flat tires, dead batteries, keys locked in the car, running out of gas, or a mechanical breakdown. Typically, a driver contacts the roadside assistance provider, who then dispatches a technician to the driver's location.

## What are some benefits of Roadside Assistance?

- **Peace of mind:** Knowing that help is just a phone call away can provide confidence and reduce anxiety.
- **24/7 coverage:** Many plans offer 24/7 coverage so drivers can receive assistance day or night. This coverage can benefit drivers who frequently drive long distances or in unfamiliar areas.
- **Cost savings:** Roadside assistance can save drivers money in the long run. For example, if you have a flat tire and don't know how to change it, you may have to pay for a tow truck to take your car to a mechanic. With roadside assistance, a technician can come to your location, saving you money.
- **Additional benefits:** Many roadside assistance plans include other benefits, such as trip interruption coverage and concierge services. Trip interruption coverage can help cover expenses like lodging and meals if your car breaks down while on a road trip. Concierge services can assist with tasks like booking a rental car or finding a nearby restaurant.

## Are there any drawbacks?

There are some potential drawbacks to consider when it comes to roadside assistance.

- **Cost:** Depending on the provider and level of coverage, roadside assistance can range from a few dollars a month to over a hundred dollars a year.
- **False sense of security:** Having roadside assistance can create a false sense of security. It's no substitute for proper vehicle maintenance.

Whether roadside assistance is right for you depends on your individual needs and circumstances.

## The bottom line

Roadside assistance can be worthwhile if you drive long distances or have an older vehicle that is more prone to breakdowns. [Check out these helpful tips](#) to prepare your vehicle for a road trip.

On the other hand, if you drive relatively short distances in a well-maintained vehicle, you may not need roadside assistance.

Ultimately, it's up to you to decide if roadside assistance is worth the investment.

