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Georgia's Clean Air Force Provides Five Fundamental Guidelines for Finding the Right Car for Mature Drivers

ATLANTA (November 13, 2019) – According to the Insurance Information Institute, drivers are keeping their licenses longer and driving more miles than ever before. With more than a million Georgia residents on the roads over the age of 65, it's critically important for mature drivers to find the right vehicle to help mitigate potential hazards and discomforts.

[Georgia's Clean Air Force](#), in partnership with the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD), offers five factors to consider when finding the right car for drivers 65 and older.

"While each new year brings the addition of new car options for interested buyers, drivers need to think about more than just price," said Michael Odom, Mobile & Area Sources Manager, Georgia EPD. "Researching vehicles prior to purchase is crucial to ensure a safe and user-friendly car for those over the age of 65."

- **Safety.** Vehicle safety tests significantly better than in past years. Options to look for in a vehicle include a rearview camera, blind spot monitoring, parking sensors and automatic braking. These options have proven to help prevent accidents.
- **Comfort.** From driving short distances to long road trips, your car should provide the utmost comfort for all passengers. Ensure the seats are supportive, the views are unobstructed and all controls are within arm's reach.
- **Reliability.** Conducting research on vehicles is a pivotal step in the process. Consult online sources and consumer reviews to determine if the car will be a reliable mode of transportation. Do an inspection of the car at the dealership, and don't forget to take it for a test drive!
- **Technology.** Don't purchase a car unless the technology features are easy to use. If certain options are important to have, ask for demonstrations before

leaving the dealership. Distracted driving is a major cause of accidents, and all drivers need to understand the technology of their vehicle.

- **Affordability and Value.** Stay aligned with your estimated vehicle budget including monthly payments, insurance premiums and maintenance costs. These payments can quickly add up.

To download an infographic on finding the right car for drivers over the age of 65, visit the Georgia's Clean Air Force website at <http://www.cleanairforce.com>.

About Georgia's Clean Air Force

Georgia's Clean Air Force (GCAF), in partnership with the Environmental Protection Division (EPD), is responsible for the management of the Enhanced Vehicle Emission Inspection and Maintenance (I/M) Program throughout Atlanta's 13 metro counties. Since 1996, Georgia's Inspection and Maintenance Program has prevented more than 1.9 million tons of harmful ozone-forming pollutants from entering the air we breathe, the equivalent of removing 13,400 vehicles from the road or planting more than 400 million trees. It is estimated that Georgia residents have saved \$311 million in utility bills since 1996 due to cleaner air. The program has also identified and repaired more than 3.6 million heavy-polluting vehicles. For more information, please visit <http://www.cleanairforce.com/>.

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