



CAR SHOPPING TIPS FOR THE OLDER DRIVER

| CHANGE IN ABILITIES | OPTIONS |
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| <p>Decline in strength Decline in range of motion</p> | <p>Power! Power seats, steering, brakes, windows, locks</p> |
| <p>Decline in coordination</p> | <p>Automatic Transmission, push button features</p> |
| <p>Decline in flexibility and/or decline in range of motion</p> | <p>Adjustable everything! Adjustable seats, steering wheel and column, accelerator and brake pedals, shoulder straps, dashboard controls, doors: automatic door openers, wider doors.</p> |
| <p>Decline in visual abilities</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Collision Warning Systems</u>: (Useful for difficulties with distance judgment, helpful when changing lanes.) 2. <u>Stability Control</u>: These systems use multiple electronic sensors to monitor the driver's intended path and the actual direction the car is headed. Should the two begin to diverge, the system's computer will actuate individual brakes and/or reduce engine power to restore control. 3. <u>Global Positioning Systems</u>: These systems can provide route guidance, and assure rapid assistance in the event of emergencies. Some can pinpoint gas stations, ATMs, restaurants and hotels. 4. <u>Vision Enhancement Systems</u>: These systems can extend visibility range by detecting and displaying upcoming objects on a head up display. 5. <u>Rear Parking Sensors</u>: These sensors make a progressively louder sound when getting too close to something behind it (like another car or a person). |