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RAC issues advice to motorists as short 'Arctic blast' arrives

RAC spokesman Rod Dennis said: “Although the winter has so far been characterised by wet rather than particularly cold weather, much of the UK is experiencing a short, sharp icy blast. Many motorists will get caught out, so we are urging drivers to get prepared now.

“When the temperature gauge drops our patrols often end up dealing with up to 25% more breakdowns than on an average winter’s day, and if there’s snow involved it can be even higher than that. Problems often start at home – if a car is slow to start, it might be an indication it is time to get the battery

starting and charging system checked. It's also a good idea to check there is sufficient tread on all tyres, and that screenwash is topped up to the recommended level.

“Even a small amount of snow has the potential to cause real problems on the roads, so motorists are going to need to be on their guard. In snowy conditions, it's always safest to accelerate and brake gently, shift up the highest gear possible, and leave a much larger gap between your car and the vehicle in front.”

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The RAC, an iconic UK brand, provides complete peace of mind to nearly 14 million UK private and business drivers, whatever their motoring needs. As well as its premium nationwide breakdown assistance service – with an expert branded patrol workforce attending more than two million breakdowns every year – it offers a wide range of market-leading products across insurance, legal services, vehicle inspections and service, maintenance and repair. Included in this is the first-of-its-kind nationwide Mobile Mechanics service which brings the garage to homes and workplaces.

At the forefront of new solutions for business fleets and consumers, the RAC's breakdown service is electric-ready with mobile EV charging technology and can be called on using [myRAC](#) – the all-in-one route planner, fuel finder and breakdown reporting app.

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