

Dave's Auto Service wonders about the "extras"

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Did you happen to see the new commercials advertising the new Volvo that will automatically brake if you get too close to something in front of you? Have you seen the Lexus that can parallel park for you? How about the Mercedes that is coming out that corrects steering for you, can sense that you are dosing off and sounds an alarm and it also has the sensor that brakes itself if you get too close to an object in front of you? What about the vehicle that senses when it rains and the wipers automatically come on?

Now, I don't know about you, but the manufacturers claim that the consumer wants this – well I wasn't asked, how about you? If they are going to do this, why can't they just make a vehicle that I can say, "take me to mother's house," I just sit back, take a nap and viola, I am there! I am sure that this day will come.

These items might sound good, but just remember, when purchasing these kinds of vehicles, what will it cost to repair when all these "extras" go bad? What happens while you're driving along and you are in a traffic jam, and you are relying on the brake sensor to do its job (while you are reading the newspaper, working on your computer, putting on make-up – not that anybody does that now while going to work) and that sensor decides not to work and you hit

the vehicle in front of you. How about the vehicle that is self-parallel parking, what if that sensor goes bad and you hit either vehicle in front or back of you? And the vehicle that corrects steering, what if it over corrects and you wind up in the next lane? People need to take more responsibility for themselves and their vehicles. Now don't get me wrong, technology is a wonderful thing, but I feel some things are just not needed.

Most people don't want to even do maintenance on their vehicles, because of the financial situation they are in, so how are they going to have problems fixed when they arise. Now, when the service engine light is on they don't like to hear what it will cost for diagnostic and repairs. I just do not see the benefit of having these items. What the car manufacturers need to do is bring back a basic plain car, no fancy fandangle items on it and maybe they can pull themselves out of the mess they are in. Maybe in 20 years or so we can stand on the sidewalk and say, "beam me to the grocery store, Scottie."

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