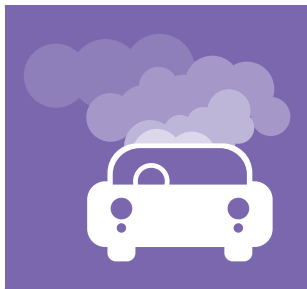
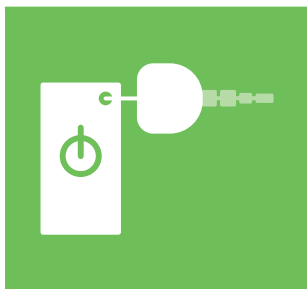
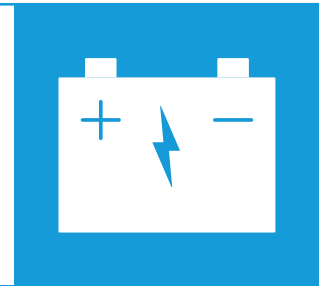


Why switch off?



Idling is a significant contributor to local air pollution. It is less polluting to turn your engine off and restart it after a minute or longer than to leave your engine running.

Modern batteries need less engine running time to work and don't need the engine on constantly to keep them charged.



Idling dirties your engine with incomplete combustion increasing wear and tear. Maintaining your vehicle is important for preventing breakdown and reducing air pollution. Modern cars have much better ignitions and can be turned on and off without unnecessary wear on the engine.

Catalytic converters retain their heat for about 25 minutes after an engine is switched off. You don't need to keep the engine switched on for them to work properly. It can also take up to an hour for an engine to cool down. Turning off your engine but keeping the ignition on and the fan blowing will provide warm air for some time.



Over 50% of particulate matter (PM) in London comes from taxis and cars.