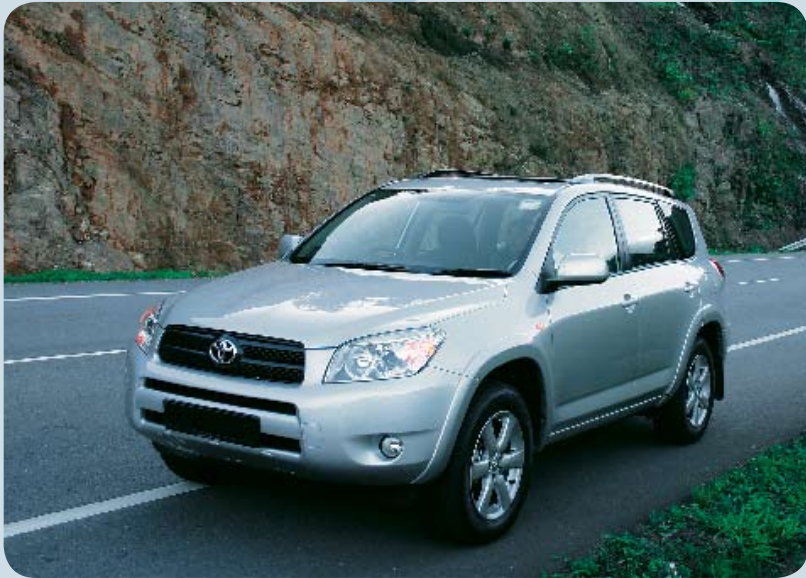




## 'Ask Hanip'



### Knock knock

I drive an 04 MY Corolla Altis and in recent times have been experiencing a knocking sound from my rear suspension. I have sent it to several mechanics and they haven't seem to solve the problem. What do you think could it be?

**HANIP:** There could be many causes to knocking sounds in your rear suspension system. It could be worn out dampers or the bumps stop being misplaced. Have the whole system dismantled by a Toyota specialist and they should be able to solve the knocking noise that irritates you so much.

### Weekend blues

I am currently an owner of an Off Peak Car and often drive my car up to Malaysia for leisure purposes. I was just wondering if its illegal to drive an OPC in Malaysia without tearing a supplementary coupon? If such can the Malaysian enforcement agencies fine me for not displaying a coupon or is the use of the coupon only applicable in Singapore. Also, in terms of insurance, will my insurance company cover me when and if I drive my OPC in Malaysia? I have asked around and have not been able to get a firm answer from anyone on this. **Gary Toh**

**RAYMOND:** We've checked with the relevant authorities on this and their stance is that it is not illegal to drive in Malaysia without a coupon for OPCs so as long as the authorities is Malaysia doesn't require you to do so. As for insurance, the insurance companies we contacted told us that they will provide cover for OPCs travelling in Malaysia.

### Turning turtle

I've noticed in recent times that accidents involving vans or commercial vehicles often resulting them to turn turtle or overturning after a severe impact. Why is this so? Aren't cans suppose to be stable as they are usually loaded with cargo? **Don Goh**

**RAYMOND:** Vans or commercial vehicles are likely to have higher centre of gravity than passenger cars so they're less stable when collided into, hence the likelihood that it'll overturn in the event of a serious collision.

### R2 D2

I'm thinking of buying a small second car for my wife and have narrowed down my choice to the little Subaru R2. I read your review on the R1 back in the September 06 issue but how does the R2 compare to the R1? **Roy Lee**

**Raymond:** The R1 is a more stylish, two-door version of the R2. The R1 has many distinctive styling features but is ultimately less practical than the R2. Both are pretty similar to drive. The diminutive engines struggle to get up to speed at low revs but once pass 3000rpm things get a bit better. The CVT gearbox is smooth and is easy to use around town. Both cars make practical urban runabouts – their size means you can squeeze into traffic gaps that don't exist for larger cars and a tight turning circle means good bye to three point turns! Last but not least, they are also extremely frugal on fuel.