

SAFETY & SPEEDING

A few years ago, two interesting experiments involving speed were conducted in Germany. A couple of automotive accessory manufacturers took two identical cars and fitted them with instruments that measured every detail of the trip, and they were sent out on a 1600 km journey. One driver was told to make the best time he could, and the second car was told to avoid risk and move as the traffic flow permitted.

The speed demon finished this 1600 km trip only 31 minutes ahead of the slower driver! The statistics were as follows:

<u>The Score</u>	<u>Fast Driver</u>	<u>Slow Driver</u>
Distance Covered	1600 km	1600 km
Time Elapsed	20 hrs. 12 mins.	20 hrs. 43 mins.
He Passed	2004 cars	645 cars
He Was Passed By	18 cars	142 cars
He Braked	1839 times	642 times

Both covered the same distance with the slower driver taking only 31 minutes longer than the fast driver. If you traveled an average distance of say 40 km/day to work, speeding would save you less than 30 seconds!

Unconvinced, Germany's largest motor club tried their own experiment over a 1280 km run. The fast car took 16 hrs. 52 mins. The slow car took 21 minutes longer. The fast car burned 12 litres more fuel than the slow one!

The time you saved by speeding and driving recklessly is minimal. In fact, the greatest consequence for driving safely is actually a gain in dollars and peace of mind, both for your passengers and yourself. The moral is obvious.

