

HOW TO JUMP START A CAR

Just seven simple steps and you are on your way – wherever you are going.

CHECK BATTERIES

1 Make sure that the battery giving the jump has enough voltage and is a matching voltage system type, like 12V or 6V.



READY CARS

2 Put both cars in park or neutral, turn the ignitions off, put on the parking brakes and open the hood of each car.



ATTACH ALLIGATOR CLIPS

Alligator clips should be attached to the terminals in the following order:

RED TO DEAD

Connect red, or positive, clip to the positive terminal on the battery of the dead car.

RED TO DONOR

Connect the red, or positive, clip to the positive terminal on the donor battery on the other car.

BLACK TO DONOR

Connect the black clip to the negative terminal of the donor car.

BLACK TO METAL

Connect the black clip to an unpainted metal part of the dead car that is not next to the battery, like the metal strut that holds open the hood.



START THE DONOR CAR

4 Starting the other car allows the donor battery to supply power to the dead battery.



RUN THE CAR

5 Idle the donor car, allowing it to run for a few minutes.



TEST THE LIGHTS

6 Check the interior lights of the car being jumped. If they turn on, there may be enough power.



START THE DEAD CAR

7 Allow the jumped car to run without stopping for 10-20 minutes.

If the jumped car doesn't start, check the connections and try again.



After the car has been jump started, remove the clips in reverse order.



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