

DRIVE SMART BAY AREA

Program FAQs

What is the Drive Smart Bay Area program?

With more than 4.8 million licensed drivers in the San Francisco Bay Area, the Drive Smart Bay Area program is encouraging residents to drive smarter and safer by making small changes to their driving behavior and properly maintaining their vehicles.

What can I do?

By following simple tips to improve driving habits and vehicle performance, drivers can increase their vehicle's fuel efficiency by up to 15%. They'll save gas and money, increase safety, reduce stress and improve air quality. Smart, right?

As part of the Drive Smart Bay Area program, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is making it even easier to drive smart by offering all Bay Area drivers an Automatic adapter for just \$49.95—that's 50% off the \$99.95 suggested retail price!

How can I participate?

Anyone can be a smart driver! To get started, see the list of no-cost smart driving tips you can try out immediately at 511.org/DriveSmartBayArea.

In addition, MTC is offering all registered Bay Area drivers a 50% discount on an Automatic adapter, a state-of-the-art smart driving plug-in tool. Eligible drivers must be registered in the nine-county Bay Area, which includes the following counties:

- Marin
- Sonoma
- Napa
- Solano
- Contra Costa
- Alameda
- Santa Clara
- San Mateo
- San Francisco

What is smart driving?

"Smart driving" refers to a set of strategies that maximize vehicle fuel efficiency by improving driving habits and vehicle performance.

What is a smart driving plug-in tool?

The Automatic adapter is a small, smart driving tool that plugs into your car's OBD-II diagnostic port and works like a fitness tracker for your car. By communicating through an app on your smartphone (with additional information available through a web-based dashboard), it will help train you to drive smarter by alerting you to poor driving habits. It also diagnoses engine trouble, reminds you where your car is parked, provides emergency crash response and other helpful features.

MTC is offering a discount on the Automatic adapter while supplies last.

How does the Automatic adapter work?

Automatic plugs into your vehicle's OBD-II port and communicates with your smartphone via Bluetooth. When you install the Automatic app, the adapter will help you:

- Improve your fuel efficiency with gentle audio warnings that help to reduce hard braking, rapid acceleration and over-speeding, the three biggest factors that contribute to lower gas mileage.
- Avoid extra trips to the pump. Subtle adjustments to a commute can make a big impact on your mileage. See the cost and MPG for every trip to find more efficient routes. Tag certain trips for business for easier expense tracking.

- Decode your check engine light like the pros using easy-to-understand descriptions provided by the app. Clear the light for minor issues or, if you need an expert, get a list of well-reviewed mechanics nearby.
- In an accident, get immediate assistance from a live agent. Automatic will call emergency services and notify your loved ones. (This service is available 24/7 and doesn't require a subscription fee.)
- Coach your teen driver to be a smarter, safer driver. Make the first six months of unsupervised driving safer, less stressful and more relaxed for both the parents and teens using the License+ app.



What cars does Automatic work with?

Automatic works with almost all gasoline-, diesel- and hybrid-powered vehicles built after 1996. It does not currently work in electric vehicles. To see if your vehicle is compatible, please visit www.automatic.com/cars.

What smartphones does Automatic work with?

You must own a smartphone to operate an Automatic adapter. Compatible smartphones and operating systems include:

- iPhone 5, 5c, 5s, 6 and 6 Plus
- iOS 7 and above
- Android 4.0 Ice Cream Sandwich and above (for most phones)
- Android 4.3+ Jelly Bean (for HTC One)

BLU Advance 4.0, BLU Dash 5.0 and BLU Life Play S are not currently compatible.

What other restrictions apply?

You must be a registered Bay Area resident to participate. Max two adapters per household. This offer is not valid with other promotions and ends on June 11, 2016.

How can I get the discount?

Get the Automatic adapter discount online and in Best Buy stores.

- Online – Watch the informational video at 511.org/DriveSmartBayArea and click the “Get Your Plug-In Tool” link at the end of the video.
- Best Buy stores – Print out and present your coupon at any participating Bay Area Best Buy. The coupon is available in the resources section at 511.org/DriveSmartBayArea.

Which Best Buy stores are participating?

6600 Lone Tree Way	Brentwood
200 Colma Blvd	Colma
4820 Dublin Blvd	Dublin
1547 Gateway Blvd	Fairfield
7011 Camino Arroyo	Gilroy
63 Ranch Ave	Milpitas
2460 E Charleston Rd	Mountain View
3700 Mandela Pkwy	Oakland
1490 Fitzgerald Rd	Pinole
3260 Buskirk Ave	Pleasant Hill
1250 El Camino Real	San Bruno
1127 Industrial Rd	San Carlos
1717 Harrison St	San Francisco
2675 Geary Blvd	San Francisco
5065 Almaden Expy	San Jose
3090 Stevens Creek Blvd	San Jose
181 Curtner Ave	San Jose
700 Du Bois St	San Rafael
1950 Santa Rosa Ave	Santa Rosa
760 E El Camino Real	Sunnyvale
31350 Courthouse Dr	Union City
1621 E Monte Vista Ave	Vacaville
1182 Admiral Callaghan Ln	Vallejo