

Don't Blow Up Battery to Jump-Start Your Car!

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A mechanic suggested this Tip, because people put jumper cables from battery to battery to jump-start their cars. He says doing that is a good way to blow your battery! Here's the SAFE way to do it.

First, the vehicles should not be touching each other.

Second, this Tip works for vehicles with Negative Grounds only. That includes most vehicles; if you have a British car, check the owner's manual before jump-starting.

Third, start the car with the good battery before attaching jumper cables.

How to Jump-Start Your Car

1. Attach positive cable on positive pole of Dead Battery.
2. Attach other end of positive cable on positive pole of Booster Battery.
3. Attach negative cable on negative pole of Booster Battery.
4. Attach other end of negative cable to engine block of disabled vehicle, as far from battery as possible.
5. See if disabled vehicle will start. If not, wait a few minutes and try again.
6. After disabled vehicle has started, disconnect cables in this order:
7. Disconnect negative cable from engine block.
8. Disconnect negative cable from Booster Battery.
9. Disconnect positive cable from Dead Battery.
10. Disconnect positive cable from Booster Battery.
11. Do not turn off engine on disabled vehicle until you reach your destination.
12. After turning engine off, see if disabled vehicle will re-start.