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Before hitting the road this summer, ATE advises of the need to check its braking system

- It is generally recommended to replace brake pads every 30,000 km and brake discs every 60,000 km. Maximum safety for drivers is guaranteed when complying with manufacturers' recommendations.
- Inserts that are too worn damage the discs by metal-to-metal contact
- Pad replacement is to be expected when the thickness of the friction material is less than 3 mm thick, in accordance with ECE R90
- Brake fluid benefits from being renewed every two years to maintain the efficiency of the system
- For 120 years, ATE, a specialist in braking systems, has been offering premium quality products, designed and manufactured mainly in Europe.

Rambouillet, June 15, 2026 - The school year is coming to an end and the first holidaymakers are getting ready to hit the road in a few weeks. On the occasion of these important trips this summer, ATE, a pioneer in modern braking that is celebrating its 120th anniversary this year, reminds us of the importance of checking your braking system before hitting the road. Pads, discs, brake fluid: a few simple checks give you peace of mind.

Brake wear: everything you need to know before you hit the road.

Each journey puts a little more strain on the braking system than you might imagine. Repeated braking in the city, winding descents, a well-loaded vehicle for the holidays: the driving style is the first factor in wear and tear. As the kilometres go by, the friction material naturally thins. Nothing abnormal, as long as you keep a few points in mind: the front pads take up to 70 to 80% of the braking effort and it is generally advisable to replace them every 30,000 km, or in the event of early wear, when the thickness of the friction material is less than 3 mm. The rear pads have a lifespan two to three times longer on average. As for discs, it is recommended to replace them every 60,000 km, or when the disc reaches its minimum value (MIN TH), engraved on its edge.

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The right reflexes to adopt before leaving

To leave with peace of mind, certain signals must attract the driver's attention before taking the road: squeaking when braking, vibrations in the pedal or a vehicle pulling to one side. Signs that should not be underestimated, which may simply require a supplement or a visit to the workshop:

- The wear light on the dashboard is a valuable indicator.
 - When it lights up orange, it signals wear and tear to be monitored, with an estimated margin of between 500 and 2,000 km: the time to schedule a workshop appointment without urgency.
 - When it turns red, it can indicate a serious malfunction of the circuit: it is better to avoid getting back on the road and to call a professional quickly.
- Checking the brake fluid level is just as essential to the proper functioning of the system. It can be visually controlled on the tank using the MAX and MIN markings. A low level can signal pad wear or leakage, depending on the case. A top-up is possible, but a workshop check is still recommended.

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- Finally, to preserve your discs and pads in the long term, a few driving habits make the difference: anticipating slowdowns and favouring engine braking help to significantly extend their life.

ATE, a range dedicated to braking

Since 1906, ATE has been supporting private and professional drivers towards safer mobility. One hundred and twenty years of experience and innovation that today result in a range designed to respond to a simple conviction: the best brakes are those you can count on at all times, and especially when you need them most.

As an original equipment manufacturer recognized by the largest manufacturers, ATE offers premium quality products, designed and manufactured mainly in Europe, tested and certified, to offer safety, reliability and peace of mind in all circumstances.

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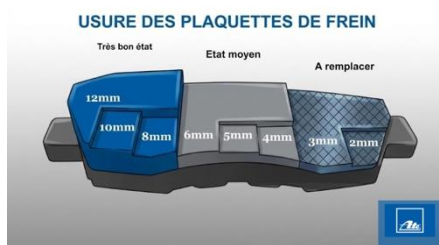
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Since its spin-off in September 2025, AUMOVIO has established itself as an independent technology company, spun out of the former Automotive division of the Continental Group. As a technology leader, AUMOVIO offers a broad portfolio of solutions for safe, stimulating, connected and autonomous mobility. Its offering includes sensors, displays, braking and comfort systems, as well as deep expertise in software, architecture platforms and advanced driver assistance systems for software-defined vehicles.

In the 2025 financial year, AUMOVIO generated sales of €18.5 billion. Headquartered in Frankfurt am Main, Germany, the company employs approximately 82,000 people at more than 80 locations worldwide.

AUMOVIO Aftermarket draws on more than 120 years of experience working with automotive manufacturers to offer a broad portfolio of OE quality spare parts for the independent aftermarket. AUMOVIO's two brands, ATE and VDO, are actively involved in shaping this market: ATE thanks to its comprehensive braking expertise since 1906; VDO with an extensive portfolio of spare parts in the fields of electronics and mechatronics. The extensive range of services offered by both brands brings real added value to distributors and workshops.

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ATE's infographic on the progressive wear of brake pads.

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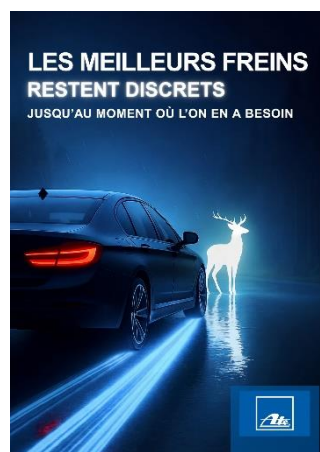
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ATE celebrates 120 years



Visual 120 years of ATE



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