If you love your car, keep it clean and ensure that every bit of it shines. But the monsoon can be a nightmare for car enthusiasts. It is not only important how the car looks from the outside, but the interiors are critical for best driving experience during the rainy months. Whether it is a three point star, four interlinked circles or a bull, monsoon is the time when your car needs extra attention.

Treating the interior
As the monsoon sets in, the most important thing a car needs is a service check. After a season of scorching heat, this is a natural course to get a car rain-ready. Users should check the tyres, air pressure and brakes to avoid any possibilities of skidding on wet stretches.

One of the key issues most people face during the monsoons is the fear of water entering the exhaust pipe. Water level deep enough to submerge the exhaust pipe of a car can damage its sensitive electronic parts. Further, speeding the car over puddles can also cause engine seizure due to the hydrostatic lock. Auto-maker Mercedes Benz suggests that one should avoid driving through puddles and waterlogged roads and stay in the middle lane as water tends to pool in the outer lanes. And in case a car stalls in deep water, do not try to start the engine or open the hood.

Dealing with the exterior
It is also important to keep a car clean from the outside as rain water contains contaminants that affect the paint. Once evaporated, it can leave patches on the body. Luxury car companies, such as Audi and Lamborghini, suggest car care elements such as wax polish and wax shampoo, to protect the paint of the car.

Changing the car’s mats might also prove to be a better idea to provide protection against heavy soiling. It is advisable to switch to rubber mats and install mud-flaps to prevent damage to paintwork.