

## DRIVING THROUGH WATER

- ▶ Water plays havoc with vehicle electrics and could cause several issues (like your airbag suddenly deploying for no reason).
- ▶ If you encounter floodwater, our advice is to avoid driving through it. If you feel you have no other option, then be sure to follow these tips:
- ▶ Don't drive into flood water that's moving or more than 10cm (4 inches) deep. \*\*The bottom wheel nut on the wheel is the gauge for water.
- ▶ Let approaching cars pass first
- ▶ Drive slowly and steadily (around 5 mph)
- ▶ Use higher revs than usual (if driving manual) Use lower gear in auto.
- ▶ Keep the vehicle moving and avoid stalling
- ▶ Test your brakes as soon as you can afterwards
- ▶ Fast-moving water is very powerful – take care or your vehicle could be swept away
- ▶ Some roads may have a depth gauge which shows you the level of flooding – this can be useful for seeing if you'll comfortably make it through or not. If you do get stuck in flood water, it's usually best to wait in the vehicle and call for help rather than try to get out.

