



A new report from automotive parts supplier Kwik-Fit names tailgating as the most despised habit amongst UK motorists with two thirds (66%) naming it as their top peeve. The study, conducted by ICM Research, shows that tailgating is hated by more people than other drivers failing to indicate (62%), or dangerous overtaking (57%). Jumping traffic lights, which is cited by 35% of motorists, and hogging the middle lane of the motorway (34%) complete the top five. Levels of tolerance vary between the sexes, with slightly more women than men hating tailgaters. However, female drivers are only half as likely as males to be annoyed by other motorists' dangerous overtaking, hesitant driving or hogging of the fast lane.

According to a DOT study, 'Contributory Factors to Road Accidents', following the vehicle in front too closely is ranked the 8th highest cause of UK accidents. David White, customer services director at Kwik-Fit, believes motorists' annoyances reflect real dangers on the road. He says, "It's clear that the root of this frustration is the danger that these habits pose. Although driving too close to another vehicle isn't a specific offence, it's one of the most common causes of car accidents".

Here is a subject to be considered by DA experts