

Driver and Vehicle Safety



Locust swarms can affect driving conditions as adult locusts moving in swarms often move across roads and can pose a significant distraction to drivers. They can also reduce visibility, both by their density in the air and their impact on windscreens. Well-fed locusts will leave a significant residue of body parts and fat at the point of impact. They will become trapped in radiators and underneath windscreen wipers. The fat will be extremely difficult to clean from the windscreen and cannot normally be cleaned by the use of the windscreen washer system.

Locust impact to windscreens will adversely affect visibility and drivers should moderate their driving accordingly. It is suggested that drivers carry rags and a suitable bug cleaner and make regular stops to clean the windscreen.

The radiator may become clogged leading to the engine overheating. The use of an appropriate radiator insect screen will prevent the radiator becoming clogged but motorists should stop at regular intervals to clean the screen of dead locusts build-up to improve air flow. Drivers should closely monitor the vehicle's temperature gauge if using an insect screen and when locust activity is anticipated.



Travelling with locust swarms