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Benefits and Drawbacks of Technology

Wind blowing in your hair, the hum of an engine underneath your fingertips, and the endless road ahead. In today's world, the endless road is dotted with flashing screens, driver assistance, and an ever-growing existence of artificial intelligence telling you when to brake, when to turn, and sometimes even driving for you. On the bright side, technology is like having a co-pilot whispering advice in your ear, but picture this: adaptive cruise control that adjusts your speed without touching the wheel, ensuring that you stay up to speed with traffic without even breaking a sweat. The car's lane-keeping system is your best friend, subtly nudging you in the right direction when you start drifting off course. In these moments, technology transforms your ride into a sanctuary of safety where your guardian angel is a program aimed to protect you.

Hands-free capabilities add another layer of safety. The issue of checking your phone or messing with controls while driving is now an issue of the past. Let's not forget how convenient it is to have a push start car and voice controls, which means barely having to lift a finger. Parallel parking? Now, a nightmare of the past. Smart sensors and self-parking features can aid you in sliding into that parking spot with ease. No anxiety, dented fenders, or crooked parking. If your reflexes fail, your car has your back (or at least your front bumper).

Yet, for every advancement, there is a price. While cars are smarter, drivers might be getting... well, dumber. Touchscreens being sleek and futuristic demand attention in a way old school buttons and knobs never did. Adjusting the AC or changing the song now requires you to look away from the road, turning simple actions into potential dangers. This brings us to smartphones. A device so powerful it can steal a driver's life at 70 MPH. Texts and social media

notifications have turned highways into a digital battleground where attention is the prize and death is the cost.

Over-reliance on technology is yet another hidden trap. Adaptive cruise control and lane-keeping assistance can give the driver a false sense of security. When the car essentially drives itself, the driver feels no need to pay attention, but what if the car malfunctions? Say the lane-keeping feature fails, and now you are driving into oncoming traffic. What will you do then? You weren't paying attention, and now you're going at a breakneck pace into the other cars.

The future of driving is one where technology and human skill must advance together. Self-driving cars loom on the horizon, promising a new age of safe driving. In all reality, it's promising more accidents and unaware drivers. It is important to embrace technological advances but also to be a smart driver and know how to utilize the new tools safely.