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VEHICLE MAINTENANCE MISTAKES

THAT WILL COST YOU \$\$\$



MISTAKE #1

SKIPPING BASIC TIRE MAINTENANCE

ROTATE

Rotate tires regularly so front they wear more evenly, and last longer.

ALIGN

Aligned tires prevent steering problems, poor fuel economy, and uneven tire wear.

PRESSURE

An underinflated tire will increase your risk of a blowout. Newer vehicles have sensors.

MISTAKE #2

IGNORING YOUR FLUIDS

OIL

Dirty or low oil will cause your engine to overheat, blow a gasket or even seize up.

BRAKE FLUID

Brakes may take longer to come to a stop, even fail, if brake fluid is not properly maintained.

POWER STEERING

A power steering leak can make it harder to steer. Parts of your steering system could corrode.

TRANSMISSION

If transmission fluid is not maintained, you will have difficulty shifting gears and your transmission (automatic or manual) could overheat.

COOLANT

Coolant helps your vehicle from overheating or freezing. Your engine could overheat or blow a gasket, necessitating major repairs. Dirty coolant also can cause corrosion.

MISTAKE #3

WAITING TOO LONG REPLACE YOUR BRAKE PADS

Signs of brake pads wearing out include a squeaking sound, clicking noise, vibration when you brake, or takes longer to brake. The whole braking system could overheat and fail and cause further damage.

MISTAKE #4

IGNORING NOISES OR DASHBOARD WARNINGS

Waiting too long to address a noise or dashboard indicator gives the problem a chance to become larger and more expensive.

! Hissing – leak in the cooling system or the vacuum system

! Clunking over potholes or bumps – faulty, loose, or worn parts

! Howling – bad bearings or worn gears

! Knocking – valve clearances need to be adjusted or rod bearings need to be replaced

! Shrieking – serpentine belt may be slipping or need to be replaced

! Moaning or growling – failure of the power steering pump

! Metallic rattling or pinging – abnormal ignition issue

! Crunching – clutch issues in a manual transmission

MISTAKE #5

NOT FOLLOWING A CAR'S MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

Adhering to your car's maintenance schedule helps avoid costly repairs. It increases your safety, maintains your vehicle's value, and ultimately saves you time. A maintenance schedule keeps your car operating at peak performance and keeps your warranty in place.