

# How Routine Maintenance on Your European Car Can Prolong its Life Span

Routine maintenance at home and regular check ups can keep your dream car in its best shape. Prolong the lifespan of your European vehicle by checking and replacing your car's oil, keeping your car clean, and maintaining your car's coolant system. There are things that you can do big and small that can make all the difference. If you do not perform routine maintenance on your vehicle the lifespan of your car will be far shorter than average and your car will not be as safe or run as smoothly as it should. This is how routine maintenance on your European car can prolong its life span.

Rather luxury or not your car needs routine maintenance to keep in shape. To ensure that your car continues to drive at peak performance you will want to perform regular check-ups. This will make sure that your car drives smoothly. There is no detail too small. Listen to your car and keep your eyes open. Your car usually tells you to want it. All you have to do is listen. If you hear something out of the ordinary, checking your car and performing the maintenance it needs is essential. Taking your vehicle in for regular check-ups are important but you can also take your car in anytime something doesn't seem right. Things happen and the sooner you get it taken care of the better.

An important part of maintaining your vehicle's performance is keeping a check on the oil. If you let it go your car will suffer the consequences of neglect. Without oil, your engine would burn up. Oil lubricates your engine. It fights against friction and heat; two enemies of your motor. The friction and the heat produce wear. The wear will destroy your engine. Over time the friction and heat will degrade your oil. Replace engine oil and filter regularly and increase your engine's lifespan considerably.

To check the oil, park your car on a level surface and make sure that the engine is switched off. Wait for five minutes before you perform any tasks. Start the engine briefly to give the oil time to come down from the engine and into the reservoir. Pull the dipstick out of the guide tube and wipe the oil off the stick. Slide it into the guide tube until it stops and then pull it out again. If the level is between min and max mark the oil level is correct.

Keep your coolant system properly maintained. Use a 50/50 mix of coolant and distilled water to keep your cooling system in balance. This prevents corrosion and deposits from developing inside the system. Check to make sure that the engine is at working temperature. To check the temperature, turn the SmartKey to position 2 in the ignition lock and check the coolant temperature display in the instrument cluster. The temperature must be below 158 degrees to

open the reservoir. If you need more coolant turn the cap half a turn counterclockwise and add coolant.

Keeping the outside surface of your vehicle clean is important but it is important to remember that underneath your car gets really dirty. Daily drives and changing weather causes the buildup of dirt, debris, and leaves. Constant trips in a multitude of different temperatures and weather conditions, rain or shine, the underside of your car is getting filthier by the second. Run it over a hose to get rid of snow that has splashed all over it and to get leaves off your vehicle. Consistent washes can prevent further problems from occurring.

Keep your car in great shape by performing regular maintenance and keeping a watchful eye on your car. Prolonging the life of your car is something we all want to do. It helps save money and taking care of your car regularly will save you lots of money in the long run, even if it doesn't always seem like it. Regular check ups and refusal to ignore anything that sounds off will help your European car stay in the best shape possible.