

Common Reasons Transmissions Require Repair

Why does my Transmission go bad and how can I improve the life of my transmission?

Here are a few common causes that contribute to the failure of your transmission. Any of these could lead your transmission to need service and repair. Make sure you are familiar with these issues and address any problems as soon as they occur. Any delay will only increase your total transmission repair cost.

Transmission Fluid:

Low Fluid Levels, Dirty Transmission fluid, wrong transmission fluid. Checking your transmission fluid regularly will help you know if your transmission is headed for trouble. If your fluid is often low you could have a leak and your transmission should be serviced as soon as possible. If your transmission fluid is discolored, this too could indicate transmission problems.

Lack of Maintenance:

Regular maintenance of your transmission is very important to the lifespan of your transmission and to it performing at an optimal level. Check your Owner's Manual service guide to see the manufacturer's recommended service schedule

Vehicle's Life History:

Any time you purchase a used vehicle you should have it checked out professionally (preferable before you sign the check). Any number of previous issues could have a negative impact on your transmission.

Cables and Wiring:

Any of the numerous wires and cables running to, from, and through your transmission could be damaged and cause transmission failure (You wouldn't want a clogged artery right?). A regular inspection will help show any issues with your cables and wires.

Overall Vehicle Performance:

Your vehicle can sometimes be like a line of dominoes. Once one falls over, the others follow. Any issue with your car (especially the engine) can have a negative impact on your transmission. Regular maintenance checks of your entire vehicle are important to ensure your entire vehicle is working properly, and prevent one issue from becoming many.

Worn out or Bad Parts:

Parts wear out. That's just part of owning a vehicle. Again, perform regular checks of your vehicle to inspect for faulty or worn out parts. Neglecting one small part could lead to big problems down the line.

Computer Issues:

In this modern age of technology, a visual inspection of your vehicle will only get you so far. More and more functions of your vehicle are handled by computers. If your computer (or parts of it) are bad, your car could be experiencing problems you cannot detect with your eyes or ears.

Electronic Parts:

With the computer parts comes, electronic components such as sensors and fuses. A diagnostics test can help determine if your car has an electrical issues.

Extreme Weather:

High and low air temperatures can negatively impact your transmission

Towing with your Vehicle:

Vehicles used to tow put the vehicle's transmission under much more stress than normal driving. Therefore, you should have your transmission serviced and checked more frequently if it is used for towing.

You may have noticed a reoccurring theme: Regular Maintenance and Service is key to the overall health of your car, including your transmission. Paying attention to your transmissions health will help increase the lifetime of your transmission. Addressing any issues as soon as you notice them will help your chances of avoiding more costly transmission repairs in the future.