

How to Properly Maintain a Vehicle Over 15 Years Old

Vehicle maintenance is one of the most important aspects of long-term vehicle ownership. The longevity of a car can be significantly affected by how well it [is maintained](#) over its lifetime. Of course, having a car that is of good quality, to begin with, will make the maintenance easier.

Some people don't understand that [maintaining your car](#) is essential if you plan to hang on to it for several years. Oil changes, tire rotation, battery replacements, and air filter replacements are all some of the routine maintenance you will need to do to extend the life of your car.

EnduranceAdvantage™ can help you with some of these necessary maintenance costs. This article will help you understand some basic steps you should take for your vehicle to maintain it properly.

Common Issues for Older Cars

As a car gets older, more is likely to go wrong even with proper maintenance. Some of these issues include:

- Failing Transmission
- Engine Trouble
- Brake Replacement
- Paint and Rust Problems
- Emissions Testing Fail
- Alternator Stops Working
- Radiator Breaks
- Starter no Longer Works

A failing transmission can set you back around \$2000 without a warranty. For even old cars, this is costly and can be difficult to replace yourself. Physics dictates that [tires lose their efficiency over time](#), necessitating tire replacement around every five years or 50-60 thousand miles from the date of purchase. Tires will cost around \$200 to replace.

A [brake replacement](#) will cost around \$600, and you'll need a minimum of two new brakes per axle as well as pads, drums, or rotors, depending on your car's type. It is essential not only for safety but also because it may cause the wheels to lock up when stopping - this can be dangerous in an old car.

Car paint can become faded, and rust is a concern, especially in coastal climates. A professional painter will charge around \$150 to repaint the entire vehicle.

[Emissions testing](#) failure can be an expensive consequence of old cars that are no longer up-to-date with newer environmental regulations - upwards of \$2000 depending on the nature of the passing grade.

[Alternators](#) can stop working, a typical old car problem that leads to battery drainage and costly repairs if not addressed immediately. A new alternator can cost \$300.

Lastly, starters are auto parts that no longer work as well over time. Starter failure is costly - upwards of \$600 for replacement in most cases.

Endurance can help you with old vehicle repairs and maintenance needs. We have been helping people maintain their old cars with our car service contracts, ensuring that they'll be driving for many more miles than if left unfixed.

EnsuranceAdvantage will give you \$3,500 for your routine maintenance.

This will include:

- Up to 3 Oil & Filter Changes
- Engine Diagnostic Exam
- Alignment Check
- State Safety Inspection Services
- Tire Rotation

Plus Special, One-Time Services, including:

- Brake Pads/Shoe Replacement
- Cooling System Maintenance
- Front or Rear Wiper Blade Set Replacement
- Battery Replacement
- Scheduled Service Coverage

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To avoid these common issues, routine maintenance is the answer. Some of the ways you can keep your car running include:

Have Routine Maintenance Done to Your Car - Routine maintenance is essential. For example, forgetting to change your oil or neglecting to rotate your tires will cause you more issues down the road.

Ensure Proper Storage of Your Car - The old car problems that can arise from improper storage include rust, battery drainage due to a dead cell, and corrosion.

Check Your Fluid Levels - A car will get old and require more maintenance, but you can prevent old car issues by checking your fluid levels. Break fluid, transmission fluid, [coolant and freon](#) should all be checked often to ensure proper levels.

How Endurance Can Help

Endurance offers car service contracts to help you keep your car in top shape and help with the cost of routine maintenance. EnduranceAdvantage is a comprehensive car protection package. It will save you money on repairs as well as give you some added benefits to keep you and your car happy.

Call today for a free quote and to find out how Endurance can help keep your car running on the road for many years to come!

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