

## **How Often You Should do a Kia Service**

It's no secret that routine check-ups help keep Kia vehicles at peak performance for much longer. Sadly, there are Kia owners out there who're not quite sure how often they should service their vehicle. If this sounds like you, you're in luck; the experts at Rusty Wallace Kia are here to help! Below we'll share a time-tested guide on how often you should schedule a [Kia service](#) and more.

### **How Often Should You schedule a Kia Service?**

The service routine varies depending on the vehicle's age, model's features, weather condition, and driving habits. Essentially, Kai owners should perform maintenance services as per the car owner's manual. A standard service done by an expert should include:

#### **1. Oil and oil filter change**

Routine maintenance like oil and oil filter changes are necessary after 5,000 to 7,500 miles. But if you make frequent stops or use your car for off-roading, racing, commercial purposes, heavy towing, or drive in areas with severe/hard weather conditions, you will want to change the oil & filter sooner than what is stated in your car's manual -- perhaps after every 3,000 to 4000 miles.

#### **2. Repairing or replacing spark plugs**

When parts of your Kia ignition system malfunction, you might notice a "check engine light" on the dashboard, hard starting, and/or rough running. The timing depends on the kind of spark plugs your car use. Quality spark plugs can last up to 100,000 miles, but cheaper ones require replacement every 30,000 miles.

#### **3. Flushing and changing car fluids**

Although most car owners know how to check their fluid levels, a professional check-up is worth the investment. Faulty brake fluid leads to a "squishy" brake pedal, and replacement should follow. Most experts recommend performing this service between 20,000 and 45,000 miles.

Also, drivers should change their transmission fluid after every 30,000 to 60,000 miles for manual transmission and every 30,000 to 100,000 for automatic transmission. Likewise, always ensure you flush and replace the power steering fluid after every 75,000 miles, or when issues like hard steering arise.

#### **4. Brake fluids and rotors**

Brakes pads and shoes wear out over time. Even though a good set can stay up to 50,000 miles, have them checked and replaced if they start producing screeching noises. Also, don't forget to re-surface or replace brake rotors regularly.

#### **5. Battery checking or replacing**

Age, long periods of parking (be it months or years), and extreme weather conditions can cause battery degradation, thereby decreasing the overall performance of your vehicle. Most batteries last 4 to 5 years, which is at least 50,000 miles before replacement. If your vehicle is slow to start, have its battery tested to determine whether it needs replacement.

#### **6. Coolant check-up**

Water and antifreeze mixture that flows through the radiator helps cool your car's engine. Faulty or too low coolant can cause damage to your engine. Always ensure you flush & replace your car's coolant at 60,000 miles, or sooner if defective.

Vehicle safety and performance calls for a comprehensive check-up at regular intervals. Let our professionals perform the above services and others to prolong your Kai vehicle's life. [Contact Rusty Wallace Kia](#) today to enjoy our premium services.