

## **How Frequent You Should do a VW Oil Change**

One of the most important things you can do to care for your VW is to ensure it gets its oil-change on time and regularly. This will keep the engine running at its maximum efficiency and prevent costly repairs. Don't know how frequently you should schedule a VW oil change? Oil-change experts at Crain Volkswagen of Fayetteville will set you straight.

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If you don't drive your VW a lot or drive mostly on highways experts recommend scheduling your oil change every 7,500 to 10,000 miles, or every 6-8 months. If you travel a lot, love racing, or drive in harsh conditions, you should get an oil checkup after every 3,000 miles.

VWs that use synthetic oil can wait up to 7,500 or even 10,000 miles between oil checkups. If your vehicle uses conventional oil, your engine oil-change schedule should fall between every 3,000 miles to 5,000 miles or every 3 to 4 months.

## **When Should You Schedule a Non-Routine Oil Change?**

The oil change intervals highlighted above are not cast in stone. This means you can always schedule a non-routine oil change, or checkup, whenever you want. You should definitely make an appointment for an emergency oil checkup if you notice any of the following signs:

### **Unnatural Engine Noise**

Normal engine noise is usually soft and hardly noticeable. If your engine develops a whirring, sputtering, or rumbling noise, then this is most likely a warning sign of a low oil level, contaminated oil, or thin oil. You'll need to replace your old engine oil with fresh oil ASAP. Do not dismiss any noise as a 'normal noise', as ignoring the noises could result in engine damage and a much greater repair bill. Unnatural engine noises can also be caused by failing muffler, bad bearings, or worn torque converter.

### **Burning Oil-ish Smell in the Car**

If your car smells like thick burned oil, then there's a high chance you have a leak. Have your oil leak problem fixed immediately to avoid more damages and more repair expenses.

**Caution:** If you suspect you are dealing with an oil leak, shut down the engine and don't try to drive your car to the service station. Oil is flammable and if it comes into contact with the exhaust, a fire can start. Also, a low oil level could cause irreparable damage to your engine.

### **Dark, Dirty Oil**

Dirty, sludgy oil makes it hard for the engine to run smoothly and can cause blockages that lead to higher fuel consumption. Contaminated oil also contains elements that cause engine corrosion and rust. If your engine oil is dark and thick, you should schedule an oil change immediately.

There you have it: a guide on how often VW engine oil changes should happen. Keep it in mind and feel free to share it with friends and colleagues who own a VW. If your VW is overdue for an oil change/checkup, the certified oil technicians at Crain Volkswagen of Fayetteville can help. Contact Crain Volkswagen of Fayetteville today!