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For all your automotive service needs from Hot Rods to Hondas, Mini Vans to Muscle Cars...

CAR FAQ'S

A Fuel (Not So) Funny...



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Why does my Check Engine light come on?

What does your "Check Engine" light really mean?

Does that light mean that you should open your hood, look at your engine and see if you see anything odd there? Sounds that way doesn't it? And after you "check" it, what should you do next? Call for help on your cell phone? Please read on to find out what this misnamed light is really for. When the "Check Engine" light comes on and stays on while the vehicle is running, it means that the on-board

computer (known as the Electronic Control Module, or ECM) has detected a problem in one of the many systems it monitors and controls. The problem may be minor or it could be serious.

What if the "Check Engine" light comes on but my car is still running okay?

The best thing about the 'Check Engine' light is that it often detects little problems before they become big, expensive problems. And not every problem gives you

obvious indications (hard starting, rough running, stalling, etc.) that something is wrong. That's why you can't ignore this important little light. The 'Check Engine' light also alerts you to problems like poor fuel mileage, reduced performance or excessive exhaust emissions. These problems can evolve so slowly that you get used to them. But your on-board computer is sensitive enough to detect even gradual changes.

What does the on-board computer do?

The computer processes information it receives from the sensors, then it sends out commands to the systems it controls. This includes your car's fuel delivery, spark timing and emission control systems. Most of the time, your on-board computer is hard at work and you're not even aware of it. But when it needs help, it turns on your 'Check Engine' light (It should say "Check Computer System"). The "Check Engine" light is your

vehicle's way of saying "Take me to the mechanic NOW!"

What will you do when I bring my vehicle in for service?

When you come to us with the "Check Engine" light on, we connect your vehicle's computer to our shop computer. Your car's computer will usually give our computer a trouble code, indicating why the "Check Engine" light was activated. We use this code to help us trace down the actual problem and correct it. After we

correct the problem, we clear any codes in the system and run your vehicle to make sure everything is back to normal. At that point your "Check Engine" light will be off if all systems are operating normally.



Data Facts: www.samarins.com



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Should I repair my car or sell it?

It may better to repair your car. Here's why...

Today's automobiles are extraordinarily complex and expensive. Many of us can remember buying homes for less than the cost of a new car today. With the increase in cost has come many improvements. Both gas consumption and pollution levels have dropped with improved technology. Cars have become far more durable and reliable

over the years. If you take good care of your car, it will take good care of you. You will be miles ahead on your car investment by running your car until it drops. Compare the cost of repairs to the monthly payments on a new car lease. And then think about the extra sales and property taxes on that new car. Don't forget to add hundreds of dollars to your insurance bill. Repairs

look very reasonable indeed. Just think of buying or leasing a new car as making a major repair every month for the next three years. With proper maintenance, you will find that the major repairs on the car you are driving today are few and far between. If you decide to buy a new or newer used vehicle, we will gladly perform a pre-purchase inspect I for you. Please call for pricing.

About us...

PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE SPECIALS

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Monday – Friday 8am - 5pm
Longer Hours on Demand

From Hondas to Hot Rods, Mini Vans to Muscle Cars we work on them all! From engine repairs to rebuilds, we have the experience and equipment to keep your family and classic / muscle car in top condition

With over 25 years of extensive automotive experience, Mike is an ASE Certified Master Technician. His technical training also includes Advanced Performance/Diagnostic Training and Snap-On DSO/Scanner Training.

We use only name brand and warranteed parts.

Visa & MasterCard Accepted
Service You Can Trust
Satisfaction Guaranteed

THE BENEFITS OF PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE

Our cars are more than just transportation. For most of us they are a long term financial investment that we rely on daily.

Preventative maintenance not only helps save money on gasoline and unexpected costly repairs, it helps ensure the safety of you and your family.

Remember, it's always easier to fit a preventative maintenance appointment into your busy schedule than it is to call a tow truck from the side of the road.



Tune Up

4 cylinder \$49.95
6 cylinder \$69.95
8 cylinder \$89.95

- ✓ 41 point inspection
- ✓ New Spark Plugs *
- ✓ Check and set idle and timing

* Platinum Spark Plugs extra

Cooling System Flush - \$79.95

- ✓ 41 point inspection
- ✓ Add Flush Chemical
- ✓ Run engine for 30 minutes
- ✓ Flush system
- ✓ Add fresh coolant and coolant treatment
- ✓ Check thermostat and fan operation
- ✓ Check system for leaks

A / C Service - \$49.95

- ✓ Check exposed areas of A/C system for leaks or damage
- ✓ Check A/C controls and vents for proper operation
- ✓ Check compressor and clutch for proper operation
- ✓ Check system pressures
- ✓ Check vent temperatures
- ✓ Recharge system *

* Refrigerant extra

Minor Service - \$59.95

Change:
Oil and filter

Inspect:
Brakes
Belts
Hoses
Fluid Leaks
Front Suspension
Rear Suspension
Tires
Shocks
Exhaust System
Water Pump *
Adjust:
Timing & Idle *
Clutch *
Brakes *
Service :
Air Cleaner Box
Radiator Fluid Level
Brake Fluid Level
Clutch Fluid Level
Rotate Tires
Set Pressure
Lube:
U-Joints
Doors & Hinges

Check:
Lights
Charging System
Starting System

*** Applicable to most model cars.**
*** Vans, Specialty and Synthetic fluids additional.**