

Have you Read your Owners Manual Lately?

Late model cars are capable of lasting 25 years and 250,000 miles. However, with proper care they will even go as far as 400,000 miles dependably. There is just one little catch.....

. . . . you need to follow the manufacturers recommendations for maintenance service, which isn't as easy as it sounds. There are pitfalls in most maintenance manuals, so you need to understand and know about some. . . .

Terms:

Meaning:

“Normal Driving”: Most of your drives are over 10 miles in length. You rarely drive less than 8 miles or so. The majority of your driving is steady highway speeds.

“Severe Driving” Most of your driving trips are less than 10 miles. You drive in temperatures over 90 degrees or less than 50 degrees. You drive in the mountains sometimes.

“Tune-up” Install new spark plugs.

Just about 80% of the people that live in the North valley area fall under the Severe Driving category. Mountain driving, around town stop and go driving, hot summers and cold winters is harder on cars. The easiest driving is steady highway speeds.

Most late model manuals recommend 100,000 miles between Tune-ups. Under Normal driving most late model cars will go that far. Even under Severe conditions 60,000 plus is normal. Most people remember that it was a big deal to have your car Tuned-up every 12,000 miles. For the last 15 years or so the computer in your car makes all of those Tune-up adjustments as you drive. All Tune-up means anymore is replacing the spark plugs. So, when you hear, “It only needs a Tune-up every 100,000 miles.” Remember, there are still many other systems that need maintenance to keep your baby dependable.

Non “Tune-Up” related Maintenance Services

- **Coolant/Antifreeze Replacement**
- **Transmission Fluid Replacement**
- **Timing Belt Replacement**
- **Fuel, Air & Cabin Filter Replacement**
- **Drive belt Replacement**
- **Inspections for leaks, worn Suspension parts, C.V. Boots, Brakes, Coolant Hoses, A/C function, PCV Valve, Wheel Alignment, Tire wear and much more.**