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Preventative Maintenance Guide

Helping keep your vehicle safe with regular inspections and quality repairs.

Brake System Maintenance Guide

Keep Your Brakes Performing Safely

Your vehicle's braking system is one of its most important safety features. Every time you drive, your brakes work to safely slow and stop your vehicle.

Because brake components experience constant friction and heat, they naturally wear over time. Regular inspections help identify worn components early, preventing expensive repairs and keeping your vehicle safe.

Signs Your Brakes May Need Attention

Your brakes will often provide warning signs before a serious issue develops.

You should have your brakes inspected if you notice:

- Squealing, squeaking, or grinding noises
- Your vehicle pulling to one side while braking
- Vibration through the steering wheel
- A soft or spongy brake pedal
- Reduced braking performance
- Longer stopping distances

Ignoring these warning signs can lead to increased repair costs and reduced safety.

What a Brake Inspection Checks

A proper brake inspection looks beyond just the brake pads.

Our technicians check:

- Brake pads and discs for wear
- Brake hoses and pipes for damage
- Brake fluid condition
- Signs of leaks or corrosion
- Overall braking performance

Identifying problems early often prevents larger repairs later.

Why Brake Fluid Matters

Brake fluid transfers pressure from your brake pedal to the braking system.

Over time, brake fluid absorbs moisture. This reduces effectiveness and can cause corrosion inside the braking system.

Old brake fluid can also overheat during heavy braking, causing brake fade and reduced stopping ability.

We recommend brake fluid testing regularly and replacement approximately every 2–3 years, or as recommended by your vehicle manufacturer.

Looking After Your Brakes

Simple habits can help extend brake life:

- ✓ Have brakes inspected during servicing
- ✓ Replace brake fluid when required
- ✓ Address unusual noises early
- ✓ Avoid unnecessary heavy braking
- ✓ Have concerns checked before they become expensive repairs