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Preventative Maintenance Guide

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

CV Joint Maintenance Guide

Protect Your Vehicle's Drive System

CV joints (Constant Velocity joints) are an important part of your vehicle's drivetrain. They transfer power from the engine and transmission to the wheels while allowing your vehicle to steer and move smoothly. Most front-wheel-drive vehicles use CV joints at both ends of the drive shafts. Because they operate under constant movement and load, they rely on protective rubber boots and grease to keep working correctly.

Signs Your CV Joints May Need Attention

CV joint problems are often caused by damaged or split protective boots.

Warning signs include:

- Clicking noises when turning sharply
- Clicking sounds while driving straight
- Grease visible around the inside of the wheel area
- Cracked or damaged CV boots
- Vibrations while driving

If a damaged CV boot is ignored, grease can escape and dirt and moisture can enter the joint, causing accelerated wear.

Why Early Repairs Matter

A damaged CV boot caught early can often be repaired by replacing the boot and refreshing the grease. However, if the joint continues operating without protection, the internal components can wear and eventually require full CV joint replacement.

Ignoring CV joint issues can lead to:

- Increased repair costs
- Loss of smooth power delivery
- Reduced vehicle reliability
- Potential drivetrain failure

How We Inspect CV Joints

During servicing, our technicians inspect CV joints and boots for signs of wear or damage.

We check for:

- Split or deteriorated CV boots
- Grease leaks
- Excessive movement or wear
- Unusual noises during operation

Identifying problems early helps prevent more expensive repairs later.

Looking After Your CV Joints

Regular servicing helps identify CV joint problems before they become major issues.

If you notice clicking noises when turning, it is important to have your vehicle checked rather than waiting for the problem to worsen.