

Epsom Automotive

'We guarantee to phone before we fix'

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Winter is knocking...

Daylight saving has come to an end & summer seemingly along with it!

Just a couple of weeks ago some of us were still getting a tan! We hope you all managed to survive the recent storms & cold westerlies that suddenly plummeted Auckland's temperatures into single digits, plunged us into darkness & brought trees down in their hundreds (hopefully not on anyone's vehicles!). We were one of the more fortunate businesses in the Epsom area not to lose our electricity.

Speaking of adjusting the time, it might also a good idea to consider changing your vehicle's timing belt/cambelt or change your transmission fluid (auto trans service).

Not sure when your cam belt or ATS was last done? If you get your car regularly serviced with us, it's easy for us to look up your car's service history and see whether you have had either of those services done by us, and if not, our mechanics can check for evidence of these when you bring your vehicle in. So why are these things so important? Here are the facts...

Timing chain or Cambelt

The engine of your car is a precision piece of engineering. The function of this belt is to ensure all the moving components of the engine are synchronized. If the teeth of the belt comes off or the belt breaks, the result will be catastrophic, causing damage that will be costly to repair.

How often should a cambelt be changed?

It varies between makes or models of cars, but generally its every 100,000km or 10 years, although some manufacturers are now recommending every 5 years. We have all the manufacturer's specifications on hand, so we can easily find out.

Belt or Chain?

Cars with chains as opposed to belts typically do not need replacing, unless they become very noisy. Not sure if your car has a belt or chain? A quick check of the registration number of the vehicle will give us that information.



A shredded cambelt ☹️

Auto Transmission Service

In the same way you wouldn't fry your fish & chips in the same oil for month on end or expect to get clean dishes by using the same dishwasher for days on end, so over time your transmission oil becomes contaminated with minute particles from the wearable components of your transmission. The oil is continually circulated so increases the chance of compromising sensitive moving parts such as valves, which will inevitably result in gear-shift faults.

How often should I change my transmission oil?

Again, it varies with different manufacturer's specifications but generally between 80,000 – 90,000km. Not sure about when it was changed last? If we have your car's service history we can check on this, if not a quick check by one of our mechanics & they can tell you what condition the oil is in.

Aside from these very important checks,

Don't forget to do those safety checks before you head off on holiday or call in to see us & we'll do it for you.

Oh...Wondering who the lucky winner of our Christmas hamper was?? Congratulations to Greg Lockhart!! We hope you & your family enjoyed all those goodies.

From all the team at Epsom Automotive

Paul, Liz, Rhett, Graham & Kyle

Our Services Include:

- Warrants of Fitness (Cars & Trailers)
- Vehicle Servicing
 - Lube Only or Full Annual Service
- Cambelts
- Batteries / Brake Fluid Flush / Antifreeze
- Auto Transmission Servicing
- Tyres, fitting and rotation
- Pre-purchase Inspections
- Diagnostic Scanning
- AA Smartfuel Savings

Courtesy cars are available (booking required) or a local drop off can be arranged.

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