# Epsom Automotive

## 'We guarantee to phone before we fix'

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### **Keep Safe Between Services**

Modern cars have many warning lights that alert you to a problem with your car, but what we're noticing here in the workshop is that they are also lulling many unsuspecting motorists into a false sense of security.



Oil level is a classic — some cars have an oil level warning light which alerts you to the need to top up your oil. Others only have an oil pressure warning, and if this one comes up you need to stop driving immediately as your engine's on a rapid path to self-destruction.

Your car can't and won't do all the thinking for you. When we service your car we change the oil and filter, check fluid levels, tyre pressures, the condition of your wiper blades, brakes, suspension and many more basic safety and damage prevention items.

#### If you're leaving it longer to get your car serviced

You run the risk of something important going undetected and need to carry out some basic checks yourself.

#### 6 months or 10,000kms after a Service

You need to check and think about:

- **Tyre pressures and alignment** -check for uneven wear and tread depth. And make sure you carry a spare tyre, jack and wheel brace with you.
- Brakes test them does your car pull up nice and straight in an emergency stop, especially in the wet? How are the fluid levels?
- Windscreen Wipers and Windscreen Fluid poor visibility in a winter storm on the motorway at night can be catastrophic.
- **Oil** many oil warning lights only kick in once the expensive damage has been done don't rely on them use the dipstick! And also use good quality oil that is suitable for your car if you need a top up! (Ask us if you're not sure what to use).
- **Cambelt** if your car is approaching the 80 to 100,000km mark, it probably needs replacing time your next service around this and we can check it. If it snaps you'll be going nowhere!

#### **Our Services Include:**

- Warrants of Fitness (Cars & Trailers)
- Vehicle Servicing
  - Lube Only or Full Annual Service
- Cambelts
- Batteries
- Tyres, fitting and rotation
- Pre-purchase Inspections
- Diagnostic Scanning

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

Visit our website www.epsomautomotive.co.nz for full details of all our service inclusions.



#### So, if you're ignoring the 'Service Now' light

Just be aware that you need to do a bit more yourself to keep you and your passengers safe and avoid an expensive repair bill.

#### AA SmartFuel

And keep in mind that money spent with us on servicing or repairs, helps bring down your Fuel cost with AA SmartFuel.

We look forward to seeing you again soon and wish you safe driving on our roads this Winter.

Rhett, Denis, Corne, Julian and Sharon



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