

What is Factory Scheduled Maintenance and Why it is Important for Your Vehicle?

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You probably know that you should change the oil in your car every 3,000 miles, but do you know how often you should check the power steering fluid or the chassis lubrication? If you are unsure, ***review your car's owner manual to find the factory maintenance schedule recommended for your specific vehicle by the manufacturer.*** So, what is factory scheduled maintenance and why is it important for your vehicle?

Your vehicle's ***factory scheduled maintenance is a reminder to have your vehicle serviced every 3 months or 3,000 miles for preventative maintenance throughout the year. These manufacturers recommendations will keep your car running smoothly, help prevent costly repairs and ensure your manufacturer's warranty remains valid.***

Whether you take your car to the dealership or your local mechanic for scheduled maintenance, it is important to stick with the factory recommendations to make sure that coverage is valid throughout the duration of your factory warranty. ***Services like rotating tires, flushing the brakes and changing fluids, filters and spark plugs are all easy to keep up with compared to the potential repairs you may face if without regular maintenance.***

If you have questions about your car's recommended factory maintenance, the helpful, certified mechanics at **Ace Auto in West Jordan, Utah** can let you know what is due (or overdue) for maintenance and ***perform the services to prevent costly problems to keep you on the road in a safe vehicle.***

Factory Scheduled Maintenance in Your Vehicles Owner's Manual

You will find two different maintenance schedules in your owner's manual, one labeled 'regular' and the other 'severe'. While you may not put a lot of miles on your car driving to and from work or getting the kids to school, soccer practice or piano lessons - *you will want to consider the following strenuous conditions that can bump your service schedule up to 'severe'*:

- Extreme Weather
- Frequent, Short Commutes
- Stop and Go Traffic
- Idling
- Heavy Loads
- Rough Roads
- Mountainous Roads
- Salty or Dusty Conditions

If have an older vehicle that did not come with a manual, the [Car Care Council](#), a non-profit organization for vehicle owners, offers a *free customizable vehicle maintenance schedule to help you keep track of the dates and mileage for services performed.*

Basic Car Maintenance Schedule by Month/Mileage

Every 3 Months/3,000 Miles	Every 6 Months/6,000 Miles
Automatic Transmission Fluid	Automatic Transmission Fluid
Battery and Cables	Battery and Cables
Belts	Belts
Engine Oil and Filter	Chassis Lubrication
Exhaust	Engine Air Filter
Fuel Filter	Engine Oil and Filter
Hoses	Exhaust

Lights	Fuel Filter
Power Steering Fluid	Hoses
Tire Condition (inflation & tread)	Power Steering Fluid
Windshield Washer Fluid	Tire Condition (inflation & tread)
	Windshield Washer Fluid
	Windshield Wiper Blades

Every 9 Months/9,000 Miles

Every 6 Months/6,000 Miles

Automatic Transmission Fluid	Automatic Transmission Fluid
Battery and Cables	Battery and Cables
Belts	Belts
Engine Air Filter	Brakes
Engine Oil and Filter	Cabin Air Filter
Exhaust	Engine Air Filter
Fuel Filter	Engine Oil and Filter
Hoses	Exhaust
Lights	Fuel Filter
Power Steering Fluid	Hoses
Tire Condition (inflation & tread)	Lights

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It is important to keep records of your vehicle's maintenance in case you need to use your manufacturer's warranty. By **logging all completed services, service dates and mileage at the time of service, you can help your mechanic understand what needs to be done** to keep your car safe.

Professional, Friendly Service to Keep Your Factory Scheduled Maintenance Up to Date

For your vehicle's regularly scheduled factory recommended maintenance, call **Ace Auto** at 801-447-1693. Our friendly, experienced technicians will make sure your car is safe and in good repair to prevent time-consuming, costly problems in the future.