

Cambelt / Timing Belt

When to change the Cambelt ? Knowing the answer to that question will make the difference between happy motoring or a costly and inconvenient breakdown along with an expensive repair bill..

The time to change does vary from Make, Model , Year of vehicle please ask and we will advise .

Warning Signs

Most vehicles recommend every five years OR 100,000 kms; whichever comes first. Don't neglect to have this done.

A simple way of explaining how important a cambelt is would be to imagine that you are riding a push bike. If the chain breaks or comes off, the bike stops. That's exactly what happens when a cambelt snaps, only it's a lot easier to fix a bike chain!

Be Proactive

The cost lies not in the price of the belt, but the effects on the engine when the belt goes.

The cambelt works to keep the engine in time, stopping the valves from hitting the pistons. When it breaks the sequence is thrown out, the valve hit the pistons, bending the valves. It can cost anywhere from \$2000 or more to replace the valves.

When buying a second-hand car, always check the mileage on the cambelt by looking at the service record. Ask when it was last replaced. If you cannot confirm this, it may be better to walk away or get a better price. In any vehicle pre-purchase inspection, this is one of the most important things to note which we can carry out. Make certain you know the condition of your new car's cambelt.

Helpful Tip

Some cars (like Honda) can also possess a balance belt as well as the cambelt / timing belt. Both need to be replaced at set time period to protect you from an expensive and inconvenient repair bill.