

essentials #8



Your car has a Circulatory System just like you.

**Oil - Power Steering - Brake - Battery Coolant
Transmission Oil - Washer Fluid**

Your circulatory system keeps blood pumping through your veins, like the fluids that run through the systems in your vehicle. We check your fluids!

Statistics, COI, and Expense

Estimate of repair time: 30 mins

44% of drivers cannot check their oil.

*While regular oil changes cost about **\$120 per year.***

*Neglecting to change oil regularly can wear down parts of the engine and **replacing the engine costs about \$4,000+***

DIY

Checking your oil

Look for the cap marked "OIL" toward the front of your engine. **ONLY** check your oil with the engine OFF. Remove the lid and pull the dipstick out. (Sidenote - this is not an actual dipstick, like the candy kind, or your ex-boyfriend. This is a long, flexible, thin piece of metal that has a little finger loop on the end. Take a rag and wipe the oil off of the dipstick, and then slide it back into the OIL reservoir. When you remove it again, you should be able to get a reading. You might have to hold the dipstick to the light to see it better because fresh oil can be hard to see. There will be two marks on the dipstick showing you the maximum and minimum levels of oil for your car. If you are low, add enough of the right kind for your engine. Make it a habit of checking your oil every two weeks.

