

## 2) WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF YOU SKIP AN OIL CHANGE? (bonnet open at workshop)

There are many components in your car, SUV or truck which require regular maintenance, the brakes, battery, hoses, wear and tear are just a few items that need attention. Without proper maintenance, they can all cause problems for the operation of your vehicle down the road. One item that should never be overlooked and is among one of the easiest to maintain on a routine schedule is changing your motor oil, it is essential. Knowing when to change your motor oil is very important, because skipping a motor oil change or extending the drain interval thousands of miles on the clock past the recommended oil drain interval can have negative consequences for your vehicle.

Motor oil does a multitude of jobs for your engine as well as your car's overall performance. One of these jobs is to lubricate the many moving pieces and parts underneath your hood. If you happen to miss an oil change and the motor oil starts to lose effectiveness, these parts won't be properly lubricated. This could result in pieces grinding together or simply not moving at the rate your car needs to perform. In addition, motor oil works to regulate engine temperature. If you fail to consistently replace the oil, your engine may be quicker to overheat.

Determining the interval for changing your motor oil is easy. While many motorists think that motor oil companies set oil drain intervals, this is not the case. OEMs and their engineers know their engine better than anyone else, thus their oil drain intervals are derived from their respective research and development, to which motor oils then support with their particular OEM approved products, like we do. Every vehicle manufacturer has a recommended number of miles or time interval listed within the vehicle's owner manual, so you can know exactly how often to change the motor oil. Changing your motor oil has become less frequent as engine technology has become more advanced and the use of synthetic motor oils are able to better protect engines and allow for longer oil drain intervals, with some oil drain intervals now as high as 20,000 miles or a year between changes for some newer vehicles.