

3) SHOULD YOU EXTEND YOUR OIL CHANGE INTERVAL? (yellow car on highway)

There's no doubt that oil is the driving force of your engine, and regular oil changes are essential to extending the service life of all motor vehicles. However, knowing when to change your oil can make a big difference in a vehicle's performance and the costs associated with oil. Each vehicle has an oil drain interval. This is the amount of time that has passed since the last oil change. Different types of engines have different oil change interval requirements, but service factors can also impact its considerations.

Anyway you should follow the change interval recommendations set forth by the manufacturer of your respective vehicle's engine, but you should also consider recommendations for certain motor oil brands. While engines can typically take a specific type of oil from various brands, your engine's manufacturer may have verified operation using a certain brand. Even if your engine's guidelines recommend draining the oil at a specific miles interval, you may require changes more or less frequently depending on your operating conditions. The oil that has been exposed to dirty conditions where contamination build-up may require more frequent draining to continue performing well.