

4) WARNING SIGNS APPEAR IN YOUR VEHICLE THAT IT REQUIRES ATTENTION (warning sign)

It's time to do some investigating to determine if your vehicle needs servicing or repairs when you find something strange occurs like weird noise, vibration or even odor. Additionally, if there are fluids on the ground where you park your vehicle or if you see a dashboard warning light on, it's a sign that your vehicle needs to be sent over to the workshop immediately.

Warning Lights: Vehicle manufacturers provide a variety of warning lights that will illuminate on the dashboard if there is a problem with the engine or other vehicle system. Warning lights include check engine, ABS, battery, temperature and tire pressure monitoring system (TPMS). If any of these come on, it is recommended that you have a repair center provide proper diagnostics and any necessary repairs.

Noises: Strange noises should not be ignored. A squealing sound coming from your tires could be an indication that your brake pads are worn and need to be replaced. Many cars, SUVs and trucks are equipped with wear indicators that will squeal when the brake pads need to be replaced. If the squealing sound is coming from your engine, it could be a sign of a bad belt or belt tensioner. If you hear a clunking sound, it could be that your transmission needs to be serviced or there is a possible suspension problem. These sounds are signs of vehicle issues. Take your vehicle to be checked by a qualified vehicle service center immediately as these noises can be dangerous or lead to a vehicle breakdown.

Vibrations: There are a number of things that can cause vibrations in the vehicle. If you feel a vibration in the front of the vehicle while driving, that could be indicating a suspension, ignition or tire issue. An exhaust leak can also cause a vibration that may be felt through the gas pedal, worn brake rotors are very likely to cause shaking in the brake pedal when you press on it.

Leaks: Colored fluids on the ground underneath your car after it has been parked are a sign that the vehicle has a leak. This could be from the engine, transmission, brakes, cooling system, power steering or differentials, any of which could be a significant problem and the vehicle should be checked to determine the cause. For those that change their own motor oil, if you have a motor oil leak immediately after a motor oil change, be sure to check that the motor oil drain plug and oil filter are securely tightened.