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EMISSIONS CONTROL SYSTEM MAINTENANCE

The Scheduled Maintenance services listed in **bold type** must be done at the times or mileages specified to ensure the continued proper functioning of the emission control system. These, and all other maintenance services included in this manual, should be done to provide best vehicle performance and reliability. More frequent maintenance may be needed for vehicles in severe operating conditions, such as dusty areas and very short trip driving.

Inspection and service should also be done any time a malfunction is suspected.

NOTE: Maintenance, replacement, or repair of the emissions control devices and systems on your vehicle may be performed by any automotive repair establishment or individual using any automotive part that has been certified pursuant to U.S. EPA or, in the State of California, California Air Resources Board regulations.

MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

The oil change indicator system will remind you that it is time to take your vehicle in for scheduled maintenance.

On Electronic Vehicle Information Center (EVIC) equipped vehicles “Oil Change Required” will be displayed in the EVIC and a single chime will sound, indicating that an oil change is necessary.

On Non-EVIC equipped vehicles “Change Oil” will flash in the instrument cluster odometer and a single chime will sound, indicating that an oil change is necessary.

Based on engine operation conditions the oil change indicator message will illuminate, this means that service is required for your vehicle. Have your vehicle serviced as soon as possible, within the next 500 mi (805 km).

NOTE:

- The oil change indicator message will not monitor the time since the last oil change. Change your vehicles oil if it has been six months since your last oil change even if the oil change indicator message is NOT illuminated.
- Change your engine oil more often if you drive your vehicle off-road for an extended period of time.
- Under no circumstances should oil change intervals exceed 6,000 mi (10 000 km) or six months, whichever comes first.

Your dealer will reset the oil change indicator message after completing the scheduled oil change. If a scheduled oil change is performed by someone other than your dealer, the message can be reset by referring to the steps described under "Oil Change Required" under "Electronic Vehicle Information Center (EVIC)" in Section 3 of this manual or under "Odometer/Trip Odometer" under "Instrument Cluster Descriptions" in Section 3 of this manual.

At Each Stop for Fuel

- Check the engine oil level about 5 minutes after a fully warmed engine is shut off. Checking the oil level while the vehicle is on level ground will improve the accuracy of the oil level reading. Add oil only when the level is at or below the SAFE or MIN mark.
- Check the windshield washer solvent and add if required.

Once a Month

- Check tire pressure and look for unusual wear or damage.
- Inspect the battery and clean and tighten the terminals as required.
- Check the fluid levels of coolant reservoir, brake master cylinder, power steering, and automatic transaxle, and add fluid as needed.

NOTE: Six speed AutoStick® Transaxle — if equipped is sealed, therefore checking the fluid level can only be done by a certified dealership service center.

- Check all lights and other electrical items for correct operation.

At Each Oil Change

- Change the engine oil filter.
- Inspect the brake hoses and lines.

CAUTION!
Failure to perform the required maintenance items may result in damage to the vehicle.

Required Maintenance Intervals

Maintenance Items	Perform Maintenance Every (Where time and mileage are listed, follow the interval that occurs first.)		
	Miles	Kilometers	or Months
Change the engine oil and engine oil filter.	6,000	10 000	6
Rotate the tires.	6,000	10 000	6
If using your vehicle in dusty or off-road conditions, inspect the engine air cleaner filter, and replace if necessary.	12,000	20 000	12
Inspect the brake linings, and replace if necessary.	12,000	20 000	12
Replace the air conditioning filter (if equipped).	12,000	20 000	12
Inspect the CV joints. Perform the first inspection at 12,000 miles (20 000 km) or 12 months.	24,000	40 000	24
Inspect the exhaust system. Perform the first inspection at 12,000 miles (20 000 km) or 12 months.	24,000	40 000	24
Inspect the front suspension, tie rod ends and boot seals, and replace if necessary.	24,000	40 000	24
Replace the engine air cleaner filter.	30,000	50 000	30

Maintenance Items	Perform Maintenance Every (Where time and mileage are listed, follow the interval that occurs first.)		
	Miles	Kilometers	or Months
Replace the spark plugs on 2.4L engines (except PZEV* engine).	30,000	50 000	30
Inspect and adjust the power steering pump belt tension on 2.4L engines.	30,000	50 000	30
Inspect the generator belt on 2.4L engines, and replace if necessary.	30,000	50 000	30
Change the automatic transaxle fluid & filter if using your vehicle for any of the following: police, taxi, fleet, or frequent trailer towing.	60,000	100 000	60
Inspect and replace the PCV valve if necessary.	90,000	150 000	90
Flush and replace the engine coolant.	100,000	160 000	60
Replace the spark plugs on 2.4L PZEV*, 2.7L and 3.5L engines.	102,000	170 000	102
Replace the power steering pump belt on 2.4L engines.	102,000	170 000	102
Replace the generator belt on 2.4L engines.	102,000	170 000	102

Maintenance Items	Perform Maintenance Every (Where time and mileage are listed, follow the interval that occurs first.)		
	Miles	Kilometers	or Months
Replace the timing belt on 2.4L and 3.5L engines.	102,000	170 000	102
Change the automatic transaxle fluid & filter.	120,000	200 000	120
Replace the accessory drive belt on 2.7L engines.	120,000	200 000	120

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WARNING!

You can be badly injured working on or around a motor vehicle. Do only that service work for which you have the knowledge and the right equipment. If you have any doubt about your ability to perform a service job, take your vehicle to a competent mechanic.