

Cold Snap ALERT!



Will it start ?

The Importance of Preventive Maintenance

- Ensures easier cold starting
- Eliminates the risk of costly failure due to defective or lack of coolant
- Reduces the risk of annoying problems such as door lock freezing
- Provides increased visibility due to a more efficient defrosting and heating system
- Increases reliability of all vehicle systems

Canadian winters can be hard on your vehicle and magnify existing problems such as sluggish performance, rough idling, hard starts or... no starts. To avoid such unpleasant situations, ask your technician to make sure your car is ready for winter.

Aside from installing winter wiper blades, your technician will be able to take a look at the battery, cables, spark plugs, wires, belts, hoses, block heater and a number of other items.

Because oil thickens at low temperatures, "winter grade" oil and a new oil filter every fall are a must.

The engine cooling system is also crucial as it regulates the engine's temperature and provides heat to keep you warm. A regular inspection of the radiator, radiator cap, heater core, fan motor and coolant level should ensure that your engine stays cool – and that you stay warm.

An inspection of the rear defrost, door hinges, weather strips and locks can also be done at that time. Friendly tip: Lock de-icer and lock lubricant are always a good thing to have – as long as you don't leave them in the car!

Warning Signs of a Defective Part

- Uneven engine idle
- Inadequate heating of passenger compartment
- Engine hard to start
- Inefficient defrosting of windshield and windows
- Having to jump-start the engine because of dead battery in cold weather

A well prepared vehicle will allow you to get through the worst winter conditions.

Being stranded is never pleasant; schedule this preventive maintenance visit today.

Ask about these products:

- Motor oil: High Mileage type (for engines over 120,000 km), Synthetic Blend (for winter performance and stop-and-go driving), Fully Synthetic (for maximum protection and performance all year long plus easier starting).
- Long lasting platinum spark plugs
- Engine coolant adapted to your weather conditions (improperly mixed coolant can freeze and crack your engine's block).
- High output heavy duty battery
- Heated battery blanket and engine block heater for optimum winter starting power
- Winter windshield washer fluid
- Winter wiper blades

Parts to be inspected or replaced

Suggested Preventive Maintenance*

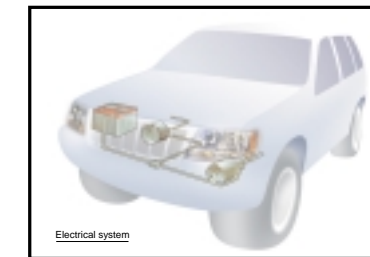
Engine coolant: Replaced every 50,000 km (always check your owner's manual for recommended mix of antifreeze and water)

Battery: checked to see if it is operating at full capacity and replaced if it does not keep its charge

Starting and charging system: Starter and alternator should perform according to manufacturer's specifications



* Average only. Please consult your automotive technician or see your owner's manual to find out about the maintenance schedule specific to your vehicle.



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Battery	Checked once a year*
Alternator / Starter	Checked once a year*