



It's Okay to Fix This Fluid Leak Later, Right?

Quick Facts about Fluid Leaks

Is Waiting Really Going To Save You Money...

When you wait to repair a fluid leak, you increase the amount of time that dirt, water and other contaminants have to work their ways into your vehicles vital systems.



Many times it is tempting to ignore minor fluid leaks in the mistaken belief that money will be saved by delaying repairs. Ignoring fluid leaks can lead to some major problems, however. If fluid is leaking out, contaminants, such as dirt and water, are also entering. This can lead to expensive repairs down the road. Leaking wheel cylinders are allowing water to enter the brake hydraulic system which will cause premature failure of the other parts, and can lead to reduced brake performance and expensive repairs costing over a thousand dollars in the case of anti-lockbrake systems. Leaking transmission seals and engine seals allow water and dirt to enter, leading to premature failure. The

easiest way to understand the process is to think of moving parts covered by seals or boots acting as a pump pushing out oil, grease, or antifreeze, and sucking in moisture and dirt. Of course if your intent is to keep your vehicle a short time, it may not make sense to perform the repairs. However, because most people own their cars an average of 8.5 years, it seems that many people believe that a car is a long term investment. Correcting defects immediately and following a regular maintenance program leads to lower operating costs over the life of the vehicle. If it makes sense to you, we will be happy to help you prioritize and correct any problems with your vehicle.