

TRANSMISSION SERVICE –

To service or NOT to service – THAT is the question.

A recent debate has been coming up about whether to service your transmission or not. A lot of car manufacturers claiming that their transmission fluid is a “lifetime” fluid. It is NOT a lifetime fluid, but it is a “lifetime” fluid through your manufacturer’s warranty. Once that original warranty is up, it is no longer a lifetime fluid! See how that works.

We often forget about our transmission and what it actually does UNTIL we feel something wrong. The transmission is a unit that is cooled by the transmission fluid. Heat is the number one killer of transmission fluid, which in turn “kills” the transmission. We can do many things to cause the transmission fluid to heat up i.e., pulling boats and campers, loading the beds with heavy items. As well as living in hotter area’s (can’t get much hotter than a Louisiana summer). All these items cause the fluid to thin. The thinner the fluid, the hotter it can make the transmission. The fluid can also become contaminated with debris and lose it’s effectiveness. This can lead to increased friction, overheating and in the end, transmission failure.

For most vehicles, the average transmission fluid temperature should be between 180-220F. A lot of newer vehicles have the temperature reading in the digital message center. Some cars, with the center console digital screens, can find the status of their car’s fluids on there. Some, but not many, have gauges (older vehicles). Keeping an eye on your transmission fluid temperature is easy to do. Remember, for every 20 degrees over the correct temperature the transmission runs, you lessen the lifespan of the transmission. HERE IS OUR ANSWER –

SERVICE YOUR TRANSMISSION –

Normal Used Vehicle -	100k miles
Work Trucks -	50k miles
H/D Loaded Trucks -	30k miles (at least checked)