

Avoiding getting your transmission looked at?

You may be causing unnecessary damage.

With carpools, work deadlines, and the daily demands of running a household, it's understandable why you wouldn't want to add one more thing to your busy schedule. And while we all have to prioritize and compromise to make life more doable, having your car's transmission checked at regular intervals isn't something you'll want to skimp on. Doing so could result in you being stranded or unknowingly doing damage to your transmission.

A transmission is a complex component of your car's operational system that literally keeps your car moving in the right direction. Transmission fluid provides a lubricant to ensure the many moving parts run smoothly and regulates the temperature of your transmission to keep it from overheating. Both functions are crucial to maintaining your car's transmission for the long-term.

Unlike engine oil, transmission fluid does not burn off, but it does get dirty and can become contaminated with metal shavings and worn bits as a natural result of the friction created between moving gears. A transmission that's allowed to run on contaminated fluid or a low level of fluid will experience unnecessary wear and tear, shortening the life of the transmission and resulting in costly repairs down the road.

Unfortunately, the damage to your transmission can occur without any real symptoms and in Atlanta's stop-and-go driving conditions, keeping on top of it is even more important. If you wait for your transmission to show signs of slipping, rough shifting, grinding sounds or trouble getting into gear, some of the damage may already be done.

Most owner's manuals and manufacturers say to have your transmission serviced annually, once a year, or whichever comes first. A good rule of thumb is to have your transmission checked to determine the fluid level and quality of the fluid about every 6 months. An easy way to remember to do this is to have your transmission fluid checked at the same interval as you have your engine's oil changed.

It is a good idea to always be aware of changes in the sound or performance of your vehicle's transmission and get it checked if you notice anything unusual. If your car experiences any symptoms, it's a good idea to have your transmission fluid checked before any harm is done to the internal parts of the transmission.

Because transmissions are an integral part of your car's operation and are comprised of many moving parts, it's best to consult an expert for any diagnostics or repair work that might need to be done. At Speedy Marietta Transmission shop, we have 75 years of combined experience working with all makes and models. We offer a free diagnosis and an easy and convenient way to book an appointment via our website. Book your transmission check today. When concerning your transmission, it's best not to delay getting a diagnostic done to prevent unnecessary damage. Peace of mind is priceless when you head out on the road.