



Drive Your Car to the 250,000 Milestone

According to R.L. Polk, an auto-industry research firm, the average age of automobiles on U.S. roadways has reached an all-time high: 10.8 years! The typical vehicle averages 15,000 annual miles. That's 162,000 miles over a car's lifetime. (SCORE!) Manufacturers are producing better cars and trucks than ever before with improved engineering and equipment. [Balch Logistics](#) knows you are not the average "Joe" so we have come up with a list of items to make sure your car can drive you to the 250,000 milestone and still be reliable and aesthetically appealing:



1. Develop a working relationship with a good mechanic

Find a good technician and stick with them. There are many knowledgeable independent auto mechanics, but dealership mechanics work with the same brand every day and have easy access to car parts and the latest service information. A good auto mechanic will keep records of all your maintenance history and know your car from the inside out.

2. Be a smooth operator

Drivers who develop smooth transitions between starts and stops can expect their cars to last longer. As much fun as it is to burn the pedal to the metal, it quickly wears on the transmission, joints, and suspension - all of which are quite expensive to repair.

3. Protect your car

Ultraviolet light emits similar damage to your car's paint, upholstery, and headlight lenses as it does to your skin. Protect your vehicle by parking it in a garage, carport, or use a car cover. Try to avoid

parking underneath trees for shade because over time bird droppings, leaves, and sap will zap your car's exterior.

4. Keep it cool

A failure in the coolant system causes overheating that can destroy modern car engines. Engines today are constructed out of aluminum and confined in proximity that can't withstand the rapid expansion caused by overheating. A good mechanic will replace your radiator and heater hoses at 150,000 miles, but it is always good to check them often.

5. Time is right

Replace your timing belt at 100,000 to 125,000 to prevent catastrophic damage to your cars' engine. It's a costly investment due to the labor, but worth every penny. It is also smart to have the coolant pump replaced at the same time since your mechanic is there.

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