

Costly Car Repairs You Can Avoid

A Guide to Saving with Endurance



The average age of vehicles in the United States is 12.6 years* and climbing. Unfortunately, as our cars get older, the likelihood of mechanical failures and unexpected repair costs increases.

By taking proactive steps with regular maintenance, you can reduce the likelihood of breakdowns and lessen the financial risks associated with owning a used vehicle. In addition, an auto protection plan can help cover costly repairs, giving you greater control over unexpected expenses and empowering you to drive with confidence.

At Endurance, our mission is to provide you with peace of mind through education and comprehensive vehicle protection services. This guide will show you how to minimize the risk of costly repairs and explore how an Endurance auto protection plan can safeguard your vehicle — and your wallet!

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* S&P Global Mobility. (2024). Average age of vehicles in the United States continues to climb.

Retrieved from https://www.spglobal.com/mobility/en/research-analysis/average-age-vehicles-united-states-2024.html



What are the most common vehicle repairs?

Review the five most common and costly vehicle repairs below based on Endurance paid claims data. Use this info to assess your vehicle's current maintenance needs and identify any potential issues.

Part and average replacement cost

AC compressor: \$1,061.60

Alternator: \$1,087.52



Engine: \$7,627.26

Tips to spot common vehicle issues.

These quick checks can help you catch issues early and avoid more costly repairs.



ENGINE

Look for unusual noises (knocking or ticking), rough idling, and excessive exhaust smoke. Pay attention to dashboard warning lights, such as the check engine light.

TRANSMISSION

Notice if there's delayed shifting, slipping gears, or grinding noises when changing gears. Also, be aware of fluid leaks or a burning smell.





WATER PUMP

Watch for engine overheating, coolant leaks (often under the front of the vehicle), and a whining noise coming from the engine area.

ALTERNATOR

If your headlights dim, the battery frequently dies, or electrical systems (radio, windows) malfunction, the alternator might be failing.





A/C

Check for weak airflow, unusual noises when the A/C is running, and warm air blowing out instead of cold, which could indicate a problem.

The importance of regular maintenance.

Create a maintenance schedule that considers preventive care for your vehicle. This can include routine inspections, fluid changes, and part replacements that address common wear and tear issues.

Here are common maintenance schedules, but refer to your vehicle's owner's manual for exact details.



Don't forget to monitor and adjust

Regularly inspect your vehicle's condition and adjust your maintenance plan as needed. Staying informed about auto industry trends and updates on aftermarket coverage can also help you save on repair costs.

Never pay for covered car repairs again.

For added protection, customize an Endurance vehicle service contract to fit your specific needs and budget. Consider factors such as your vehicle's age, make and model, driving habits, and the mechanical components you want to cover when selecting the best plan for you.

Superior

Extensive coverage that protects a wide range of components

Protection for the most common parts that break down over time:

- Engine
- Transmission
- A/C
- Fuel system
- Flectrical
- High-tech options
- And more!

MOST POPULAR

Supreme

Most comprehensive coverage available

Closest to new manufacturers' warranty protection:

- Engine
- Transmission
- A/C
- Fuel system
- Flectrical
- High-tech options
- Seals & Gaskets
- Cooling system
- Transfer case
- Drive axle
- And more!

Secure Plus

Affordable coverage designed for older vehicles

Protects the most vital components of your vehicle:

- Engine
- Transmission
- / A/C
- And more!



Added peace of mind with Elite Benefits.

If your vehicle breaks down, and you have Endurance coverage, use our standard perks to minimize your out-of-pocket expenses. Take advantage of roadside assistance, rental car coverage, and trip interruption reimbursement.

In addition, you'll get one **FREE year of Elite Benefits**. Enjoy a \$2,000 value that offers extensive coverage beyond most standard plans!*



24/7 Roadside Assistance



Complete Tire Coverage



Key Fob Replacement



Collision Discount



Total Loss Protection



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Take control of your vehicle's future — don't wait until unexpected repairs catch you off guard! Stay ahead with proactive maintenance and protect yourself from expensive repair bills.

Get an instance price quote online or call an Endurance plan advisor to customize your coverage.

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