

Strange Noises and Feels

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Your vehicle has many ways to let you know it needs some attention. The obvious ways are when a warning light comes on or it simply stops working properly. Another way is when it starts making strange noises or feels, and this one is up to you!

A vehicle is really hundreds of parts moving together in harmony to get you down the road. Any one of these parts can start to wear out and give you the signal it needs maintenance. If you get the signal early on, you just might save a bundle.

Some Noises

- A squeal from the brakes while stopping may indicate a need for new pads
- A squeal from the engine when turning on the A/C may indicate a loose belt
- A rattle from the wheel area while hitting bumps could mean loose shocks
- A loud noise under the car could be an exhaust leak
- A squeal from the engine when turning the wheel could be a loose belt

Some Feels

- Lurching when accelerating could mean time for a tune up
- Slow acceleration could mean time for a tune up
- Steering wheel pulling could mean time for alignment
- Steering wheel shaking that changes with speed could mean front tire balance
- A vibration in the seat that changes with speed could mean rear tire balance
- A pulsing of the brake pedal or steering wheel while braking could mean worn brake rotors

If you think something's wrong with your vehicle, pay attention. Take mental notes of when things don't feel right and what happens, then ask a technician to have a look with you, then:

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