

Determining Your Vehicle's Maintenance Needs

Determining the Proper Maintenance Interval

Depending on your circumstances, you should obtain maintenance for your Toyota every 5,000 miles or every 7,500 miles. Follow these guidelines to determine which interval to use.

5,000-Mile Intervals

Use 5,000-mile intervals if you primarily operate your vehicle under any of the following conditions:

- Driving on unpaved or dusty roads.
- Towing a trailer or using a camper or car-top carrier.
- Repeated trips of less than five miles in temperatures below freezing.

7,500-Mile Intervals

Use 7,500-mile intervals if you primarily operate your vehicle under conditions other than those listed above.

Following the Maintenance Log Charts

The Scheduled Maintenance Log identifies the maintenance required at each mileage interval and corresponding time interval based on mileage of 1,250 miles per month. If you drive more than 1,250 miles per month, you should obtain maintenance at the indicated mileage interval rather than the indicated time interval.

If you choose 5,000-mile intervals, follow the maintenance instructions shown below non-shaded headings such as this one:

5,000 Miles or 4 Months

If you choose 7,500-mile intervals, follow the maintenance instructions shown below shaded headings such as this one:

7,500 Miles or 6 Months

At 15,000-mile increments, the 5,000-mile and 7,500-mile intervals coincide. Therefore, shaded and non-shaded headings appear together, as in this example:

15,000 Miles or 12 Months

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Special Operating Conditions

In addition to standard maintenance items, the Scheduled Maintenance Log indicates services that should be performed on vehicles that are driven under especially demanding conditions. Specific conditions require specific services, as indicated below. The Scheduled Maintenance Log indicates at which mileage/time intervals each service should be performed.

You should perform these additional maintenance services if you drive *primarily* under any of the conditions noted. If you drive only occasionally under these conditions, it is not necessary to perform the additional services.

Driving on Rough, Muddy or Snow-Melted Roads

- Rotate tires
- Inspect ball joints and dust cover
- Inspect brake linings/drums and brake pads/discs
- Inspect drive shaft boots
- Inspect nuts and bolts on chassis and body

- Inspect steering linkage
- Re-torque drive shaft flange bolts*
- Lubricate propeller shaft and re-torque bolts*

Driving on Salt-Covered Roads

- Lubricate propeller shaft and re-torque bolts*

Driving on Unpaved or Dusty Roads

- Inspect brake linings/drums and brake pads/discs
- Inspect or change engine air filter
- Lubricate propeller shaft and re-torque bolts*

Extensive Idling or Low-Speed Driving for Long Distances

- Inspect brake linings/drums and brake pads/discs

* Applies to selected models. See the Scheduled Maintenance Log for details.

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Towing a Trailer or Using a Camper or Car-Top Carrier

- Inspect brake linings/drums and brake pads/discs
- Inspect nuts and bolts on chassis and body
- Replace differential oil
- Replace transmission fluid or oil
- Replace transfer oil*
- Lubricate propeller shaft and re-torque bolts*

Off-Road Maintenance

If you own a Land Cruiser or a four-wheel drive RAV4, Tacoma or 4Runner, you should check the following items daily whenever you drive off-road through deep sand, mud or water:

- Brake lines and hoses
- Brake linings/drums and brake pads/discs
- Engine air filter
- Differential oil
- Steering linkage
- Transfer oil
- Transmission fluid or oil
- Wheel bearings

For all four-wheel drive vehicles except RAV4, you should also lubricate the propeller shafts daily.