

“It’s all part of the service”
with Motors’ Launceston Service Manager, Graeme Arnold



How to avoid damaging your automatic transmission

The first thing to do is to regularly check your parking space for leaks.

Whatever fluid you find leaking, get it fixed before it causes something serious. It can be engine oil, power steering fluid or transmission fluid.

Periodically it's good to check the transmission fluid level and condition. Some cars only the dealers can check, but most cars will have an automatic transmission dipstick. If the transmission fluid is too low, there is a leak somewhere that needs to be fixed.

Change the fluid per your owner manual's instructions

or when it becomes too dark (more brown than red) or dirty. Automatic transmission fluid needs more changes, because there is always some residual transmission fluid left inside the transmission when a change is made.

Always make sure you only use the same type of transmission fluid as recommended in the owner's manual or on the dipstick. Some vehicles are very sensitive to fluid type.

Avoid shifting into Reverse or Parking until the car comes to a

complete stop.

Do not shift from the Parking mode when engine rpm is higher than normal idle. Always hold brakes down when shifting from Parking. Towing can damage the automatic transmission if the driving wheels are on the ground. Always use a dolly or place the powered wheels on the towing platform. If the vehicle is front wheel drive, tow it from the front leaving rear wheels on the road.

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