

"It's all part of the service"

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You may not know the exact terms for common car problems or what they mean when you hear the term. So here are some common terms used by motor mechanics.

Common car problems

• BRAKE PULSATION

When you put your foot on the brake there is a vibration at the pedal.

• CUTTING OUT

The car loses power for an instant.

• DIESELING

The engine still runs after you turn the key off.

• EXHAUST LEAK

Sounds like a Harley motorcycle. An exhaust leak can be anywhere from the engine to the muffler.

• HESITATION

A delayed reaction between the accelerator and the car's speed.

• PLAY IN THE STEERING

The steering feels loose; there is a delay between turning the steering wheel and the wheels turning.

• ROUGH IDLE

When you are in Park or Neutral the engine runs rough and the car shakes or feels like it might stall.

• SLIPPING CLUTCH OR TRANSMISSION

The engine revs when you give it petrol. The amount of petrol you are giving the engine does not correspond to how fast you are going. On a manual transmission, you will have to downshift more frequently to get the power you are used to, which is most noticeable on hills.

• SURGE

Feels as if you are giving it petrol even when you are not.

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