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# Filter Change Can Increase Life Of Car

"Should I change oil filter when I change oil?"

Typically, the \$4.00 filter doubles the cost of his oil change. Is it worth it? Or should he, as some car manufacturers suggest, change oil filter with every other oil change?

Readers Digest, in a report to consumers, answered the question this way:

To protect your engine and your warranty, changing the oil filter frequently is important. The filter removes the heavy grit and dust that your engine has sucked in; eventually it gets clogged and can take no more.

If you change oil after 4,000 to 6,000 miles, it certainly pays to install a new filter each time. If you change more frequently you may want to replace the oil filter at each second oil change.

For the experienced car buff or mechanic the answer is simple: change filter whenever you change oil without question. Why? There are three reasons:

1. A filter holds a quart of oil that does not drain with the five quart crankcase. An oil change without a filter change is thus only an 80% change, and the new oil is immediately contaminated.

2. Car manufacturers' recommendations are for ideal conditions that seldom exist -sustained turnpike driving in dust-free regions with temperate climate. Stop-and-go short hop neighborhood driving is tough on engines since they never get hot enough.

Stop-and-go motorists should not only change oil filter at every oil change, they should also change oil more frequently. Warranties spell this all out under 'exceptions' but the everage motorist is not reading the fine print.

3. Dirty oil really beats up an engine. Don't get careless because you can't see the wear like you can a dirty shirt. Here's how bad it is: a car maker some time ago tested engines over 15,000 miles, changing oil every 2,000 miles. One set of cars had oil filters, the other identical set had no oil filters.

Results: filtered cars had 87% less main bearing wear; 93% less connecting rod bearing wear; and 84% less cylinder bore wear.

The responsible car owner can increase the life of his engine as much as 25% by changing oil and filter together.

### **Approach Of Bad Weather Calls For Check**

With winter approaching motorists should check their tires and make sure their cars are p pared for the season's snow and icy conditions.

Snow tires on the rear wheels with plenty of tread or added studs give the best assurance of safety and improved car performance.

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