



PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE will keep you together a long, long time!

I hear it all the time. "I really like my car but it is getting close to 100,000 miles so I have to start looking for another one." NOT TRUE!

With proper care and preventive maintenance, some cars have gone way past 400,000 miles. Many of the 1966 Ford Mustangs that collectors cherish so much are still going strong and there are many more other models out there doing the same. All it takes is some TLC.

A car is highly complex with many components and each of these components has a lifespan. If taken care of, the lifespan can be extended. Many cars have exceeded 400,000 miles and according to wikipedia.org, some have even reached 1000K. For many of these, the efforts at maintenance have not been excessively costly. Here is a list by Joseph Yonger (author of "How to keep your car going...and going" AAA's Car & Travel Magazine).



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Even if your car needs to have a newer transmission added, you would still save more money than if you bought a new one. It would extend the life of your car, increase fuel efficiency and reduce carbon emissions (from Kasmer, wikipedia.org). Keeping a car past 200,000 miles can save you up to \$30,000 or more.

Today's cars are built better than in past years. Rust proofing, advanced motor oil and better engineered engines make keeping your car a long time a good choice financially.

"10 SECRETS" FOR LONG CAR LIFE

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| 1. Do regular oil changes | 6. Don't forget the radiator |
| 2. Monitor key fluids | 7. Remember the filters |
| 3. Maintain the transmission | 8. Fight rust |
| 4. Change plugs as needed | 9. Know & use your maintenance manual |
| 5. Watch and care for the timing belt | 10. Drive with habits that don't take years off the car |



The author of "Drive it Forever," Bob Sikorsky sponsors a "High Mileage" club (www.theautochannel.com) with over 4000 members. He says that the "family car can last **1,500,000** miles.



MANUFACTURER'S SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE

At George's Complete we help you be proactive when it comes to your particular vehicle's maintenance needs. We will print a 30K, 60K or 90K report for you each time you come in for service. This lets you know what services/repairs are recommended for your particular make and model vehicle so you are prepared every mile of the way!

