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The reality is that many car brands were pulling their repair information off of AutoZone and coverage was getting thin. I believe AutoZone made the decision that this was no longer helping bring in parts sales and removed the repair information from their website. You can still get their excellent repair information on Alldata or checkout Mitchell1 which I recommend highly as well. Please note, these other methods are illegal and not a recommended way to procure an auto repair manual. Someone took the time to document the procedures and grabbing their work for free is stealing plain and simple. As they say, nothing in life is free, and you usually get what you pay for. By accessing and using Mitchell 1 Repairs web sites, each user agrees that they have read and agreed to be bound by the. We're not just talking oil changes; provided you can hold a spanner, you can fix everything from fuel filters to alternators. We'll detail the tools necessary for your DIY toolkit, where to turn to for help when you're making the repairs, and how to tackle some of the most common car problems yourself. You might break something temporarily, or a fix might not work in the long run, but you probably won't set yourself or your car on fire just because you banged too hard on a valve. Cars are resilient machines and regardless of the year or make, there are plenty of repairs even the clumsiest and technically challenged can handle provided they have the confidence to push through. Free Help Is Just A ThumbClick Away First, a little background. I didn't own a car for about eight years, and before that, I had a small vehicle I barely had the sense to put petrol in, let alone repair anything on. Then, a couple of years ago, I was given a small truck. Within two weeks, a hose connection leading to the radiator cracked. I took a picture of the part that seemed to be leaking, walked into an auto parts store, showed it to them, and they found the replacement part for me.

20 minutes later it was in and the truck was working again. Since then, I've helped friends with a wide range of repairs so I could learn more and practice. For DIY repairs, your computer is your friend. AutoMD and Expert Village are both excellent resources of general purpose videos, how-to guides, and diagnostic assistance for the most common car problems. AutoMD also has a dedicated mobile app optimised for viewing on smartphones. So for the repair work, consider your phone, tablet, or computer the manual. Bring it out to the car with the video guide loaded up or the

walkthrough in front of you. Watch and read over the directions several times in advance so you feel comfortable about the task, but keep your technology ready in case you need to reference a step. Take a picture of the section you're going to work on with your phone or a digital camera before you start so you know exactly how the engine is supposed to look if you get lost in the directions. If you feel like you need paper, you can always print an online guide out. Essential Tools And How To Shop For New Parts Every car is different, but that doesn't mean you'll always need specialist tools. Nearly all cars use basic nuts and bolts for the most common repairs you need to make. Here's a short list of what you typically need Buy tools with hefty handles. If you're using American video guides, you'll find some tools referred to by different names check our guide to the Australian equivalents if you're unsure. If you purchase these from an auto parts store online, you will enter your car's year, make and model into a form before searching for the part you need. If you're unsure of the technical name for a part, you can find the part number on the piece in your car, or you can head into a parts store for expert advice. Every car is slightly different, so make sure you enter the correct information to get the correct part and always hold onto your receipt in case it doesn't match up.

Replace A Broken Or Worn Drive Belt You can quickly give the car a visual inspection and check the belts for cracks, wear, and looseness. Even if you're not hearing noises, if the belt is cracked or worn, it's best to replace it. If it's loose, you might need to tighten it up instead. Terms you need to know These belts typically control accessories like the cooling system, battery charging, windshield wipers, and power steering. In older cars, you may find multiple belts for each system, but newer cars often use a belt called a serpentine belt, which is a single belt that loops through all of your car's systems. When working properly, you will not hear or notice the belt's existence, but if it's starting to fail, you will hear a loud squealing sound. It wraps around several of your cars components instead of individual systems. When force is exerted, they spin, giving power to the systems they're attached to. Belts often stretch over use, so this keeps the system tight so belts don't fall off. You can test your alternator and your your battery with a multimeter to see if either are dead. If one of them isn't measuring enough power with the multimeter, you will need to replace it. If you have trouble locating your battery or alternator, your car's manual will include a chart with their location. If you left lights on overnight, your battery might just need a jump start, so make sure you know how to jump start a car. If your battery or alternator have failed, a jump start will often work to at least get you home. Terms you need to know An alternator is almost always found near the front of the engine, with a belt connected to the front. It is connected to your car with positive and negative terminals. A multimeter measures electrical properties like current and resistance. You'll use this to test your battery and your alternator to figure out which is causing the problems you're experiencing. These might include your stereo, power windows, power locks, or clock.

You can clean your battery with baking soda, water, and little elbow grease to ensure the connection between the car and the battery is strong. It's not a bad idea to mix in cleaning your battery terminals to your yearly maintenance. How to replace your battery stepbystep guide. How to replace your alternator stepbystep guide. **Replace Your Brake Pads** However, if you hear a grinding sound instead of a squeal, it usually means the rotor needs replacement. In the early stages of your car repairing life, you should probably take your brakes into a shop for service if you hear grinding. The brake pads, however, are an easy replacement you can do yourself. Terms you need to know These pads have a builtin warning system that squeals when the brakes are applied and the pad is worn down. It's connected to the wheel and when the pads hit it, the car slows down. The pads are held on the rotor by calipers. The calipers are usually located at the top of the rotor, like bicycle brakes. **Fix Exterior Coolant Leaks** The liquid on the ground is antifreeze and if you're lucky, it's coming from a hole or crack in one of the exterior hoses. Right after you stop the car, pop open the hood and look for the same coloured liquid draining from a hose or plastic piece, but be careful not to touch it because it will be hot. If you can see the leak, you can fix it yourself. All you need to do is unclamp

the leaking hose, put on a new one, and then reinstall the clamp. It's about as complicated as attaching an accessory to a vacuum. If you cannot locate the leak, it might be inside the radiator. For this, you are best off taking your car into a garage until you have more experience. Terms you need to know When the engine gets hot, it's the radiator's job to keep the temperature down. To do this, it sends antifreeze through the hoses and to the engine. These hoses erode over time and eventually start to leak. When a hose is leaking, the engine isn't getting enough coolant and can overheat.

Like the radiator, it has hoses that can become brittle and cracked over time. These are made of rubber and often crack over time. They are usually attached with spring clamps or worm gears. The Regular Maintenance You Can Do In An Afternoon If you're close to either of those marks, it's a good idea to do some maintenance before taking a long road trip. Nearly every facet of your regular maintenance, or tuneup, in car speak, is easy to do yourself. Each part of a tuneup is a separate procedure, so we've broken it down into individual sections that guide you through the process. With regular maintenance, your car will last longer and run better over time. We're not going to walk through each of these, but you'll find howto guides by clicking the link on each section. Terms and procedures you need to know It filters dust, particles, and anything that falls in your fuel line before it gets to the engine. Replacing your fuel filter can be a little terrifying since you're tapping into the gas line, but despite the inherent danger and caveat that you can't go around lighting fires while doing this job, it's usually a quick fix. Despite the name, the fuel filter often looks like a soda fountain cup with one or two straws sticking out of it. It's incredibly important to your vehicles operation and a dirty filter can affect gas mileage and engine performance. There are few replacements on your car that are this simple. You need to unscrew a plastic lid, usually on the side of your engine, then take out the old filter, put the new one in, then screw the lid back on. When spark plugs fail, your gas mileage goes down, you may have trouble starting the car, a rough idle, or you might fail an emissions test. It essentially makes it possible for ignition to happen, which ensures the car starts. It's an easy replacement you'll do alongside replacing the spark plugs. Not changing your oil can lead to contamination and will begin to affect your engine's performance.

Tools you need ratchet and socket set, screwdrivers, wrenches, spark plug gap tool, spark plug socket Once You're Comfortable Under the Hood The Possibilities Are Endless Once you're comfortable fixing minor car problems and doing your regular maintenance, you're likely going to want to try more complicated repairs. With the exception of major engine work, you can do many repairs from the comfort of your own garage or street. Diagnosing the problem is the hardest part of more difficult repairs, but Car Trouble make the diagnosing process a little easier. For the repairs, using a website like AutoMD will give you a difficulty estimation to help you decide if you can handle it. The difficulty bar is based on the amount of time it takes, the location of the replacement or repair you need to make, and the tools needed to make the repairs. Every car is going to have quirks and there will inevitably be a few things you can't figure out or can't get to. The main point to remember is that car repairs are not as difficult as they look and it's pretty hard to screw things up. Even newer cars with more electronics have parts that can be repaired in your driveway and it's just a matter of trusting yourself to do it. Getting over your fear of car repair just takes a bit of practice — fixing cars is more willpower than anything else. Do you do your own car repairs. Share your tips and favourite guides in the comments section. This article has been revised and updated from its original publication. Would it simply be buying better parts and putting it on An aftermarket high flow filter will aid in performance. It really depends on how much you're willing to spend and how deep your pockets are. If you leave it like my mum did the worn pads will scratch the rotor, which is a lot more expensive to replace. On one of the wheels on mum's car it got so bad that the caliper had been grinding on the rotor because the pad had slipped out of position. Oops.

People from miles away will hear you coming. Even mechanics look inside and ask what the hell

were they thinking, or what is that Great guide. Thanks for sharing. Enter your email below. Budget for your trip and spend only what you've loaded on to the card. Download the app to get connected and enjoy a smarter drive. But it isn't always necessary to go to the garage. Learn what you could tackle and what to leave to a mechanic. If you have any doubts at all about a problem with your car, you should take it to a professional. Due to a buildup of matter, the filter can become clogged after time and may need changing. When this happens it's time to replace them. Learn the signs for when and how you should change a spark plug. It should be checked at least every two weeks and before long journeys. You should change the oil every 5,000 miles and the oil filter whenever the oil begins leaking. Check the levels once a week. Only do this when the engine is off and has been cold for a while. You can easily replace the coolant when the level gets too low. Just don't forget to replace the spare tyre as it's just for temporary use with a new standard one. Out of balance wheels can cause your car to drive unsteadily and vibrate at high speeds, which can also cause quicker wearing of tyres and suspension. Check your car manual for the correct pressure level, but here's how you know if they're wrong. Check your tyre pressure, the tread and overall condition every two weeks. If you need specialist tools, you're somewhere new or if there are issues with the warranty, it may be better to leave it to someone with experience. These can be very dangerous, so should be left to trained professionals. Sometimes the battery just needs a jumpstart, but they can be complicated, so only attempt this if you feel confident. They should be left to the experts. Not only can wiring be frustrating to deal with, but the computers often have complex software.

Interfering with the systems could void your warranty. Knowing what regular maintenance your car needs, how to fix the basics and knowing when to leave to the mechanic could save you cash and a lot of stress. Breakdown cover can lend a helping hand when you need it most. Well pick up your vehicle and take care of the rest. It was the height of the economic recession, and I had to cut costs somewhere, so I decided to change my own oil. It wasn't long before financial necessity dictated I graduate to brake pad replacement as well. Each year some new problem would pop up, leading me to question whether I might be better served by a trip to a mechanic, or in some cases to a used car lot. Invariably it was hundreds of dollars cheaper to make the repair myself, but only if I could pull it off. Failure meant paying the mechanic on top of losing whatever I had invested in the attempt. First, a spark plug replacement, followed by a serpentine belt, then a wheel bearing, a steering knuckle, a starter, and even prying the dash apart to replace a blend door actuator and blower motor. There was a certain thrill in the risk of failure. Like a gambler at the slots, I'd pull the ratchet handle and wait to see what I'd won. But, there was always a limit to the risk; at the end of the day if I couldn't complete a repair the car would still run, or at the very least would run again after being towed to a real mechanic. I would work on things around the engine and transmission, and occasionally even things bolted to them, but those precision engineered inner workings No thanks. I had an idea that the problem was worn out timing chains, but I didn't want to do it because those things are inside the engine, and if you mess them up you are probably shopping for a new motor. So I called three local repair shops — two independent shops and one dealership. I started it up and was greeted by a sound like an aluminum can in a garbage disposal.

I could see in my mind's eye the chains flopping around, chewing up the inside of the timing cover, ready to jump and grenade the engine at any moment. They're just chains, I reasoned; I've put them on bicycles, how hard could it be. If you're like me, and are considering tackling your first big automotive repair, read on. Here are ten lessons I gleaned that may help you succeed. This is probably going to take a while and you don't want squirrels storing their nuts in your open intake manifold. You need a garage, a shop, or a basement for something like this. In my case I'm fortunate enough to have a basement with a garage door. If you don't have something like that, maybe you have a generous friend or neighbor who will let you use his space for a few days... or weeks... or months. If you've done your own maintenance then you probably have a basic set of tools, and 90% of jobs only require wrenches and sockets to complete anyway. In my own repairing, there were a

couple of times when having air tools available made my life much easier, and although the manual referenced a number of SSTs Specialty Service Tools available from Kia for a small fortune and my firstborn child, I got by just fine without them. It's worth researching to see if you have everything you need to do the job before you get started. As a side note, most auto parts stores will loan specialty tools for free. You pay the cost of the tool, but so long as you return it in working order you get the money back. If a picture is worth a thousand words then a YouTube video is worth a billion. Unfortunately for me, there weren't very many videos on making this repair to our vehicle. The videos I did find were for older rearwheel drive Sorentos with timing belts, which were totally different than my frontwheel drive, timing chain timing vehicle. If you can find a factory service manual, that is often the best source of information, but other companies offer repair manuals as well.

The two most wellknown are Chilton and Haynes. I started my repair with a Haynes manual, but quickly discovered some of the details were missing. Phrases such as "remove the engine wiring harness, plenum, and valve covers," quickly disheartened me because I didn't know how to do those things. I needed stepbystep help. As it turns out, there are professional websites and shop software programs for this. They are cost prohibitive for the home mechanic; however, several offer a scaled down DIY variant of their service that allows you to buy timelimited access, for a single vehicle, at a reasonable cost. The two I encountered most often were Mitchell 1 and AllDataDIY. Opinions online were most often in favor of Mitchell 1, but I personally found AllDataDIY to be easier to navigate. So, I went with that and suddenly I had 40 pages of stepbystep instructions with diagrams for things that my Haynes manual summarized in a sentence or two. There are social media groups for everything; there is probably a Facebook group of owners for your particular car, and that can be a great resource. By joining such a group you'll have access to the collective knowledge of many people who are deeply familiar with your vehicle and its common issues. If not, there are usually owners' forums you can join. As long as you are patient enough to post a question and wait a day or two for answers, and are able to separate the good advice from the bad, you should be fine. The point is that you can save a lot of money by shopping around and you don't have to compromise on quality to do it. Before you dive in, pull out your smartphone or camera and take some pictures. No, this isn't for your social media before and after shots, this is for reassembly. I can promise you that while you remember where everything goes in the beginning, three weeks from now you won't.

I took hundreds of photos — multiple photos after each step of disassembly from various angles — and I put them all into a document and typed reminders for myself underneath each photo to help jog my memory. This arguably takes a lot of time, but it saved me over and over again. I even shot a couple of videos when I thought pictures and notes were not up to the task. A good method is to get zippered sandwich baggies and a pack of notecards. When you take out the oil pan bolts, put them in a baggie with a card that says "oil pan bolts." This may seem tedious, but it will save hours when it is time to reassemble. You don't want to get your engine all put together and have a tray full of parts left over. Our timing cover had 47 bolts in it. Both my Haynes manual and AllData provided a diagram detailing which bolts went where, but if I hadn't carefully removed all of the "B bolts" and kept them in a separate baggie from the C, D, E, etc. I disconnected in the neighborhood of 30 electrical connectors. I used masking tape to keep track of them; just take a strip of tape and wrap it around both plugs and label them with matching numbers. If you do that, when you reassemble you can reconnect wires with complete confidence. If something is defective out of the box, or fails prematurely, you want the option to return it for cash and not just store credit. Plus, it is good to track your expenditures to see how much money you've saved doing it yourself. Go slow and do it right. When you get stuck, be ready to step back and think about things, research solutions, go back through the manual, or post on the forums or social media groups. Be relentless. Do whatever it takes to get the information you need to move forward. I was making good time on disassembly. I felt kind of like a NASCAR pit crew member until I got to the last two bolts. The first of those two

broke off in the lower intake.

It was locktited in place and my impact applied enough torque to snap the aging and stressed metal. The last bolt was also locktited in, but I was able to bring it out slowly with a ratchet, using just enough pressure to keep the bolt turning. Man, I wish I had slowed down and loosened every bolt by hand before zipping them out with a power tool. Five minutes in and I'd already damaged something. Ultimately, I pressed on, figuring this would be a problem for reassembly anyway. It certainly wasn't holding me back from continuing disassembly, albeit with just a little bit less enthusiasm. In the end I plugged on not because it wouldn't have been a relief to hand the whole mess over to someone more qualified, but because I couldn't stomach the idea of giving up in defeat. I wasted a lot of time procrastinating. This was particularly the case once I had opened the engine and determined the timing chains were in fine condition considering they had 180,000 miles on them. They definitely were not the source of my startup rattle. I had consulted multiple mechanics and all had agreed the noise was caused by timing chain rattle. There were even audio files so I could hear the before and after startup sounds. If I had researched my symptoms instead of assuming I knew what the problem was, I might have found this in the beginning. Thankfully, the repair prescribed by Kia requires exactly the same disassembly as a timing chain replacement, so all my time was not a wash. Still, I didn't move forward for almost a week because the fix was to replace my old variable valve timing assemblies with an updated design. Unfortunately, that updated design was incompatible with my camshafts and required the installation of updated camshafts as well. Once I worked up the nerve to dig even deeper into the engine's innards, it really wasn't hard at all. I went slowly and I followed the directions carefully and it was over before I knew it.