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5 Car Maintenance Services You Don't Need

[Women-Drivers](http://Women-Drivers.com) President & Car Buying Advocate Anne Fleming, strongly suggest owners follow their car manual and have annual maintenance performed on their vehicle to keep it in top performance. However, we also encourage readers to “not get chicked” when it comes to unnecessary services that drivers really don't need. Walk into the shop empowered! Get a second opinion from a reputable service provider - check consumer reviews of dealer's in your area, or, write your Service Review today on Women-Drivers.com

1. **Engine Flush.** Many car mechanics routinely insist that the car owner get an engine flush to remove all the collected “sludge”. If your car has been exposure to extreme heat, high speeds on the road or an extended period of sitting idle, a purge is usually essential. However, for most typical drivers, sludge buildup takes many years and therefore, engine flushes are not a part of regular, annual maintenance.¹
2. **Fuel Injection Cleaning.** Another unnecessary car maintenance service is fuel injection cleaning. Buildup of fuel deposits and carbon can definitely occur and block the fuel injector, but it's rare. Only say yes to a fuel injection cleaning if your car is driving erratic or if the warning light comes on.
3. **Designer Oils.** Some mechanics will try to persuade you to change your current oil to one that is filled with more additives. They will push this issue by telling you that you will have better mileage and less wear and tear. However, in most cases, the new designer oils are just expensive attention-grabbers. Stick to the oil that is recommended in your owner's manual.
4. **Gas Saving Gadgets.** With the slow and rising cost of gas prices in this less-than-perfect economy, there has been a of buzz surrounding gadgets that claim to help improve your mileage or make your car “green.” These products are typically magnets, generators, water injectors and the like. However, there have

¹ Car Buying Bible, 2008

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been many expert articles who claim that these devices are useless and, worse, can even impair your car's performance. ²

5. **Alignment Service.** If something is wrong with your car's alignment, it will be evident. The car will pull to the right or left when you are driving, or you may experience some drifting. If your mechanic tells you that you need regular alignments, they may use a reason such as poor road conditions in your city or poor driving on your part. Do not agree to a regular alignment service unless you can clearly tell the symptoms. ³

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² Women-Drivers Squidoo, 2007

³ The Car Mechanic's Guide, 2005