

HANDY GUIDE TO CAR CARE 3

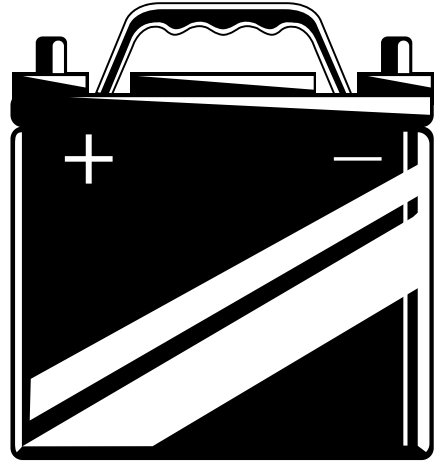
BATTERIES AND EXHAUSTS.

To help keep your car running well between your servicing intervals there are a few things that you can do and a few things that it's good to be aware of to help you to keep your vehicle in tip-top condition.

BATTERY CARE.

Most batteries don't require regular maintenance; however it's always good to check them every now and then. Naturally you can't service your battery yourself; battery acid is highly corrosive we recommend you leave it to the experts.

When replacing your battery, make sure you use a reputable battery supplier such as your local HiQ Centre who cares about the environment and will dispose of old or dead units responsibly.



WHAT TO DO IF YOU HAVE A FLAT BATTERY.

When everything is fine and dandy, your battery will recharge as you drive. But if something goes wrong or perhaps you leave your electrics on when you are parked, the battery power can be reduced to a level whereby the car will not start.

If you think your battery is flat, follow our guide below. We can't promise it will work every time but it might get you going again when you really need it.

If your engine is trying to turn over, there is still a chance to get it going, follow these simple steps to try and get started again:

1. Check to see if any interior or exterior electrics have been left on. If they are, turn them off.
2. Leave the vehicle for 20 minutes without attempting to restart (it can take this long for a battery to regain enough power to run the starter motor).
3. After 20 minutes, try turning the key again. Fingers crossed this time it will start!

If you find you have to do this on a regular basis, or that your battery drains without leaving any of the electrics on, your problem could be more serious and you should seek some professional assistance from your local HiQ car care expert.

EXHAUSTS. SPOTTING EXHAUST PROBLEMS EARLY COULD STOP YOU FUMING.

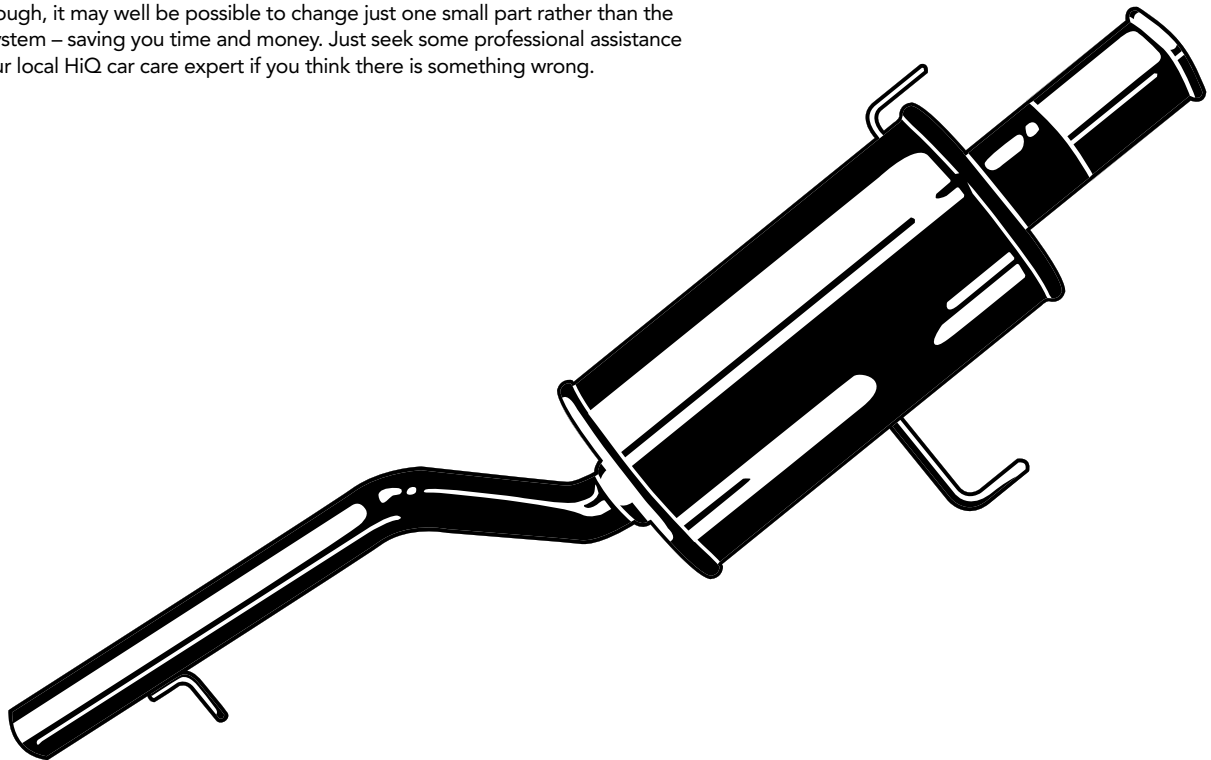
There's a lot more to your car's exhaust than you might think. As well as getting rid of spent gases, it controls noise, boosts engine performance and improves fuel consumption.

The exhaust is a series of pipes that link the engine to the tailpipe. Exhaust gases leave the engine and go into the catalytic converter (which helps reduce exhaust emissions). A series of pipes then take the gases into the silencer where metal plates or tubes reduce the gas pressure so that they are quieter when they leave the car.

How long your exhaust lasts depends on the type of driving you do – vehicles used for short trips around town tend to corrode their exhausts in a much shorter time than cars used predominately for long journeys.

Whatever kind of driving you do, it's always a good idea to listen for changes in your exhaust noise, as it's tucked away, and it's not always easy to notice problems developing unless you listen very carefully. Noises coming from your exhaust are usually a good indication that something is not as it should be – a roaring, hissing or chugging noise, a rattling or a vibration could indicate a problem.

Fortunately as exhausts are made up of so many sections, if a problem is spotted early enough, it may well be possible to change just one small part rather than the whole system – saving you time and money. Just seek some professional assistance from your local HiQ car care expert if you think there is something wrong.



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