

Ford vehicles are known to be durable and hardworking. Loved across America, it is worth knowing some simple home fixes. Even these workhorses need some TLC every now and then! Here are some ideas for your Ford repair.

Need a Ford Repair? 8 Tips for Getting Back on the Road

Exhaust Pipe Repair

It is not uncommon, on any vehicle, for something to knock the underside, or rubber loop holders to have perished over time. Check under your vehicle at regular intervals to ensure nothing is dangling beneath. You can replace any broken hangers at home to ensure the piping remains in place.

Fuel Filters

If you keep on top of changing your filters, you can save yourself hundreds of dollars by avoiding costly engine repairs. The filters ensure carburetor and fuel injection systems are kept clean. The filters themselves are often only around \$15 so well worth keeping on top of this simple home repair.

Patch or Plug

There is often a lot of discussion around whether patching or plugging tires is the best option. Either way, it is certainly only appropriate for a DIY short-term fix. You can pick up tire plugs for only \$5, depending on the damage to the tire. Then, you can at least get the vehicle to a professional for a proper repair.

Headlights

If your headlights are not working properly, it might be that a fuse has blown. Car fuses are normally ceramic, blade, or glass tube. Locate the fuse box with the owner's manual, and then you can determine which one needs to be replaced.

Batteries

A battery is the heart of a vehicle's electrical system. Use a voltmeter to check yours has the correct charge. If it reads less than 9.7 volts on starting the engine, it's time to replace it. Wear the correct gloves and eye protection when changing them though to keep yourself safe from the acid.

Brakes

Keep yourself and others safe by keeping your brakes in tip-top condition. Change the brake pads if you hear any sort of grinding when braking. At the same time, look at the brake discs. If they are warped, be sure to change them too. If not corrected, they can cause damage to the axles.

Radiators

If your vehicle is overheating, a radiator flush could remedy it. Deposits can build up, clogging the cooling system. Only remove the radiator cap when the engine is cool. Flushing the radiator regularly can ensure the cooling system works to maintain the optimum engine temperature.

Serpentine Belts

If the power steering goes, it could well be the serpentine belt causing the issue. Check the engine and identify the belt's layout. Loosen the belt tensioner to remove the old belt. Install the new serpentine belt in the same route, check the tension, and adjust.

If you can get yourself back on the road, you will feel less stressed and probably save yourself some money. For anything else, Chestatee Ford are here to help, for repairs and regular servicing.

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