

Automotive Answers

Save Money With More Miles Between Oil And Filter Changes

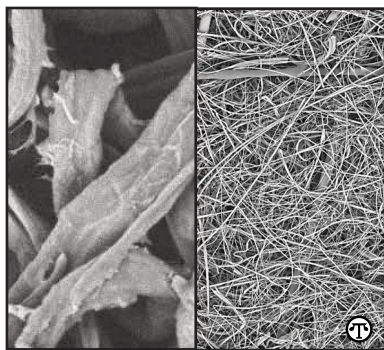
(NAPSA)—For years, 3,000 miles has been touted as the optimum interval for changing your motor oil and filter. Yet automobile manufacturers, oil filter manufacturers and lubricant manufacturers are now saying that you can safely extend oil drain intervals, saving you time and money while reducing the impact on the environment.

Numerous factors come into play in determining the oil change interval you should follow, including whether your car is under warranty, the car's condition and the way you drive it, as well as oil and filter selection.

Every automobile manufacturer establishes a recommended oil change interval for each model it manufactures—typically 5,000 to 7,500 miles for new cars. You should follow your car manufacturer's recommendations on oil and filter change intervals while the car is under warranty. After the warranty expires, you can extend these intervals by upgrading to a high-quality synthetic motor oil and high-performance oil filter.

There are a number of quality synthetic motor oils available to choose from. High-performance synthetic oils typically have much greater oxidation stability than conventional mineral-based oils. Most lubricant manufacturers will give a recommended number of miles you can drive between oil changes under normal conditions.

If you elect to upgrade your motor oil, you should also upgrade your oil filter. Inexpensive filters are typically made with the 3,000-mile interval in mind. These filters often use low-quality paper



Advanced premium oil filters that use microglass filtration technology (right) allow for extended oil drain intervals and provide superior filtration.

media for filtration and deteriorate rapidly after 3,000 miles.

There are a number of new high-performance premium oil filters on the market—made for extended oil drain intervals. For example, Royal Purple uses a proprietary long-life, microglass media that provides protection for 12,000 miles. It also provides an increased level of protection due to the density of the filtration. You can learn more at www.royalpurple.com.

So remember, if your car is still under warranty, stick with the car manufacturer's recommended oil change intervals. If your car is no longer under warranty, you can go beyond the typical 3,000-mile oil change or beyond the oil change monitor's recommendations by upgrading to a high-performance synthetic motor oil and high-performance oil filter; just be sure to check the recommended change interval for both the oil and filter you purchase.