

If you're wondering why **Bahamians** often suffer the inconvenience and unexpected cost of vehicle breakdowns, there's a simple answer.

Some of us don't maintain our automobiles.

Engines running in our severe environment, without regular oil changes and other maintenance the manufacturer recommends, will break down - and probably at the worst possible time.

High temperatures, driving in dusty conditions, carrying heavy loads, frequent short trips, stop-and-go driving, and lack of regular maintenance all contribute to costly engine wear and unexpected breakdowns.

In the Bahamas, changing the oil with quality lubricants every three or four months is crucial.

Regular oil changes are the most important thing you can do to maintain your car's performance. The next is to follow the recommended service schedules.

Pay attention to how your vehicle feels and sounds. Don't ignore warnings like:

- Unusual sounds, smells, drips, leaks, smoke, warning lights, gauge readings
- Changes in acceleration, engine performance, gas mileage, fluid levels
- Worn tyres, belts, and hoses
- Problems in handling, braking, steering, vibrations

A car is a big machine. In order to protect your investment, **you must properly maintain it.**

An oil change is usually carried out as part of a regular vehicle service, which includes checking other fluids as well as the condition of brakes, battery, belts, hoses, lights and tyres.

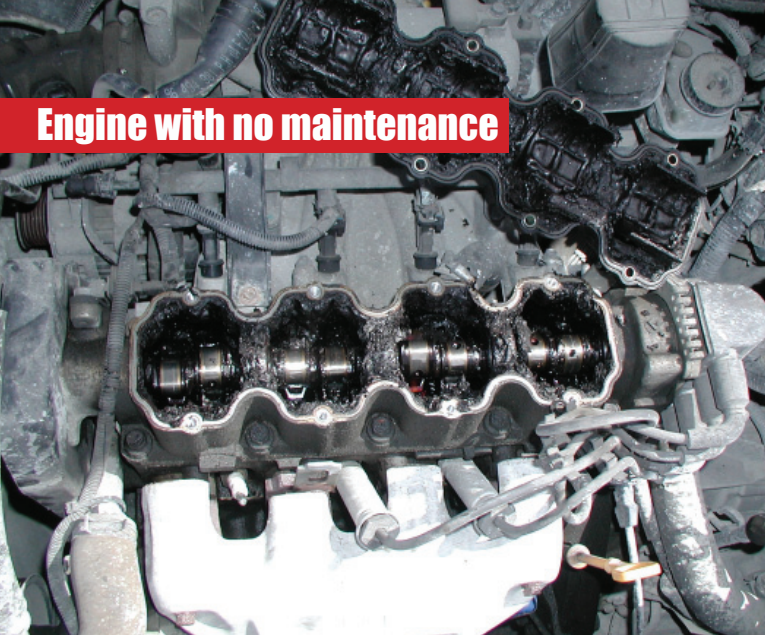
But even doing a general service every 3,000 miles won't cut it. It's very important to follow the manufacturer's recommended maintenance schedule.

As an owner, **you are responsible** for ensuring that your vehicle is properly maintained. This will save you money in the long run, as well as save you from breakdown hassles.

Never neglect routine services such as oil change, lube job and engine tune up. Failure to do so is the number one cause of car breakdown.

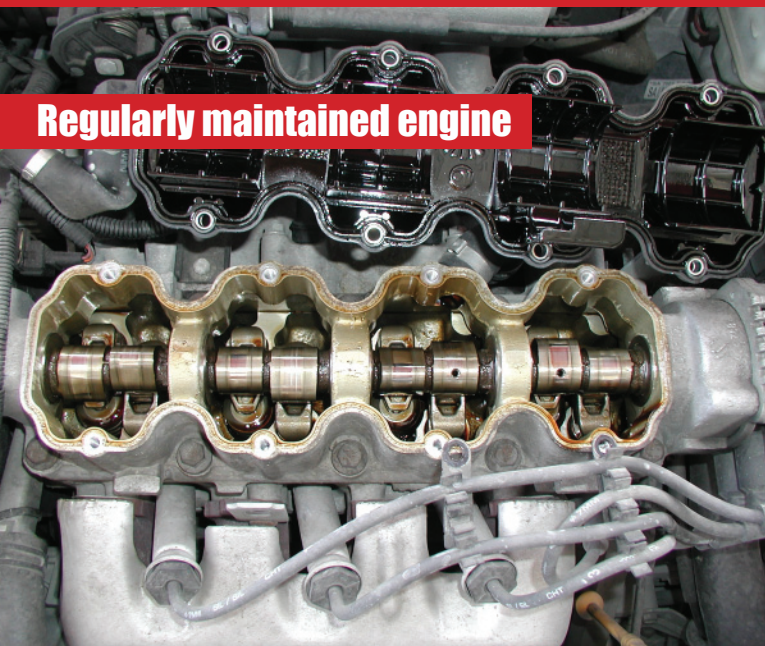
It is much better to be sitting in the comfort of your home or office than stuck on the roadside!

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