# Car maintenance log

One line for every service, repair, and part. Write it on the day, and keep the receipt with this log.

milealot.com/templates/car-maintenance-log/

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Vehicle (year, make, model, engine) _____ VIN _____ License plate _____ Odometer when this log started _____

| Date | Odometer | Work done | Where (shop or DIY) | Cost ($) | Notes (parts, oil type, warnings) | Next due: miles | Next due: date |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *11/08/2026* | *45,210* | *Example: oil and oil filter change* | *Main Street Auto* | *79.95* | *Oil type from owner's manual* | *50,210* | *05/08/2027* |
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Next due: copy the interval for each item from the maintenance schedule in your owner's manual (by miles, by time, or both). Example row only; your intervals and costs will differ.

# Car maintenance log (continued)



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## Tires

| Position | Brand and size | Date code (last 4 digits of DOT) | Installed: date | Installed: odometer |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Front left | | | | |
| Front right | | | | |
| Rear left | | | | |
| Rear right | | | | |
| Spare | | | | |

## Good habits

- Write the date and the odometer reading on every line.
- Keep every receipt, including for work you do yourself (parts receipts).
- Tire date code 2419 = week 24 of 2019. Age counts from that date.
- Your owner's manual sets the service intervals for your car.

Gas fill-ups go in a separate fuel log. Work trips go in a mileage log.

The FTC advises keeping records of repairs and maintenance (oil changes, tire rotations, belts, brake pads, inspections) to show you maintained your vehicle if you need to use your warranty. Free template from milealot.com. Milealot for iPhone (coming soon) keeps this log with reminders by miles and by date.