## what should wheel bearing seals be checked for

<u>Wheel bearing seals</u> are typically not subjected to severe stresses, yet they must be able to withstand high temperatures and exposure to lubricating grease. Therefore, their design is quite simple and does not require the use of expensive materials.

The main purpose of wheel bearing seals is to prevent the lubricating grease from leaking out of the wheel bearing race. This is achieved by using a seal lip that prevents the lubricating grease from escaping from between the outer ring and inner race.

The most common seal lip design consists of three parts: two side lips and one center lip. The side lips are installed against either side of the outer ring and are positioned so that they distort easily under pressure but rebound quickly once pressure is removed. The center lip is installed in between the two side lips, but does not extend beyond them or into their interference fit with each other or with their respective races.

#### Check the boot of the bearing for wear, damage and leaking grease.

The boot of a bearing is the seal around it to keep out dirt, grease and water. If this is damaged or leaking, the bearing will be exposed to moisture and dirt. This causes corrosion which can damage the bearing as well as reduce its life.

Check for wear by removing the old bearings and sliding them against each other. If there is no play in the bearings, they are worn out and need replacing.

If there is play in the bearings, check for damage such as deep grooves or pitting that would cause them to fail sooner than normal.

# Look at the wear marks on the knuckle to determine if the axle is worn.

Axle wear is one of the most common causes of axle misalignment. When an axle is worn, it will not be able to hold its position properly, which causes the vehicle to pull to one side. This can be a safety issue and should be addressed as soon as possible.

Look at the wear marks on the knuckle to determine if the axle is worn. If there are no marks in front of where the inner axle seal sits, then there is no problem with your axles. However, if there are marks in front of where the seal sits, then you likely have some axles issues that need to be addressed immediately.

Another way to determine if your axles need replacing is by checking them for cracks or other damage. If you see any cracks or other damage on your axles, then it's best to get them replaced immediately so that they do not cause further damage or any other problems with your vehicle's handling and performance capabilities.

#### Pull back the boot to where you can inspect the inner lip.

Take a look at the inner lip of the tire, where it meets the rim. If there's any sign of damage (cracks, tears), it's probably time to replace your tires.

Tire wear can be caused by underinflation, hard braking and

turning or acceleration. Check your owner's manual for recommendations on proper tire inflation pressure, and have your tires inspected by an auto technician if they're not properly inflated.

If you suspect that wear is due to hard braking or acceleration, try driving more smoothly and avoiding aggressive braking or acceleration.

#### Replace your bearings any time you replace your tires or wheels.

If your wheel bearings are worn, they can cause a lot of problems. For example, the wheel might turn out of true and rub against the fender or bodywork of the vehicle. You may hear a clicking or ticking sound when you turn the wheel or go over bumps. Your steering could get stiffer as well. A wheel bearing that is worn out also has a higher risk of failing completely, which could lead to an accident if it stops working while you're driving down the road.

To prevent these problems from happening, replace your wheel bearings whenever you replace the tire or wheel on your vehicle. This will help ensure that all of your wheels are properly aligned and that you won't have to deal with any other problems related to this important component in the future.

### Check your vehicles owner's manual for regular service intervals.

When it comes to maintaining your vehicle, you can't just rely on the dealership to do all the work. You have to be proactive and stay on top of things yourself.

One of the easiest ways to keep your car running smoothly is

by keeping up with its maintenance schedule.

Most vehicles come with an owner's manual that shows when regular service is required. This helps ensure your car runs safely and efficiently, which saves you money at the gas pump over time.

Here are some common maintenance items you should check every month:

Oil: Make sure your vehicle has enough oil in it by checking under the hood and looking for an oil dipstick or sticker on the door frame near where you would normally park. If necessary, add oil according to your owner's manual instructions.

Transmission fluid: Check this often because transmission fluid tends to leak out over time due to wear and tear on the transmission components themselves — not just from driving around with low fluid levels in general. When this happens, it could cause damage to critical internal components of your vehicle such as gears, seals and bearings that could lead to costly repairs down the road if left unattended for too long!

#### A good mechanic will make sure that they check your wheel bearing seals regularly so that they don't wear out.

The reason for this is because if the seals wear out then the bearings will lose their lubrication and start to fail. This can cause damage to the entire system and lead to expensive repairs or even worse, a serious accident on the road.

If you are having trouble with your tires shaking while driving at high speeds, it could be because of tire balance issues or alignment problems. It's important that you get

these issues checked out right away because otherwise they could cause damage to other parts of your vehicle like wheels and suspension systems!

Consequently, the internal and external wheel bearing seals should be checked regularly before they fail, explode or leak.