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Regular maintenance of brake pads is crucial due to the wear and tear they endure. These pads play a vital role in ensuring your safety on the road, so it's important to have them checked and replaced promptly when needed. Additionally, between 40,000 and 60,000 kilometres, it is recommended to have a brake fluid service performed. During the brake fluid service, the fluid is cleansed and bled to prevent any potential brake-related issues. By keeping up with these maintenance tasks, you can ensure the optimal performance of your brakes and maintain a safe driving experience. Don't overlook the significance of proper brake pad maintenance and regular brake fluid service - they contribute to your safety and peace of mind. Booking your car service or repair through AutoGuru gives you access to these convenient payment options: 1. Pay upfront and online using your credit or debit card or PayPal2. Flexible payment options with Afterpay, humm, Zip or PayPal3. In some instances, you can choose to pay the mechanic when you pick your car up and the service and/or repairs have been completed.

CoupesHere's a look at common Mini Cooper maintenance and repair services and which model years are the most and least expensive to maintain. The Mini Cooper is the puppy of compact cars. Since the modern Cooper launched in 2002, reviewers have heralded it as fun, playful, cute, and rambunctious. Also, like puppies, Mini Coopers can be a handful and costly to own. However, considering that Mini is a BMW-owned premium brand, are Mini Coopers very expensive to maintain, and if so, what are the maintenance costs? We'll answer those questions and offer practical advice on the model years to avoid and how to housebreak your Mini Cooper. Are Mini Coopers expensive to maintain? According to RepairPal, a Mini Cooper's average annual repair cost is \$846 for multiple model years. That doesn't include maintenance and varies depending on the car's age, mileage, condition, and the shop doing the work. Similarly, in Edmunds' breakdown of ownership costs for a 2019 Mini Cooper, maintenance and repairs totaled \$14,724 over five years for an average of \$3,670 annually. Repairs contributed \$4,172 to that amount. That amount is almost twice the average of a 2019 Toyota Corolla, which Edmunds estimates at \$7,939 for five years of repairs and maintenance. Of that amount, \$2,374 covers repairs. What are common Cooper maintenance costs? Maintenance costs include labor and parts such as oil changes, brake servicing, tire changes, and battery replacement. Most of the components needed for Mini Cooper maintenance are BMW parts, meaning you'll pay more than you would for Corolla parts. Here's a breakdown of Mini Cooper maintenance costs, according to Engine Patrol:

Mini Cooper Maintenance Cost	Average annual repairs and maintenance
\$846	Tune-up\$324
Alternator replacement	\$873-\$1,213
Oil changes	\$193-\$224
Wiper blade replacement	\$93-\$101
Air filter replacement	\$92-\$117
Battery replacement	\$382-\$403
New brakes	\$194-\$266
Coolant change	\$143-\$180
New tires (set of four)	\$619-\$632
New tire (one)	\$155-\$158
New spark plugs	\$154-\$206
Tire and wheel assembly, rotate, and balance	\$79-\$100
New transmission	< \$3,000

We covered some of this info a couple of years ago in an article about the Mini Cooper model years to avoid. Later models generally have much better reliability than the first and second generations, produced from 2002 to 2013, according to Vehicle History. The model years with the lowest reliability scores are from 2006 to 2012, with the 2011 model year being a particular standout. Additionally, Mini redesigned the Cooper for 2014, and reliability scores improved to average due to this adjustment, with the 2022 model year regarded as staunchly reliable. However, time will tell if any problems crop up as mileage increases on newer Coopers. If you want the lowest cost of ownership or a cheap, reliable car, the Mini Cooper is not for you. Additionally, if you're looking for comfort and a practical backseat, plenty of other vehicles fit the bill. Mini Coopers bought with those expectations usually wind up back in the dog pound at the BMW/Mini dealership when their owners trade them in for something easier to live with. However, if you want a fun small car with good performance and gas mileage, something different from the run-of-the-mill economy car, and you're willing to pay extra for that experience, the Mini's playfulness will pleasantly surprise you. It makes every commute and every errand a joy. For that reason, it's underrated as a car for enthusiasts. xSorry to interrupt

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