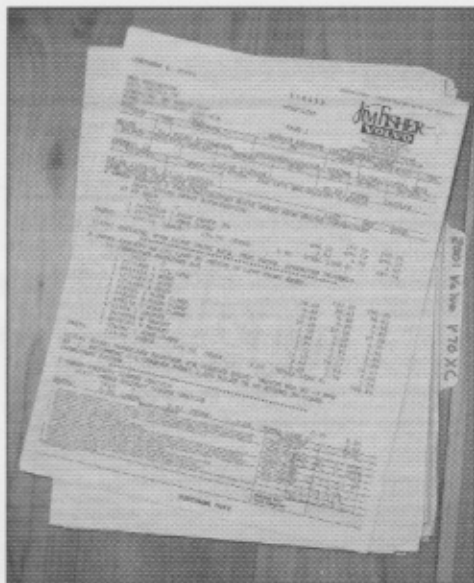




Maintenance With Volvo Specialists

If you are used to taking your car to a Quick Change Lube and Oil chain store for maintenance, these cars are going to need more than this type of maintenance. European cars require lots of specialized knowledge to maintain them properly. What defines "good condition" or types of fluids are very different from your typical Japanese cars. Furthermore, there is information on how to maintain these cars that evolved from in the field experience. As you might imagine, this isn't written down anywhere in a Chilton's car repair manual (There isn't one available for this car). So maintenance means Volvo dealer repair (most expensive), Volvo independent, or DIY with lots of research on Volvo forums.

Taking it to Quick Change Lube and Oil chain store would probably constitute "neglect" on European cars.

Service Interval Maintenance Charts https://www.customers.volvocars.com/owners/docs/1994/1994_maintenance/1994_800_maintenance.html

If you are new to these Volvos, here is a quick bullet list of issues specific to this car that you want to be aware of as failure to follow specific instructions could cause some damage.

- Before disconnecting the battery, read this: <http://www.freewebs.com/howardsvolvos/miscissues.htm#207347288>.

- Your climate control can get damaged if you don't follow the precise sequence. This seems to occur frequently as I get emails from people fairly often.

- Flush your automatic transmission fluid every 30k or 50k (not in Volvo's maint schedule). This is the weak point on this car. Read this: <http://www.freewebs.com/howardsvolvos/driveline.htm#182418680>

- Don't put ATF in your power steering system as indicated in your owner's manual. Pre 2005 owner's manuals are wrong. It is a special fluid. Read this: <http://www.freewebs.com/howardsvolvos/steering.htm#199491639>

Hopefully, these few quick items specific to this vehicle help you to avoid damaging your car. There are more other common problems I've encountered on my site, so take a look!

Look for Part II in our next newsletter where we'll take an in depth look at some of the main issues that are inherent with these models and what you can do about them.

One of the most important things to look for when shopping for a used late model Volvo is proof of regular maintenance.

A good solid service history is very valuable as it gives you an idea of how the owner took care of the car and may also help you identify any major expenses that the car might need in the near future.

We also strongly recommend that you have a pre purchase inspection performed by an independent Volvo repair specialist. A pre purchase inspection usually only costs about \$ 100 and could save you \$1000's.

Annual ipd Garage Sale

May 15, 2010 is when the 27th Annual ipd Garage Sale, Swap Meet and Car Show will take place. We look forward to this event each year and we're excited to have games, prizes, giveaways, sale pricing on most of our stock and much more. Doors will open to the ipd sales desk from 9:00am until 1:00pm and the swap meet and car show has been extended to run until 3:00pm. We hope to see you here for this great event.

Garage Sale is 9:00am to 3:00pm Saturday May 15, 2010

For information on displaying your Volvo or to reserve a swap meet spot call 800-444-6473 or e-mail our show coordinator Cameron Daline at cdaline@ipdusa.com



Over the past 26 years that we have put this event on we have had about 3 years with "perfect" weather. Last year was one of those years and probably had a lot to do with the great turn out we had. Over 70 show quality Volvos squeezed into our parking lot and another 100 or more lined the streets and parking lots for several blocks around our shop. The models were pretty evenly spread with great stock and modified examples ranging from 1960's 544 models all the way up to the latest R models. We hope you can mark your calendar and join us for another great event.

To see video and photos of last years ipd garage sale, follow the link below.

<http://www.ipdusa.com/Garage-Sale-2009-Recap/blog-91>