



Graff Nissan of Okemos Addresses Engine Oil and Filter Service as Fall Driving Begins

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Graff Nissan of Okemos is addressing engine oil and filter service as fall driving begins, treating the change of season as a checkpoint for lubrication condition rather than as an automatic replacement date. Cooler mornings, shorter daylight, and the return of regular commuting often change how many miles a vehicle accumulates and under what conditions those miles occur. Engine oil works whenever the engine runs, and its condition declines with time in service and with the demands placed on the engine.

Engine oil supports ordinary operation by forming a film between moving metal surfaces. That film reduces friction, helps carry heat away from high-load areas, and suspends particles that form as oil and combustion byproducts age. When oil remains in service past the interval specified for a given vehicle, the film can thin, deposits can increase, and contaminants can circulate more freely. Manufacturers therefore publish schedules tied to mileage, time, and operating conditions rather than to the calendar season alone.

Oil-change timing depends on the vehicle's maintenance requirements and on actual use. A vehicle driven mainly on short trips may place different stress on oil than one used for longer highway travel, even when monthly mileage looks similar. Stop-and-go driving, frequent cold starts, and heavier loads can influence how

quickly oil oxidizes and how much debris the filter must hold. Fall vehicle maintenance discussions often include oil because the season marks a change in those patterns, not because autumn itself imposes a universal service date. The owner's manual and the vehicle's maintenance reminder remain the references for whether engine oil service is due, approaching, or still within the current interval.

Filter condition belongs in the same review. Oil carries contaminants to the filter, where they are trapped so circulating oil remains cleaner than it would be without that barrier. Once a filter is saturated, its ability to hold additional debris declines, and unfiltered material can continue through the engine. For that reason, oil filter replacement is performed as part of the documented oil change service at Graff Nissan of Okemos. The dealership installs a new Nissan oil filter during the visit. That filter includes an anti-drainback valve intended to help keep oil in the filter when the engine is not running so lubrication is available more promptly at the next start.

Oil selection follows vehicle specifications rather than a single product applied to every Nissan. The official oil-change process uses products specifically tested and approved for Nissan vehicles. Available options include Genuine Synthetic Blend Motor Oil, Genuine Full Synthetic Motor Oil, and Mobil 1 Advanced Full Synthetic Motor Oil. Blend and full-synthetic formulations are not interchangeable in every application. Trained technicians match the oil type and quantity to the specifications listed for the vehicle being serviced. That matching step is part of professional engine oil service because viscosity, additive package, and approved oil category are determined by the manufacturer, not by seasonal preference.

Nissan service in Okemos includes this oil and filter work within a service department that also handles maintenance, repairs, and parts support. During the oil-change visit, technicians perform a complimentary multi-point inspection. The inspection is a supporting step rather than the purpose of the appointment. It allows the service team to note visible fluid levels, leaks, and related wear items while the vehicle is already in the shop for lubrication work.

"Seasonal changes in driving give owners a useful checkpoint, but the service decision still has to follow the vehicle's requirements and how the vehicle has actually been used," said Troy VanSchoick, Service & Parts Director at Graff Nissan of Okemos. "Oil condition is affected by heat, mileage, and contamination. Replacing the oil and installing a new filter restores a clean supply and a clean filtration path. Selecting oil that matches the published specification keeps that work aligned with the engine the manufacturer designed."

A filter with an anti-drainback valve addresses oil drainage during shutdown; it does not change the need to replace the filter when the oil is changed. Scheduled engine oil maintenance consists of draining used oil, installing a specified replacement oil, and fitting a new filter, then resetting any service indicator according to the vehicle's procedure. Completing those steps at the assigned interval is different from treating fall as a

mandate for immediate service on every vehicle.

“Certified Service Experts review the vehicle’s requirements before the oil is selected and before the filter is installed,” VanSchoick said. “The complimentary multi-point inspection that accompanies the oil change gives a current snapshot of related items, but the core of the visit remains the oil and the filter.”

Graff Nissan of Okemos is a Nissan dealership serving Okemos and surrounding Lansing-area communities. The dealership offers new Nissan vehicles, pre-owned vehicles, Nissan Certified Service, parts, financing, and body shop services. Its service operation includes trained service personnel, oil-change service, filter replacement, vehicle inspections, maintenance and repair, and parts support. Troy VanSchoick serves as Service & Parts Director.

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