



Diagnostic Process Addresses Repeat Repair Failures in Vehicles

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Colorado Transmission & Diesel Specialists is drawing attention to a pattern it sees regularly at its Fort Lupton shop. Cars and trucks arrive for what amounts to a third opinion, brought in after earlier repairs elsewhere, with parts replaced one at a time without ever resolving the underlying fault.

Colorado Transmission & Diesel Specialists provides vehicle diagnostics in Fort Lupton, Colorado, using computerized system scanning and structured testing to confirm the cause of a fault before any component is replaced. Many of the vehicles that reach the shop this way carry a persistent or intermittent check engine light that earlier work failed to clear, and the diagnostic process is built to establish why the warning is appearing rather than to replace suspected parts in sequence.

The pattern is common enough that it has a familiar shape. A driver pays one shop to replace a sensor, then another to replace a related component, and the warning light returns each time because the actual cause was never confirmed. Intermittent faults are the hardest of these to chase, since the symptom may not be

present while the vehicle is on the lift, which is why evidence captured during scanning and a road test matters more than a single code reading.

The cost of that cycle falls on the driver, both in money spent on parts that were never the problem and in the time a vehicle spends off the road. For commuters and working drivers across the North Denver Metro, a car that cannot be relied on is more than an inconvenience, and a string of unsuccessful repairs can stretch over weeks without producing an answer. Confirming the cause once is the step that ends the loop.

A check engine light is a single signal that can come from many sources, including the fuel, ignition, emissions, and drivetrain systems. The stored code identifies which system is reporting a fault, not which part within it has actually failed, and that gap is exactly where a parts-swapping repair tends to go wrong.

A diagnosis at the shop begins where many parts-swapping repairs stop. A stored trouble code points to a system rather than to a single failed part, so the code is treated as a starting point, after which live data is read while the vehicle runs, circuits are tested for continuity and voltage, and the fault is reproduced under the conditions that trigger it. Only once the evidence isolates a specific cause is a repair recommended.

Each of these cases is handled the same way, with owner Doug Friedlan, an ASE-certified technician, leading the diagnostic step before any repair is recommended. Friedlan has spent 39 years in the transmission and diesel industry, and the shop's professional-grade diagnostic scanning equipment is used to read live data, test circuits, and document what it finds so the customer can see the confirmed fault rather than take it on trust.

Drivetrain complaints follow the same logic. A vehicle built around an Allison Transmission that shifts harshly or stores an intermittent code is diagnosed against confirmed evidence rather than by replacing the most expensive likely part first, an approach that can turn a component-level repair into an unnecessary unit replacement.

"We see a lot of vehicles that have already been to two or three shops, and the warning light is still on because nobody confirmed what was actually wrong," said Doug Friedlan, owner of Colorado Transmission & Diesel Specialists. "An intermittent fault is not a matter of trial and error. We scan it, we test it, and we show the customer the evidence before we recommend a single repair, so the problem is corrected the first time."

For drivers across the North Denver Metro commuter corridor, the practical point is that a recurring warning light or a repair that did not hold is a diagnosable problem with a confirmable cause. Examples of the shop's diagnostic work and the reasoning behind its evidence-first approach are shared on the company's Facebook page.

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