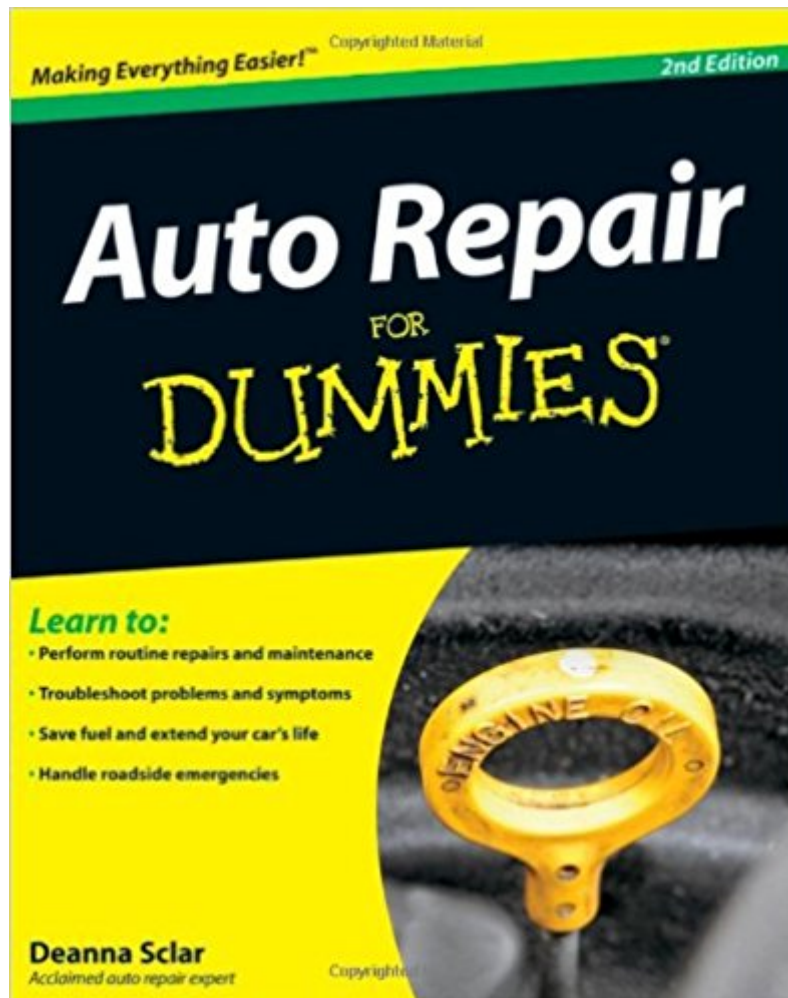




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# Auto Repair For Dummies



## Synopsis

The top-selling auto repair guide--400,000 copies sold--now extensively reorganized and updated. Forty-eight percent of U.S. households perform at least some automobile maintenance on their own, with women now accounting for one third of this \$34 billion automotive do-it-yourself market. For new or would-be do-it-yourself mechanics, this illustrated how-to guide has long been a must and now it's even better. A complete reorganization now puts relevant repair and maintenance information directly after each automotive system overview, making it much easier to find hands-on fix-it instructions. Author Deanna Sclar has updated systems and repair information throughout, eliminating discussions of carburetors and adding coverage of hybrid and alternative fuel vehicles. She's also revised schedules for tune-ups and oil changes, included driving tips that can save on maintenance and repair costs, and added new advice on troubleshooting problems and determining when to call in a professional mechanic. For anyone who wants to save money on car repairs and maintenance, this book is the place to start. Deanna Sclar (Long Beach, CA), an acclaimed auto repair expert and consumer advocate, has contributed to the Los Angeles Times and has been interviewed on the Today show, NBC Nightly News, and other television programs.

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'...covers a wide range of topics...provides a lot of educational content that explains the main principles of how cars work.' (Simple Motors.co.uk, December 2010).

Get the confidence and know-how you need to fix and maintain your vehicle like a pro! Want to handle basic auto repairs yourself? This easy-to-follow guide gives you the nuts and bolts of diagnosing trouble and performing simple maintenance and repairs on your vehicle. You'll explore each system part by part and keep everything running in tiptop shape. Plus, you'll see how to go green on the road &#151; from recycling oil and parts to choosing alternatively fueled vehicles. Get to know your vehicle &#151; understand automotive systems; check under the hood; change a tire; follow basic safety rules; change spark plugs, fuses, and the battery; and replace the air filter and PCV valve Keep cool and in control &#151; add and change coolant, find and repair leaks, change the oil, and check brakes Ensure a smooth ride &#151; choose, check, and care for tires; and understand balancing and alignment Handle emergencies &#151; identify strange sounds and smells, jump-start your car, handle overheating, and more Work with a mechanic &#151; find a reliable service facility, describe problems accurately, and get the best deal Extend your vehicle's value &#151; clean it inside and out, touch up paint, and fix dings and dents Stay safe on the road &#151; install child seats properly; learn about rollover protection, traction and stability control, and navigation systems; and more Open the book and find: The inner secrets of your vehicle &#151; what makes it start, run, and stop A step-by-step under-the-hood checklist Advice on buying and using the proper tools Driving techniques to extend the life of your car Eco-friendly tips for saving fuel Helpful illustrations that demonstrate repairs Reproducible Specifications and Maintenance Records The pros and cons of alternative fuels and vehicles

Exactly as described, nice, detailed book with many things to read about.

This book had saved me so much money and time. I highly recommend anyone read it before even popping the hood open on their car. It is well written, and contains important information that is impossible to find in online DIY articles in terms of auto stuff. It mentions so many important things that you would not think about other wise when repairing your vehicle yourself. Great book; added way more value to my life than it cost. This is not an all inclusive book though, and only covers things that most people could do pretty easily by themselves. For example, it doesn't cover how to drain your auto transmission fluid, probably because that can get a little bit dangerous for DIY'ers

As all the "Dummies" books do this one does deliver. As for someone like myself who knows only how to change a flat and check the oil i found this very well written and some good pictures. If you're trying to teach yourself about automotive repairs or cars in general you should pick this up.

Thorough and informative. If you are not a car mechanic by trade or inclination, this book is a must to keep your second most important investment running smoothly for longer.

It was a poor choice to read on Kindle Paperwhite. Buy the physical copy because there are a ton of photos and a Kindle Paperwhite just doesn't work well with lots of photos and diagrams. Probably a four star review had I not gotten the Paperwhite version.

I got this book because I got my second car ever and I decided that I should learn about how cars work instead of just knowing how to use them. But more importantly, if my car ever did something unexpected I wanted at least SOME idea of what was wrong. This book is great!! I'm a computer technician so understanding how the different systems of a car work together was relatively easy for me but I didn't know anything about the individual components themselves. After reading this book and applying what I learned to my own car, I gave my car another 2.5 MPG! In my opinion every driver should have a copy of this book in their car. At the VERY least it will help you make informed decisions when you take your car in to be repaired or serviced; this book already saved me about \$400 when I went in for an oil change recently.

Extraordinarily accessible book that succeeds in its purpose to better educate the average citizen in the workings of an automobile. It does so in a respectful tone, transitioning from the extremely simple to fairly complex--all with enough detail to truly educate without bogging down in technician-level minutiae. This is a book that should rest on your bookshelf or Kindle archive for years to come. I will state one thing: I have the Kindle edition, and one annoying thing in the editing process is that many of the diagrams are cut off, not correctly sized, etc. I won't deduct a star since this is not the author's doing, and I am glad that I have the Kindle version. That said, needs to fix this.

Having read a few chapters this book is good for a newcomer to the field of car repair

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