

The High Cost Of Running Low Lubricants

If you want your vehicle(s) to perform their best, there's one thing you need to keep at the top of your mind at all times: Lubricant Levels! There are countless factors that affect that all-important figure but the most commonly overlooked of these factors are your lubricant levels.

Whether you are managing a fleet of vehicles, a factory floor full of critical industry-specific machinery or both, maintaining optimum lubricant levels is essential to the health and wellbeing of your equipment investment.

Ignoring or neglecting to check lubricant levels on a regular basis has a huge impact on your bottom line and your repair costs. If your kids or your employees are waiting for the check oil light to go on, or an alarm to sound before topping off the oil and lubricants in your equipment, it may already be too late ... the damage to your vehicle and your budget may already be crushed! That's why the experts at Majestic Lube of Mesquite have compiled the top three biggest bottom-line depleting hazards of low lubricants:

1. **Overheating** -- When lubricants fall below OEM-recommended levels, wear on the internal metal surfaces of your vehicle increases dramatically. If left unchecked, this internal "wear and tear" decreases the long-term performance and lifespan. In the short term, the increased friction caused by low lubricant levels is likely to result in overheating. When that happens, your vehicle must be shut down and allowed to cool, causing significant delays in productivity. In extreme cases, overheating may cause the internal workings of your engine or drive train to expand and seize, requiring costly and time-consuming replacement.
2. **Cleanliness** -- While they may seem "dirty" when they get on your hands or clothes, one of the primary functions oil and lubricants serve is to keep your engine(s) running clean. When levels fall below a certain point, the lubricants in your vehicle fail this all-important task. The resulting buildup of particulates has a serious impact on performance. While it may seem gradual or even negligible, the accumulation of buildup will almost certainly result in some serious long-term damage.
3. **Acid Buildup** -- Dirt, grime and potentially harmful particulates are not the only buildup you need to be concerned about when it comes to protecting your vehicle. Another serious consequence of low lubricant levels is acid buildup on the internal metal surfaces of your engine(s). Left unchecked, the presence of corrosive substances causes serious metal degradation. When that happens, making time for equipment shutdowns becomes an all-too-frequent occurrence. In the long run you will end up spending much more money on repairs and replacement parts than you would have just by monitoring your lubricant levels.

The cost of these three big low lubricant consequences adds up fast. Unless you've got money to burn, your bottom WILL be affected. The good news is that each of these issues can be easily fixed by having regular service at Majestic Lube and by keeping a close watch on lubricant levels in all your vehicles.