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- Ask us about technical service bulletins, product recalls and software "flashes" that may apply to your truck.
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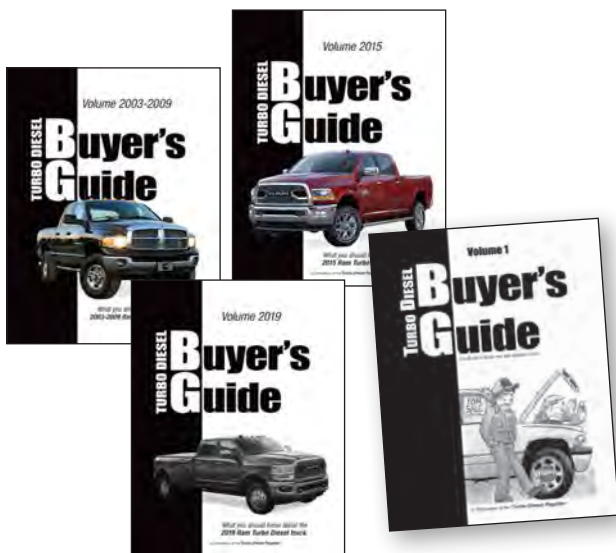
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SHOP OUR WAYMORE STAYGONE PRODUCTS

Geno's Garage products that you'll like way more than the other stuff, and they stay gone from inventory a lot.

Back in 2017, the Geno's Garage Board of Directors (BOD) was working on its strategy plan(s) for 2018. From high atop the bar stool at the local tavern came the idea for a new brand of parts: the Waymore Staygone line.

From that corporate wellness seminar, the BOD had heard that branding was the way to sell stuff. This is their attempt to reach a new customer base.

When the BOD was making its presentation to the other tavern bar members they commented, "The customers like our parts way more than the others' stuff, and they stay gone from inventory a lot."

Hence the new brand "Waymore Staygone." Seriously, the staff at Geno's Garage is pleased to showcase several parts that we have developed.



SPLASH WHAM-O TAILGATE PROTECTOR, '09-'23

GG-SPLASH10 '10-'23, 3500/2500 & '09-'18 1500

GG-SPLASH20 '19-'23, 1500 New Body Style

Protect the tailgate from dents and prevent water splashing with the Splash Wham-o tailgate protector. It is similar in texture to the factory plastic cover. We supply new mounting hardware to hold the cover in place.



BORGESON REMAN STEERING BOX, '94-'02 4WD

This Series 680 steering box provides variable assist, quicker turning ratio for 3.5 turns lock-to-lock, greater power assist and larger diameter bearings to support the Pitman shaft.



AFTERMARKET DASHBOARD, '98-'02

This is not a cover, it is a full replacement dashboard. It is made with a heavy-duty ABS plastic that is designed to help keep the sun from making it crack like the original dashboard. This Dodge Ram dash is more durable than the original OEM part. The dash cover is only available in black and we recommend that you paint it to match the interior color in your truck.



GENO'S GARAGE DUROFOAM SEAT CUSHIONS, '94-'19

We've addressed some of the shortcomings of the '94-'19 Ram Turbo Diesel OEM cushion by using a higher quality foam to make them more durable, raising the left side to match the right side and reinforcing the bottom.

Includes detailed installation instructions.

*Visit our website for
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2023 JANUARY

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TECH TIP BATTERIES

In TDR Issue 99, pages 108-111, writer Moses Ludel talked about his 2005 Turbo Diesel and its batteries that lasted 13 years.

His tips: I credit the longevity to three proactive measures:

- 1) Methodical use of a Battery Tender,
- 2) Adding distilled water to an allegedly 'maintenance free' battery, and
- 3) Use of the engine block heater whenever practical in wintertime.



By the way – if you have one “bad” battery, chances are the other is likely to fail. The term for this is “cannibalization” and it is just that. The good battery cannot compensate for the bad cell in the other unit and it falters, too.

(TDR Issue 117, page 22)



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Laurence Ebersole

2023 FEBRUARY

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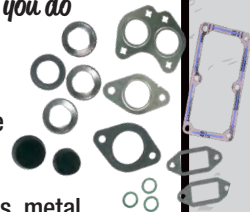
TECH TIP

EGR COOLER CLEANING

What? The exhaust gas recirculation cooler on the 2007.5-current 6.7-liter engine has to be cleaned? Where is that in my Owner's Manual? (Trust us, it is in the OM, service is needed at 67,500 miles.)

Okay, how do you do this service?

The folks at Geno's Garage have an "EGR Cleaning Kit" (gaskets, plugs, metal gaskets) that cost about \$60.



More importantly, they send a detailed "How To" list of instructions to walk you through the process (about two-hours) and save you valuable dollars.

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2023 MARCH

product spotlight

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Keep the Air Clean – Inside

At Geno's Garage we have put together several video presentations that are helpful in the installation of our products. The video with the most views? "How to Install a Fourth Generation Cabin Filter."

Really, 250,000 views and counting.



In 2014 we discovered that the cabin filter (a part from the Chrysler minivan) would fit the Fourth Generation pickup truck. Cut out an opening, install the filter, add a cover from the Mopar parts catalog and the project is complete.

So, 250,000 folks can't be wrong. Consider adding an interior cabin filter to your Fourth Generation truck. The Cabin Air Filter Kit (filter and cover) are available at Geno's Garage.



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Bret Rood

2023 APRIL

product spotlight

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Keep the Air Clean – Outside

The repair of a truck's HVAC controls, heater core and air box can be a nasty job. Much of the gunk that is found in the air box could have been prevented, and perhaps postponing the repair. How do you keep the airbox clean?



Consider a **Cab Fresh** exterior air filter for your truck. The **Cab Fresh** fits on top of the air vent and it will keep those leaves, pine needles and dust-n-such out of the air box.

The **Cab Fresh Filter Kit** is an exclusive at **Geno's Garage** and the kits are offered for '94-current model Turbo Diesel trucks.



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Bill Trailer

2023 MAY

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Grandpa said a lot of stuff. Should his wisdom be revered? Let's try an automotive example: Lube oils: Who makes the best lube oil? What would Grandpa say?

Since 2008, the folks at the TDR have been fortunate to have oil expert John Martin write a series of lube oil articles. Each time there was a change in the American Petroleum Institute specification (changes necessary for the lube oils and engines to meet tighter emissions standards), Martin would evaluate the oils. We've gone from category CI to CI+4, then CJ and now CK.

TDR magazine 116 and 117 have the latest updates. The editor shares some "Grandpa" wisdom: *"Lube oil can be purchased as a commodity. As long as it meets the latest API specifications, you can purchase based on lowest price."*

Do you agree?

Take a look at Issues 116 and 117 for the full "John Martin" story.

*Webster Dictionary



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William Wingertsahn

2023 JUNE

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TECH TIP

BRAKES

Back in 2004 the Turbo Diesel Register folks (author James Walker) did a series of articles on your truck's brake system. The full contents can be found at the TDR's website, left control panel (member-only area), *The Perfect Collection*, "Brake Systems in Plain English."

A question from the author, "What stops your truck: big brake kit, upgraded brake pads, slotted or drilled rotors, high temperature fluid?"

Answer: All of the above upgrades can help. However, the contact patch between your tires and the road stops the vehicle. (The big brake kit does very little to help you on ice.)

Check out the complete set of brake articles by James Walker in the TDR's *Perfect Collection*.



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Jake Rakers

2023 JULY

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TECH TIP

BRAKE FLUID

Brake fluid is hygroscopic. Big word: tending to absorb moisture from the air. This is good.

Really? How so?

Because brake fluid absorbs water into its solution, the local concentration levels are typically low enough that corrosion of brake system components is minimal. This assumes that you change the fluid and/or monitor its condition.

Knowing that maintenance is required, how do you "monitor" the fluid?

Easy, this brake fluid test tool will tell you the moisture percentage.

0-2% - Okay
3-4% - Not so much, time for a change.



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Miguel García

2023 AUGUST

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TECH TIP

Automatic Transmission Fluid Change

In a standard change of the automatic transmission fluid (ATF), only about five quarts of the old fluid can be drained out. To get a complete change (for example, when switching to synthetic fluid), disconnect the transmission cooler line at the radiator, cut and fit a piece of hose to the coupler end, and place the other end in a five-gallon container.

Put your truck in NEUTRAL with the brake on and start the engine. ATF will flow into the container. As soon as the flow begins to dwindle, immediately shut off the engine.

Measure the fluid that you removed using this all-the-fluid maintenance technique. Change your transmission filter. Reattach the cooler line and refill the transmission with the same amount of fluid that came out of the transmission. Project complete.

TDR Issue 64, pages 11-12 has all of the details.



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Darry Cross

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TECH TIP

TURBOCHARGERS

My daughter and I have an understanding about understanding. It goes something like this: If you can't explain something in terms that a five-year-old can comprehend, you really don't know what you are talking about.

So, how about an explanation on the basic operation of a turbocharger.

"This is an easy one." The daughter says,

- Purchase two kid's pinwheels.
- Place them back-to-back and imagine that they are attached on a common axis.
- Blow on one side (exhaust) and the other side (intake) spins, grabbing air and compressing it.
- Now build two snail-shaped housings around the pinwheels so that the intake air and exhaust air both have a direct path into and out of the pinwheels.
- The more you blow and the exhaust side spins, the more air is pulled in on the intake side. Now you can add more fuel on the intake side, causing more exhaust to spin the pinwheel even faster. (More "boost.") The limit becomes an engine that can only "breathe" so much air.

Got it?

Glad I could help.

For the full story on turbochargers:
TDR Issue 110, pages 34-37.



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2023 OCTOBER

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Since 2007 the folks at the TDR have been fortunate to have oil industry expert John Martin write a series of articles on oil filters. Our Issue 71 (pages 60-69) had the latest evaluation. Martin's choice: "For the money, Fleetguard's** Stratapore LF16035 is the best."



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*Webster Dictionary

**Fleetguard is a Cummins subsidiary company.



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PETRIFIED WOOD STATION



Rick Massimi

2023 NOVEMBER

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TECH TIP

Extreme Cold Weather Operation



For extreme cold weather operation if you install a winter front radiator cover on your Turbo Diesel, it must have a minimum one square foot opening in its center for radiator and intercooler airflow.

This tip is from the Cummins, Engine Operations Manual.

TDR Issue 66, page 8, has an excellent article on winter fronts.

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Jake Robinson

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31 NEW YEAR'S EVE	CHRISTMAS DAY					



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