



## News – Servicing and repair costs – Great variations between makes?

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Fiat comes out well in a recent survey of maintenance costs.  
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Cheap and Cheerful or Expensive and Exclusive? Your motoring costs will be significantly affected by your choice of car make.

Kim Henson takes a look at the figures...

Does the brand of my car make much of a difference on the cost of maintenance?

[Whocanfixmycar.com](http://Whocanfixmycar.com) have studied their own data and found the cheapest and most expensive brands for common service and repairs.

If you're wanting a 'cheap to run' car go for a Fiat! If you're happy to splash the cash, go for a Jaguar!





Suave and sophisticated cars can be lovely to own but don't ignore maintenance costs when working out your finances...

According to this survey, with data collected from 322,603 quotes from [WhoCanFixMyCar.com](http://WhoCanFixMyCar.com), Fiat is the least expensive car brand for common service and repairs including: Full Service, brake pads and discs, clutch replacement, cambelt change and head gasket repair.

The most expensive brands to maintain have also been revealed.

The cost of maintenance isn't sometimes the first thing on your mind when purchasing a car, however it can have expensive implications later on.

Online car servicing and repair marketplace, [WhoCanFixMyCar.com](http://WhoCanFixMyCar.com), have examined over 320,000 quotes submitted on their platform to reveal the most and least expensive car brands for servicing and repair work.

If you are considering a Fiat, you are in luck, they come out cheapest! Here is the breakdown by the most common service and repairs:

The top five least expensive brands for a full service:

1. Fiat - £150.73
2. Vauxhall - £153.04
3. SEAT - £153.98
4. Smart - £154.04
5. Nissan - £154.57

The top five most expensive brands for a full service:

1. Land Rover - £192.50
2. Lexus - £187.07



3. Jaguar - £183.36
4. Mercedes - £177.90
5. Subaru - £177.61

The top five least expensive brands for brake pads and discs:

1. Fiat - £136.71
2. Smart - £150.47
3. SEAT - £152.00
4. Subaru - £154.71
5. Skoda - £155.84

The top five most expensive brands for brake pads and discs:

1. Jaguar - £233.18
2. Lexus - £229.10
3. Land Rover - £222.17
4. BMW - £220.74
5. JEEP - £216.14

The top five least expensive brands for clutch replacement:

1. Fiat - £331.18
2. Peugeot - £368.69
3. Mazda - £391.16
4. Skoda - £399.01
5. Hyundai - £399.36

The top five most expensive brands for clutch replacement:

1. Mercedes - £658.66
2. Alfa Romeo - £580.18
3. Jaguar - £574.74
4. Audi - £561.42
5. Land Rover - £559.86





The top five least expensive brands for a cambelt change:

1. Fiat - £250.87
2. Vauxhall - £276.98
3. Volvo - £288.96
4. SAAB - £289.16
5. Smart - £290.83

The top five most expensive brands for a Cambelt Change:

1. BMW - £666.49
2. Mercedes - £503.84
3. Subaru - £457.77
4. Jaguar - £424.14
5. Land Rover - £413.94

The top five least expensive brands for cylinder head gasket renewal:

1. Fiat - £387.12
2. SAAB - £455.58
3. Peugeot - £465.99
4. Ford - £467.93
5. Vauxhall - £477.83

The top five most expensive brands for cylinder head gasket renewal:

1. Lexus - £800.39
2. Jaguar - £746.90
3. JEEP - £743.52
4. Subaru - £697.70
5. Mercedes - £689.06

In terms of the most expensive brands, the same names keep cropping up. Jaguar has been proven to come within the top five most expensive for the all the repairs listed above.

Whereas Land Rover and Mercedes are also dominate names within the most costly repairs.



Louis Butcher, Digital Marketing Manager at [WhoCanFixMyCar.com](http://WhoCanFixMyCar.com) says: “We wanted to compare our data to give the UK a better understanding of how important it is to think about the long terms costs when purchasing a car. Everyone always looks at how much the tax or their insurance will be, but maintenance cost can sometimes be put to the back of their minds.

Thoroughly researching how much a car may cost you down the line, will help stop you from getting any nasty shocks should something go wrong!

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<https://www.whocanfixmycar.com/> ”

Kim adds: “There are a few surprises here, and of course it is also worth noting that when calculating overall running costs, in the longer term there are further factors to take into account, including fuel consumption and depreciation, but nonetheless this survey makes interesting reading, and provides food for thought.”