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Maintaining and Troubleshooting Chrysler 300 Transmissions**

The Chrysler 300 is a popular sedan known for its performance and comfort. However, like any vehicle, it can experience transmission issues. Here's a comprehensive guide to help you understand and resolve common transmission problems with the Chrysler 300.

Common Chrysler 300 Transmission Problems:

- **Shifting issues:** Difficulty shifting gears, slipping gears, or getting stuck in gear.
- Leaking fluid: Fluid leaks from the transmission can indicate a seal or gasket failure.
- **Unusual noises:** Grinding, clunking, or whining noises during operation can be a sign of internal transmission problems.
- **Delayed engagement:** Transmission delay in engaging gears, resulting in sluggish acceleration.

Transmission Fluid Changes:

Regular transmission fluid changes are essential for maintaining the health of the transmission. For the Chrysler 300, the recommended transmission fluid change interval is every **30,000 to 60,000 miles**.

Resetting the Electronic Throttle Control System:

If you experience erratic throttle response or engine performance issues, you may need to reset the electronic throttle control system. To do this:

- Turn the ignition key to the "ON" position, but do not start the engine.
- Press and hold the gas pedal for 30 seconds.
- Release the gas pedal and start the engine.

Normal Transmission Temperature:

The normal transmission temperature for a Chrysler 300 should be between **150 to 200 degrees Fahrenheit**. Excessive transmission temperatures can damage the transmission.

Resetting the Transmission:

In some cases, you may need to reset the transmission to resolve issues. This can be done using a diagnostic scan tool or by disconnecting the battery for 30 minutes.

Possible Misidentifications for Transmission Problems:

Sometimes, symptoms that appear to be transmission-related can be caused by other issues, such as:

- **Ignition system problems:** Misfiring or faulty spark plugs can cause hesitation or stalling.
- Fuel system issues: A clogged fuel filter or injector can restrict fuel flow, affecting performance.
- Electrical problems: Faulty sensors or wiring can disrupt transmission operation.

Transmission Fluid Capacity and Flush Cost:

The Chrysler 300C transmission holds approximately **8 quarts** of transmission fluid. The cost of a transmission flush, which involves replacing all the fluid, typically ranges from **\$150 to \$300**.

Transmission Replacement Cost:

Replacing the transmission in a Chrysler 300 is a major repair. The cost of replacement can vary depending on factors such as the year, model, and labor charges. Generally, the cost can range from \$3,000 to \$6,000.

Throttle Body Symptoms and Lightning Bolt Indicator:

- Throttle body symptoms: Rough idle, stalling, or decreased engine power.
- Red lightning bolt indicator: This warning light may indicate a transmission problem, such as overheating or slipping.

Resetting the Throttle:

Resetting the throttle can help resolve performance issues related to the throttle body. To do this, follow the steps described in "Resetting the Electronic Throttle Control System."

Transmission Temperature Considerations:

- Bad transmission temp: Temperatures above 250 degrees Fahrenheit are considered harmful to the transmission.
- Is 200 degrees bad for a transmission: While slightly elevated, 200 degrees Fahrenheit is generally within normal operating range.
- What transmission temp is too low: Transmission temperatures below 140 degrees Fahrenheit can cause problems with fluid flow and shifting.

Transmission Control Module (TCM):

- **Resetting the TCM:** Resetting the TCM can potentially resolve transmission problems by reprogramming its settings.
- Consequences of not reprogramming transmission: Failure to reprogram the TCM after performing transmission repairs can result in improper shifting or other issues.

Manual Transmission Reset:

Manual transmissions do not have an automatic reset feature. If you suspect a problem, consult a mechanic.

Sensors and Codes:

- Transmission-related sensors: Faulty sensors, such as the transmission speed sensor or input/output shaft sensors, can cause transmission problems.
- Will a bad transmission throw a code: Transmission issues often trigger diagnostic trouble codes (DTCs) that can be read using a scan tool.

Transmission Type and Dipstick:

- Transmission type: The Chrysler 300C uses a 5-speed or 8-speed automatic transmission.
- Dipstick: The Chrysler 300 does not have a transmission dipstick.
 Transmission fluid level is checked using a diagnostic scan tool.

Transmission Reliability and Common Issues:

- Transmission cost: The cost of a transmission for a Chrysler 300 varies depending on the year and model, but can range from \$1,500 to \$3,000.
- Chrysler transmission issues: Some Chrysler models have experienced transmission problems related to valve body failures, fluid contamination, and overheating.
- 3.5 V6 Chrysler 300C transmission problems: The 3.5 V6 Chrysler 300C has been recalled for transmission issues related to a faulty torque converter.

Repair vs. Replacement:

- Rebuild vs. replace: Rebuilding a transmission is often cheaper than
 replacing it, but it's important to consider the extent of the damage and the
 longevity of the rebuilt transmission.
- **Expected lifespan:** With proper maintenance, a Chrysler 300 transmission can last over 150,000 miles.

Other Considerations:

- Most common Chrysler 300 problem: Transmission issues are one of the most common problems reported by Chrysler 300 owners.
- Reliability: The Chrysler 300 has received mixed reviews in terms of reliability, with some years and models faring better than others.
- Recalls: The Chrysler 300 has had several recalls related to transmission issues, including models from 2006 to 2011 and 2014 to 2017.
- Bad transmission symptoms: Difficulty shifting, slipping gears, leaking fluid, and unusual noises are all signs of a potential transmission problem.

Comparison between 300C and 300S:

• **300C vs. 300S:** The Chrysler 300C and 300S are both high-performance sedans, but the 300C offers a more luxurious and feature-rich experience with more powerful engine options.

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