

\$pare Fuse & Parts Kits Could Save Thousand\$ on Auto Repair\$

I was driving down Route 83 on a sunny afternoon when I noticed that my windshield was pretty dirty, so I turned on my washer and wiper.

After a few swipes I heard a loud squeal, the wipers slowed down, and the wiper blade on the right side suddenly twisted off the wiper arm and got bent out of shape.

Next, the wiper suddenly stopped working, which was good; otherwise it would have scratched my windshield.

I pulled over and straightened out the wiper blade and re-attached it correctly to the wiper arm. Then I tried to turn on the wipers, but they wouldn't work.

All of a sudden I got a sick feeling in my stomach as I visualized a \$1000 repair bill for parts and labor to replace the entire wiper blade mechanism and motor. A few seconds later I got very angry at the thought of spending an entire day trying to get this problem fixed by a mechanic that I could trust. The thoughts of the expense and lost wages were really eating away at me. There were many better ways I could be spending my time.

Then I thought. I'll look this up in the Car Repair Manual I had bought. Well, that took up a lot of time, and was confusing for me, but I finally figured out that it just might be a blown fuse, and if I figure out how to replace it, I'll save some money and will have learned a skill.

I looked in the fuse box and at the fuse box diagram and located the fuse for the wiper motor. Sure enough, the fuse was blown. I went to the parts store and got a fuse for less than 10 dollars, pulled out the old one and put in the new one.

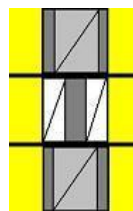
Just like Magic, I turned on the wipers and they worked just like new.

Most likely, an honest mechanic would have taken care of this for the cost of the fuse, but it's just as possible that I could have been stuck with a huge repair bill for something that wasn't even broken.

This experience, as well as many past experiences that cost me tens of thousands in unneeded repair bills motivated me to write this article and put together fuse kits and instruction manuals on how to replace your own automotive fuses. These fuse kits will become available to the public soon at nominal cost or in some cases at no cost.

Another way to save on car repairs and keep your car longer is by preemptively replacing belts, alternators and other parts subject to wear before they actually fail. You can have the old parts rebuilt or repaired and keep them in your trunk or garage to be used for the next planned preemptive service, or they can be used in case your car breaks down. You'll have all these spare parts in a tote bin in your trunk and the mechanic won't have to order them. That means the job will get done faster and for a lot less money too.

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