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## IS YOUR CAR BATTERY FAILING?

WHAT TO WATCH FOR SO YOUR BATTERY  
DOESN'T LEAVE YOU STRANDED

Most drivers don't think about their car battery – until suddenly they're stranded at home or work because the car won't start. Pay attention to the telltale signs that the battery is beginning to fail.

### AGE

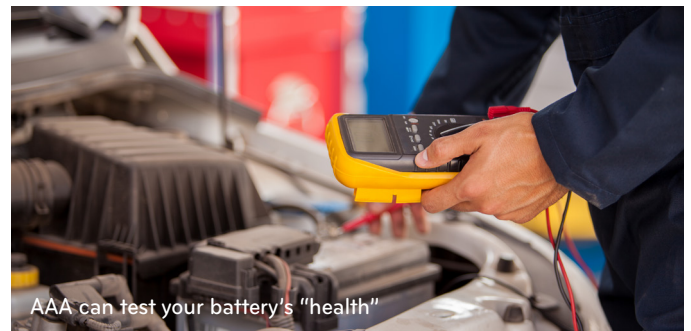
The average battery lifespan is between three and five years; however, newer technologies such as GPS devices and MP3 players require additional juice. If your battery is older than three years, it could be at risk.

### TROUBLE STARTING

If your car engine does not start immediately – or if there's a clicking noise before turning over – this could mean battery trouble.

### WEAKENED ELECTRICAL ACCESSORIES

Are the lights dimmer than normal or are the power windows operating slowly? This could mean that the battery charge is too low for them to work properly.



AAA can test your battery's "health"

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### CORROSION

Signs of corrosion or stains on the battery can indicate battery damage.

Save yourself the hassle – be proactive with your battery maintenance! A simple test done regularly can help you understand the battery's "health" and know when it needs to be replaced.

Does your vehicle's battery need to be checked or replaced? Visit [AAA.com/CarCare](http://AAA.com/CarCare) or call **866-AAA-AUTO** (866-222-2886) to locate a trusted auto repair facility near you.

