

THE BRAKEDOWN

YOUR MONTHLY INFO PIT STOP
FROM THE CAR CARE EXPERTS

AAA Club Alliance

April 2017

STOP, LOOK, AND LISTEN

DO YOU KNOW THE TELLTALE SIGNS
ASSOCIATED WITH BRAKES THAT
NEED TO BE REPLACED?

On average, most brake pads last about 20,000 – 50,000 miles when taken care of properly. (Most brakes do not need to be maintained except for drum brakes, which are becoming a braking choice of the past.)

In order to ensure your brakes are operating at the norm, they require routine inspections to detect failures before there is a safety issue.

There are actions that you can take to prevent premature brake deterioration, such as avoiding stopping last minute, not “riding” the brakes while driving, and not driving too fast. However, at the end of the road, one day your brakes will need to be replaced.

Do you know when your brakes are going to go? Listen – and look – for the telltale signs associated with waning brakes.



AAA Car Care Centers can inspect your brakes

Inspect your brakes with every tire rotation or alignment, or a minimum of four times per year.

- High-pitched squeaking
- Grinding and/or scraping
- Vibrations occurring during braking
- “Rust” dust on the wheels (shows metal to metal condition)

Inspect your brakes with every tire rotation or alignment, or a minimum of four times per year. Or, take your vehicle to a trusted AAA Car Care Center for a brake inspection.

To find your nearest AAA Car Care Center, please visit AAA.com/CarCare or call **866-AAA-AUTO** (866-222-2886) to locate a AAA Car Care Center near you.

