A Few Things
Every Man Needs To Know About:

CARS – Cheat Sheet

# OBD Readers

To find a reasonably priced OBD Reader, go to eBay or Amazon and search for “OBD Reader” and either WiFi or Bluetooth.

* For iOS Devices – Purchase a WiFi Reader
* For Android or Windows Devices – Purchase WiFi or Bluetooth

For the software, just go to your device’s “app store” and search for ODB apps. Most are free but there are also premium apps available that do have a cost. For simple code reading and clearing, most free apps will get the job done.

***TOP TIP*** *– If you read a code that doesn’t make any sense, just do an Internet search for your car model and year, along with the trouble code. Quickly you will find more information on the problem and what could be causing it. In most cases, you won’t be the first one to experience the trouble you’re having.*

# Technical Service Bulletins (TSBs)

This one is easy… simply do an Internet Search for your car model & year along with the letters “TSB.” Do this every so often to keep up with new problems. If you are headed to the dealer for any reason, always look up TSBs before going. If you find something you think they should look at, print it out, bring it in and ask them to fix it for free.

# Oil Changes

* Most cars DO NOT need oil changes every 3,000 miles.
* Check your owner’s manual for the recommended interval
* If you hate getting your oil changed, consider switching to full-synthetic oil, which can go 10,000-15,000 miles before a change. It is 2-3 times more expensive, but about the same in the long run.