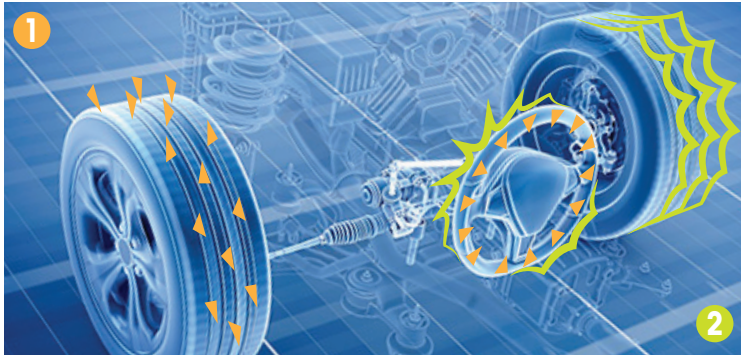


Top Signs of a Failing Intermediate Shaft

A failing CV axle intermediate shaft can lead to serious drivability issues. Recognizing these warning signs early can help prevent costly repairs and ensure vehicle safety.



1. Clunking or Clicking Noises

A worn or failing intermediate shaft may produce clunking or clicking sounds, especially when turning or shifting gears (e.g., from park to drive/reverse).

2. Vibrations While Driving

A compromised shaft can cause noticeable vibrations in the steering wheel or throughout the vehicle, particularly at higher speeds.

3. Grease Leakage

Torn CV boots or a deteriorating shaft may cause grease leaks onto the wheel, tire, or undercarriage, leading to accelerated wear and potential contamination of other components.

4. Excessive Play or Loose Connection

Excessive play or a wobbly feeling where the shaft connects to the transmission or axle may indicate wear or misalignment.

5. Difficulty Turning

Steering may feel stiff or unresponsive, particularly at low speeds, due to excessive friction or a failing shaft.

6. Car Pulling to One Side

An uneven power distribution from a worn intermediate shaft may cause the vehicle to pull slightly to one side while driving.

7. Unusual Resistance During Acceleration

Hesitation, sluggishness, or resistance when accelerating can be a sign of a failing intermediate shaft, particularly in front-wheel-drive vehicles.

8. Loss of Power to Wheels

In severe cases, a broken intermediate shaft can lead to a complete loss of power, preventing the car from moving despite the engine running.

WHAT TO DO NEXT?

If you notice any of these symptoms, have your CV axle and intermediate shaft inspected immediately to prevent further damage and ensure safe vehicle operation.

Note: Often, only the intermediate shaft may need to be replaced when the entire CV is initially thought to be at fault.

Fix the Cause - Not the Symptom.