

3 Signs Your Mustang Might Need a New Clutch

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It's that sinking feeling every Mustang owner dreads—do I need a new clutch? Some clutch-related problems are easily repaired, but others require a fresh start. How do you know? Read on to learn about some of the most common signs of a bad clutch.

1. Vibration

You'll recognize vibration or chatter in your clutch when you're lifting off the pedal and the clutch is starting to engage. At first, this pulsation is only felt in the clutch pedal, but as the problem worsens you may feel the whole car jiggling as it accelerates. Unfortunately, this type of vibration almost always means you'll need a brand-new clutch.

2. Slipping

Ever put your 'Stang in gear to take off but only made a bunch of noise instead? Your clutch is slipping. When you can rev the engine but the car just won't go, it may be time for some one-on-one attention. But for this one, you can do a little happy dance—if you catch this early enough you may be able to get away with making some preventative repairs.

3. Sticking

If you can't get your baby to go into gear or it feels like the tranny's stuck, you're more than likely having trouble with the clutch. This issue can also manifest as trouble getting into reverse or being stuck in the gear you're in. Does this describe your situation? Then there's a good chance you can make some repairs and get out of having to replace the whole clutch if you don't let it get any worse.

Not all clutch problems are created equal, and you might not have to go for the full replace just yet. Early diagnosis is the key here! If you're noticing any of these problems, it's time to check out the clutch and its related components to head off any further damage.