



## 'Ask Hanip'

I've been driving my Toyota Corolla AE101 1.6A for over 5-years now, I bought the car from a second-hand car dealer and the car has served me well with very little problems till recently, when I noticed the engine takes a few more cranks before starting up and the car seems to have lost a significant amount of power whilst the engine noise

became rather rough. Is this normal for a COE car or does this spell the end of my beloved Corolla. AMY XIA

**HARNIP:** Don't worry Amy, your Toyota Corolla isn't going anywhere near the scrapyard yet. But what you must do is to immediately send your car for a major overhaul and servicing to rectify the exact cause of the problems you encounter. Servicing is essential as well as it would help lubricate engine parts allowing for less restriction and smoother operation. Although I haven't done a detailed diagnostic of your car yet, but I'm pretty certain that it isn't anything to worry about. These issues are usually related to normal wear and tear of the alternator, engine belts and various parts which can be easily replaced without paying an arm or a leg.

