



'Ask Hanip'

I'm currently driving a Toyota Picnic and my mileage is currently at 130000km. The car had served me well for the last 4 years until 2 weeks ago when I was caught in a peak hour traffic jam, I suddenly felt my car's engine starting to vibrate rather violently at idle, and this problem even persisted while I switched my auto-transmission into drive mode.

Thinking nothing of it at first, I brushed off the vibrations as they went away after awhile, but at the next traffic junction that I stopped at it came on again. This carried on regularly for the next few days till I really got worried. A check with my regular mechanic near my house revealed nothing and he said this was typical of older cars, is this true? Somehow I didn't really believe what he said, hence I wrote this letter. Is there anything wrong with my car? DANIEL YONG

Harnip: Hi Daniel, there are a number of possible reasons why your vehicle would



vibrate violently during operation. One of the main reasons is usually the engine mounting which wears out through prolong usage. Other possible reasons



could be also be attributed to an ECU defect, a faulty air-con compressor, faulty belt tensioner, faulty ISC valve or even a dirty throttlebody assembly.

Nevertheless, it would be best to immediately bring down your car to an authorized Borneo Motors workshop to get the problem diagnosed and rectified. I would also like to take this opportunity to inform readers not to leave anything to chance, the moment you feel something is not right in the way your car operates please do send it down for immediate diagnosis, also drivers should never neglect regular servicings. I hope this helps!