



Fair Price Report
real repair records, not a labor
guide

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Chevrolet Malibu — Timing Belt Or Chain Replacement

What owners actually paid for this repair, computed from **real, paid Chevrolet Malibu timing belt or chain replacements** at independent shops across the US.

\$339

typical total — half of all Chevrolet Malibu timing belt or chain replacement jobs cost less, half cost more

Fair range **\$245 – \$472**

the middle half of all invoices
(parts + labor + fees)



LINE ITEM	LOW (1 IN 4 PAID LESS)	TYPICAL	HIGH (3 IN 4 PAID LESS)
Parts — Timing belt or chain kit Belt or chain with tensioners and guides; often the water pump and seals	\$75	\$104	\$155
Labor — 1.9 hrs typical Range 1.3 – 2.5 hrs: remove accessories and covers, replace the timing components, reseal, retime the engine, reassemble	\$124	\$171	\$264
Shop fees, supplies & tax The remainder of a typical invoice after parts and labor; varies by state and shop	—	~\$64	—
Total — what owners paid	\$245	\$339	\$472

Low / typical / high are computed per line, so they don't add up exactly to the totals — the total row is the real distribution of complete invoices.

IS YOUR QUOTE FAIR?

A quote between **\$245 and \$472** is inside the band where half of all Chevrolet Malibu timing belt or chain replacements landed. Below it is not automatically a bargain (belt only on an accessible engine, pump reused); above it is not automatically gouging (full kit with water pump and seals, chain guides on a V-engine, interference engines where timing is critical) — but both ends deserve a question.

WHAT MOVES THE PRICE

- **Belt vs. chain** — belts are scheduled maintenance; chain jobs are deeper and costlier.
- **Water pump** — usually replaced with a belt — it's behind the same covers.
- **Engine layout** — V-engines with two chains or belts take much longer.

ABOUT THIS DATA · HOW TO USE THIS REPORT

Vehicle **Chevrolet Malibu, model years 1998–2022**
Data confidence **Good** — *good sample, dependable ranges*
Records through **July 2026**, refreshed continuously
Source **paid invoices from independent US repair shops**

Bring it to the shop. Ask for the written estimate split into parts, labor hours and rate, and fees — then compare each line. A shop that explains a number above the range is doing its job; one that won't is telling you something too.

NOT A QUOTE This report describes what other owners paid for the same repair. Your year, engine, region and the parts chosen shift the number. FixDozer does not perform repairs and receives nothing from shops.

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