



Diagnosis Brief
what this complaint usually turns out to be

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Transmission Slipping or Shifting Hard — What It Usually Is

How real visits for transmission behavior ended at independent shops across the US — the part actually replaced, how often, and what it cost when it was the only fix.

Transmission or gasket / seal

Nearly half of all these visits end in one of these two

Transmission **\$214 – \$1,466**

Gasket / seal **\$65 – \$444**

typical cost when it was the only fix
(parts + labor)

THE FIX INVOLVED	SHARE OF THESE VISITS*	TYPICAL COST†	MEDIAN
Transmission	31.1%	\$214 – \$1,466	\$384
Gasket / seal	20.1%	\$65 – \$444	\$188
Transmission service	11.2%	\$186 – \$464	\$285
Clutch	9.0%	\$246 – \$1,016	\$597
Filter	9.0%	\$45 – \$203	\$92
Sensor	9.0%	\$180 – \$433	\$287
Solenoid	5.6%	\$150 – \$446	\$282
Switch	4.5%	\$126 – \$344	\$216
Cables / wiring	3.8%	\$121 – \$392	\$225
Other, rarer causes	smaller shares — shift solenoids, speed sensors, valve bodies, mounts	varies	—

*Share of visits whose repair involved this part; combined repairs count toward each part, so shares overlap and don't add to 100%.

†Middle half of real invoices when this was the only fix — parts + labor, all vehicle types.

WHICH ONE IS YOURS? LISTEN FIRST

- **First check is always the fluid** — Low, burnt, or ancient fluid explains a remarkable share of shifting complaints.
- **Slipping under load** — RPM that flares without speed on hills is classic slip.
- **Won't go into gear when cold or hot** — Temperature-dependent behavior points at valve-body or solenoid issues rather than mechanical failure — a meaningful difference in the eventual bill.

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THE SHOP

Expect a fluid check and a scan for transmission codes before any big number — low or burnt fluid and a failed solenoid are common, cheaper answers. A rebuild or replacement is the expensive tail and deserves a second opinion. Ask whether the shop tested the fluid and read the codes before naming the fix.

ABOUT THIS DATA · HOW TO USE THIS BRIEF

Vehicles **all makes and models, US fleet**

Data confidence **High** — *large sample, stable shares*

Records through **July 2026**, refreshed continuously

Source **paid invoices from independent US repair shops**

Take it to the shop. It tells you what the likely answers are and what each one should cost — so when the diagnosis comes back, you already know whether the number fits. Vehicle-specific price reports for the common fixes are on fixdozer.com.

NOT A DIAGNOSIS

This brief describes how other owners' visits for transmission behavior ended. Your vehicle, its history and the shop's testing decide yours. FixDozer does not perform repairs and receives nothing from shops.

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