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TOPPING OFF BRAKE FLUID

- Have you ever topped off your brake fluid?
- Brake fluid doesn't usually need to be topped off. If you have to do this, there may be a problem in your braking system.
- There are 5 types of brake fluids: DOT3, DOT 4, DOT 5, DOT 3/4, DOT 5.1 and Long Life DOT 5.1. DOT stands for DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.
- If you have to top off for some reason, do not mix different types of brake fluids. Mixing different types of brake fluids is a bad idea as it can significantly reduce braking system efficiency.
- Some mechanics are not mindful of not mixing different types of brake fluids so you may have to keep an eye on this for yourself.
- More on why not to mix types of brake fluids in the next weekly tip.



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