

# how to know if wheel bearing is bad

You can usually tell something is wrong with your wheel bearing by the way it sounds. If you hear a grinding or screeching noise when you turn the wheel, it's probably time to have your vehicle checked out.

If you have a front-wheel drive vehicle and your wheel bearing is bad, it will be difficult to steer the car. In this situation, the car may pull in one direction or another.

If you have a rear-wheel drive vehicle and your wheel bearing is bad, it will be difficult to steer the car and it may make a grinding sound when turning.

**If the [wheel bearing](#) is bad and the car is driven, it can have serious consequences.**

Wheel bearings are supposed to last for many years, but sometimes they fail prematurely. If a wheel bearing fails, you might hear a grinding or loud noise from the front end as you drive. The noise may be more noticeable when making turns or when you accelerate or brake hard.

If left unrepaired, your wheel could lock up and cause your vehicle to skid out of control on the road. If this happens, you could lose control of your vehicle and get into an accident that causes significant damage to your car – and possibly even death.

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When you're driving, a bad wheel bearing can make it feel like your car is shaking or bouncing.

If you hear a growling, grinding or rumbling noise when you're driving, it could be caused by a damaged wheel bearing. A damaged wheel bearing usually makes a growling or rumbling noise that gets louder as the vehicle goes faster. The problem usually gets progressively worse until the bearing is replaced.

A damaged wheel bearing might also cause a clunking sound when you brake, accelerate or turn corners, and it may make steering unpredictable. If left untreated, it could lead to more serious problems in other parts of your vehicle's suspension system.

**A bad wheel bearing can cause a vibration in the steering system.**

If you notice a knocking or grinding sound in your wheels, it could be an indication of a problem with your wheel bearings.

A wheel bearing is a device that allows a wheel to spin freely and smoothly on its axle. It can be made of metal or plastic and is usually located inside the hubcap. The wheel usually has grease fittings where the bearings are installed to keep them from rusting or from becoming dry and worn out over time.

If your car is making noises while you're driving, especially if they are accompanied by vibrations in the steering system, then it's likely that one or more of your wheel bearings needs

replacing. You may also notice that when you go over bumps in the road, your steering wheel shakes back and forth slightly. This can also be caused by defective wheel bearings that need replacing.

## **Worn wheel bearings may also cause a wobbling feeling when you're driving at high speeds.**

Worn wheel bearings that cause a vibration at highway speeds can be dangerous if they affect your steering. The steering may become stiffer or lose power, and you could lose control of the vehicle. You should have your tires checked for worn out bearings as soon as possible.

Worn Wheel Bearings Can Cause a Wobbling Feeling When You're Driving at High Speeds.

If your car is vibrating when you're driving at high speeds, it may be because your wheel bearings are worn out. A worn-out bearing may also cause a wobbling feeling when you're driving at high speeds, especially over bumps in the road.

When the rubber in a bearing wears out, it starts to separate from its metal shell. This allows more movement inside the bearing than normal, which causes it to wear down faster than normal. The result is vibrations that get worse over time until they're noticeable while you're driving down the road.

## **When accelerating, if there's a vibration or humming sound coming from the wheels, this can mean that**

# **there's a problem with the wheel bearings.**

If you hear a humming, grinding or squeaking sound when accelerating, especially when turning left or right, this may be an indication that your front wheel bearings need attention.

Front wheel bearings are usually located in the hub of the wheel and are designed to help support your car's weight and to allow it to rotate freely. They're made up of two different parts: the inner race (which is fitted into the hub) and outer race (which fits on top of your axle). The grease in between these two parts helps them to move smoothly as they swivel around each other while you're driving.

If they get dirty or fail on their own, they can cause all sorts of problems – including poor steering control, “shimmy” steering at high speeds and vibrations through the steering column. The fix isn't too difficult – but it does require taking off some of your car's exterior panels before getting down to business!

## **If you feel like your steering wheel isn't working properly and feels loose, this may be due to a bad wheel bearing.**

A wheel bearing is the part of the steering system that allows the steering wheel to turn smoothly without unnecessary friction. When your vehicle experiences problems with its steering system, it's usually due to one of two issues: looseness in the steering or excessive play in the suspension.

When you turn your steering wheel, there should be no movement

at all in the column. If you notice that when you turn left or right, there's some play in the column, then it's likely that you have a bad wheel bearing. The problem lies with the bearing itself and not with any other parts of the system. If you think this might be happening with your vehicle, then take it into an auto repair shop immediately so they can diagnose the issue for you and fix it as soon as possible before it gets worse.

## **Bad wheel bearings can cause car problems that are dangerous to drivers and their passengers.**

Problems with wheel bearings can be dangerous because they affect how your vehicle steers. If your wheel bearings are bad, you could lose control of your car on the road or get into an accident because it's difficult to steer properly with bad wheel bearings.

So how can you tell if your wheel bearings are bad? Many times, you'll hear a grating sound; this is the telltale sign that something is amiss. You should be able to identify it by the sound alone, but it's always good to confirm with a visual inspection. If you see or hear a problem, don't live with it; take immediate action to keep your car from experiencing further damage.