

Wasn't allowed to post for a day...

Now, don't be insulting my car. First and only one I ever purchased new; over 280K miles; never been in an accident. Years ago some vandals messed with it keying the side, etc. which Toyota fixed. This resulted in Toyota repainting the hood and one entire side of the vehicle for free just a little less than 3 years ago. The car had some blistering paint; and I was thinking I was going to have to pay for it to be painted; and my lovely wife pointed out that every place which was blistering and peeling - Toyota had fixed. They always provide these 'lifetime' warranties - so Toyota repainted the hood and one entire side - totally for free... The other side has a few minor scratches - but not bad. I recently had the front seats recovered as well - so the interior looks very good.

I like 'new' parts - they usually come with warranties (sometimes 'lifetime'. I have a ton of parts - which I no longer pay for. Provided for free. (Drive shafts; shocks; control arms; ball joints; alternator; starter; distributor; maf; power steering pump; etc.) I 'just' provide the labor. The pump was from Rock Auto; - Nippon Denso original equipment. The fuel tank was also purchased from Rock - although they shipped it 4 times - before we finally got one that was not dented. The in tank pump bracket (which has the wiring for the pump) was purchased from Toyota; and cost way to many pennies.

Some, like the MAF are 'rebuilt'. And frankly - the rebuild on the MAF is not very good. No one makes the circuit board anymore; and not much call for parts for my car - so even 'lifetime' warranties from various manufacturer's (like BWD or Beck/Arnely) start becoming useless.

So, I have a couple of MAF's from Pick'n Pull; as backups on the warranted 'rebuild'.

BTW: I recently needed to change out the License plate lights (for the first time.) Got in a hurry (my very bad) - and I damaged the back hatch plastic trim. This is no longer available from Toyota. I have been to pick'n pull; driven to Oregon even - in my quest. If anyone knows of a the large plastic trim piece for an 88 Wagon - going on the rear hatch back door - in excellent condition - I would appreciate it.

Beauty is in the eyes of the beholder. My car is definitely not a roadster. It has been reliable transportation. Maintenance is always required of any vehicle; and except for the fact of parts becoming much more difficult to obtain - I might put over 1 Mil on this vehicle.