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**Mechanical  
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## MECHANICAL HOBBIES NEED WORK

So you're thinking of getting into a mechanical hobby? Mechanical hobbies are a great way to learn about engines and drive systems, but you firstly need to determine whether you really want to learn about these things, or whether you just want to play with the vehicle.

All mechanical hobbies require some maintenance. Mechanical vehicles (cars, planes, helicopters, boats etc), do not last forever. The parts will break on impact and they will wear with normal use

and eventually require replacing. Engines need to be tuned. Moving parts need to be lubricated. Vibrating parts may need to be glued into place.



We are not trying to talk you out of getting into a mechanical hobby. We just want you to make the right decision.

If you just want "*something that goes*" with as little maintenance as possible, your first choice should be electric. Electric vehicles use a dependable electric motor and rechargeable batteries. There's not too much setting up, and not too much can go wrong until you have a crash. It is still advisable to follow the

manufacturer's handbook, regularly tighten loose parts and lubricate moving parts, but you won't have to tune your engine.

If you enjoy mechanical tweaking and tuning, you can't go past nitro or petrol engines. These hobbies are fun for people who like to spend some time maintaining the vehicle and tuning the engine to get peak performance. Getting the vehicle running "*just right*" is half the fun.

### In summary

- **Electric hobbies require less maintenance but still often leave you with options to upgrade and tweak parts if you want to.**
- **Nitro or petrol hobbies require more maintenance and are for people who definitely want to get their hands dirty.**



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