



Your Engine Cooling System: When to Flush, When Not To

The cooling system in your GM vehicle is filled with Dex-Cool® engine coolant (exceptions listed below). This coolant is designed to remain in your vehicle for five years or 150,000 miles (240,000 km), whichever comes first.

Dex-Cool is orange in color to distinguish it from other coolants. However, due to some inconsistencies in the mixing of dyes used with Dex-Cool, some batches may appear pink after time. The color shift from orange to pink does not affect the integrity of the coolant and still maintains the 5-year/150,000-mile service interval.

Mixing conventional Green (ethylene glycol-based) coolant with Orange Dex-Cool during routine servicing will degrade the service interval from the 5 years/150,000 miles to 2 years/30,000 miles.

If contamination occurs, the cooling system must be flushed twice immediately and refilled with a 50/50 mixture of Dex-Cool and clean water to preserve the enhanced properties and extended service interval. If you use the proper coolant (Dex-Cool) you do not have to add inhibitors or other popular additives, which claim to improve the system. These can be harmful.

ADDING COOLANT

If you need more coolant, add the proper Dex-Cool mixture (50% Dex-Cool & 50% drinkable water) at the recovery tank, which indicates the appropriate fill level. If the coolant recovery tank is completely empty, coolant must be added directly to the radiator with caution.

Turning the radiator pressure cap when the engine and radiator are hot can allow steam liquids to blow out and burn you badly. With the coolant recovery tank, you will almost never have to add coolant to the radiator. See your professional service technician or refer to your Owner's Manual.