

# Dodge Neon 2000-2003 Repair and Maintenance Guide

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# Chapter 1: Introduction to the Dodge Neon

## 1. History of the Dodge Neon

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The Neon was developed as a replacement for the Dodge Shadow and Plymouth Sundance. It was designed to be a more affordable and fuel-efficient car than its predecessors. The Neon was also designed to be more fun to drive, with a stiffer suspension and more responsive steering.

The first-generation Neon was introduced in 1994. It was available in base, ES, and R/T trim levels. The base model came with a 132-horsepower 2.0-liter engine, while the ES and R/T models came with a 150-

horsepower 2.0-liter engine. All models were available with either a five-speed manual transmission or a three-speed automatic transmission.

The second-generation Neon was introduced in 1999. It was redesigned with a more modern look and feel. The second-generation Neon was also available in base, ES, and R/T trim levels. The base model came with a 132-horsepower 2.0-liter engine, while the ES and R/T models came with a 150-horsepower 2.0-liter engine. All models were available with either a five-speed manual transmission or a four-speed automatic transmission.

The Dodge Neon was discontinued in 2005. It was replaced by the Dodge Caliber. The Neon was a popular car during its production run, and it is still considered to be a good value for used car buyers.

## **Paragraph 2**

The Dodge Neon was named after the element neon. Neon is a noble gas that is known for its bright red light. The Neon's name was chosen to reflect the car's sporty and youthful image.

## **Paragraph 3**

The Neon was a popular car with young drivers. It was affordable, fuel-efficient, and fun to drive. The Neon was also available in a variety of colors and trim levels, which made it appealing to a wide range of buyers.

## **Paragraph 4**

The Neon was also a popular car with tuners. Its affordable price and sporty handling made it a good platform for modifications. Tuners often added aftermarket parts to their Neons to improve their performance and appearance.

## Paragraph 5

The Neon was discontinued in 2005, but it remains a popular car with used car buyers. The Neon is a good value for money, and it is still considered to be a fun and reliable car to drive.

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## 2. Model Years and Trim Levels

The Dodge Neon was produced from 1994 to 2005, and it underwent several changes throughout its production run. The most significant changes occurred in 1999, when the Neon received a facelift and a new engine lineup.

### **1994-1999**

The first-generation Neon was introduced in 1994, and it was available in sedan and coupe body styles. It was powered by a 2.0-liter four-cylinder engine that produced 132 horsepower. The Neon was offered in three trim levels: base, Sport, and ES.

The base model came with standard features such as air conditioning, power windows, and power locks. The Sport model added fog lights, a rear spoiler, and alloy

wheels. The ES model was the top-of-the-line trim, and it came with leather seats, a sunroof, and a premium sound system.

## **2000-2002**

The second-generation Neon was introduced in 2000, and it received a facelift and a new engine lineup. The 2.0-liter four-cylinder engine was replaced by a 2.4-liter four-cylinder engine that produced 150 horsepower. The Neon was also offered with a new 2.0-liter turbocharged four-cylinder engine that produced 215 horsepower.

The trim levels for the second-generation Neon were SE, SXT, and R/T. The SE was the base model, and it came with standard features such as air conditioning, power windows, and power locks. The SXT added fog lights, a rear spoiler, and alloy wheels. The R/T was the top-of-the-line trim, and it came with leather seats, a sunroof, and a premium sound system.

## **2003-2005**

The third-generation Neon was introduced in 2003, and it received minor changes. The 2.4-liter four-cylinder engine was replaced by a 1.8-liter four-cylinder engine that produced 132 horsepower. The Neon was also offered with a new 2.4-liter four-cylinder engine that produced 160 horsepower.

The trim levels for the third-generation Neon were SE, SXT, and SRT-4. The SE was the base model, and it came with standard features such as air conditioning, power windows, and power locks. The SXT added fog lights, a rear spoiler, and alloy wheels. The SRT-4 was the top-of-the-line trim, and it came with a turbocharged 2.4-liter four-cylinder engine that produced 230 horsepower.

The Dodge Neon was discontinued after the 2005 model year. It was replaced by the Dodge Caliber.

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## 3. Engine and Transmission Options

The Dodge Neon was available with a variety of engine and transmission options. The base engine was a 2.0-liter four-cylinder engine that produced 132 horsepower and 160 lb-ft of torque. This engine was paired with a five-speed manual transmission or a four-speed automatic transmission.

For those who wanted more power, there was the 2.4-liter four-cylinder engine that produced 150 horsepower and 165 lb-ft of torque. This engine was paired with a five-speed manual transmission or a four-speed automatic transmission.

The top-of-the-line engine was the 2.0-liter turbocharged four-cylinder engine that produced 215 horsepower and 210 lb-ft of torque. This engine was paired with a six-speed manual transmission.

All Neon models were front-wheel drive.

The Neon's engine and transmission options provided a good balance of power, fuel economy, and affordability. The base 2.0-liter engine was a good choice for those who wanted a fuel-efficient car, while the 2.4-liter engine provided more power for those who wanted a more spirited driving experience. The 2.0-liter turbocharged engine was the best choice for those who wanted the most power and performance.

No matter which engine and transmission option you choose, the Dodge Neon is a fun and affordable car to drive.

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