2008-2012 Chevrolet Malibu - Wheel Alignment Info

2008-2012 Chevrolet Malibu | Easy | 1-2 hours | $0 DIY

TOOLS

Floor Jack Jack Stands Lug Wrench 10mm Socket Torque Wrench Measuring Tape Bubble Level Wheel Chocks Screwdriver

STEPS

1. **Understand what an alignment corrects - On the Chevrolet Malibu (2008-2012 typical years** for this guide): wheel alignment sets camber, caster, and toe so tires track straight and wear evenly.
2. **Inspect tires and suspension first - On the Chevrolet Malibu: before chasing alignment,** check tire pressures to the door-sticker values, look for cupped or inner/outer shoulder wear, and inspect ball joints, tie-rod ends, control-arm bushings, and wheel bearings for play.
3. **Note symptoms that suggest misalignment - On the Chevrolet Malibu: common clues include** the steering wheel off-center on a straight road, the car pulling to one side on level pavement, or rapid inner/outer tire wear.
4. **When to get a professional alignment - On the Chevrolet Malibu: get a four-wheel** alignment after replacing tie rods, control arms, struts, or subframe work, after a curb/pothole hit, or when new tires are installed.
5. **DIY checks you can do safely - On the Chevrolet Malibu: on level ground you can measure** front toe roughly with a tape across tread centers (compare to service specs) and visually check that both front tires lean the same amount.
6. **Aftercare and tire life tips - On the Chevrolet Malibu: rotate tires on schedule, keep** pressures correct, and recheck alignment if a pull returns. After any suspension repair, torque fasteners to spec at ride height where the manual requires it so bushings are not prelo...

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