

Pull out your current policy and check the box next to any coverage you can confirm is already in place — anything unchecked is worth a quick conversation with your advisor. Coverage checklist for quick-lube and oil-change shops. Priorities reflect typical exposure; confirm against pit design and services.

CORE

PREVALENT

SITUATIONAL

— Core: almost always needed · Prevalent: commonly carried by businesses in this class · Situational: depends on specific exposure

COVERAGE	WHY THIS BUSINESS NEEDS IT	PRIORITY
☐ Garage Liability (incl. Completed Operations)	Covers injuries from the shop's work after the vehicle leaves — the core coverage for repair shops.	CORE
☐ Garagekeepers	Covers customers' vehicles in the shop's care — confirm the basis (legal liability vs. direct) and limit.	CORE
☐ Pollution Liability	Covers used oil and fluid spills.	PREVALENT
☐ Commercial Property & Business Income	Covers the building and equipment.	CORE
☐ Workers' Compensation	Required in most states; lifts, tools, and chemicals drive injuries.	CORE

COMMON COVERAGE GAP FOR THIS CLASS

The most commonly missed gap for this class is coverage for engine damage from service errors. A missed drain plug or wrong fluid can ruin an engine within miles, and some policies limit coverage for damage to the customer's vehicle from the shop's own work. Shops should confirm how garage liability and garagekeepers handle these claims, use a second-person drain-plug check, and keep customers out of pits and bays.

IMPORTANT — PLEASE READ

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