

#automotive

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COMMUNITY GARAGE: FIX YOUR VEHICLE YOURSELF, OR HAVE IT REPAIRED AT A LOWER COST.

Structure : Self-Service Garage

Difficulté : facile



What is a community garage?

A community garage, also known as a participatory garage or a solidarity garage, allows people to repair their own vehicles or have them repaired at a lower cost.

In fact, the customers of these solidarity garages, who are in precarious situations, cannot afford to go to a regular garage. The economic model of these garages relies partly on grants from local authorities, the government, and sometimes the resale of used vehicles.

What is a self-service garage?

A self-service garage is a do-it-yourself garage. You can rent lifts and equipment, and buy spare parts (brake pads, etc.) or products needed for maintenance (filters, oil, etc.). The concept of garages where customers do their own repairs is not new, but it had disappeared until recently. Today, several self-service garages have opened throughout France. The garage where the customer is also the mechanic, while benefiting from the advice of a professional.

What are the benefits?

Significant savings

By doing the work yourself, you save on labor costs, which have risen significantly in recent years.

Guided learning

Thanks to the mechanics on site, and even if you don't know anything about it at first, you'll quickly learn the basic techniques for maintaining your car.

What kind of work can you do yourself?

Some tasks are not possible for safety reasons. Here are a few examples of possible repairs:

- Vehicle maintenance: oil change, air/oil/pollen filters, wiper blades, etc.
- Replacing brake pads and/or rotors
- Exhaust replacement or repair
- Replacement of suspension components
- Clutch replacement
- Replacement of starter motor, alternator
- Replacement of driveshafts, ball joints, etc.

Where can I find a community garage or self-service garage near me?

- **Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes** > [Ain \(1\)](#) [Allier \(0\)](#) [Ardèche \(1\)](#) [Cantal \(1\)](#) [Drôme \(0\)](#) [Haute-Loire \(2\)](#) [Haute-Savoie \(0\)](#) [Isère \(2\)](#) [Loire \(1\)](#) [Puy-de-Dôme \(1\)](#) [Rhône \(2\)](#) [Savoie \(0\)](#)
- **Burgundy-Franche-Comté** > [Côte-d'Or \(1\)](#) [Doubs \(1\)](#) [Haute-Saône \(0\)](#) [Jura \(0\)](#) [Nièvre \(0\)](#) [Saône-et-Loire \(1\)](#) [Territoire-de-Belfort \(1\)](#) [Yonne \(1\)](#)
- **Brittany** > [Côtes-d'Armor \(0\)](#) [Finistère \(1\)](#) [Ille-et-Vilaine \(3\)](#) [Morbihan \(2\)](#)
- **Centre-Val de Loire** > [Cher \(1\)](#) [Eure-et-Loir \(1\)](#) [Indre \(0\)](#) [Indre-et-Loire \(1\)](#) [Loir-et-Cher \(3\)](#) [Loiret \(0\)](#)
- **Corsica** > [Southern Corsica \(0\)](#) [Upper Corsica \(1\)](#)
- **Grand Est** > [Ardennes \(1\)](#) [Aube \(0\)](#) [Bas-Rhin \(0\)](#) [Haut-Rhin \(1\)](#) [Haute-Marne \(0\)](#) [Marne \(0\)](#) [Meurthe-et-Moselle \(3\)](#) [Meuse \(0\)](#) [Moselle \(0\)](#) [Vosges \(0\)](#)
- **Hauts-de-France** > [Aisne \(0\)](#) [Nord \(0\)](#) [Oise \(1\)](#) [Pas-de-Calais \(0\)](#) [Somme \(2\)](#)
- **Ile-de-France** > [Essonne \(3\)](#) [Hauts-de-Seine \(0\)](#) [Paris \(0\)](#) [Seine-et-Marne \(3\)](#) [Seine-Saint-Denis \(1\)](#) [Val-d'Oise \(0\)](#) [Val-de-Marne \(1\)](#) [Yvelines \(2\)](#)
- **Normandy** > [Calvados \(0\)](#) [Eure \(1\)](#) [Manche \(3\)](#) [Orne \(0\)](#) [Seine-Maritime \(2\)](#)
- **Nouvelle-Aquitaine** > [Charente \(1\)](#) [Charente-Maritime \(1\)](#) [Corrèze \(1\)](#) [Creuse \(0\)](#) [Deux-Sèvres \(3\)](#) [Dordogne \(1\)](#) [Gironde \(3\)](#) [Haute-Vienne \(1\)](#) [Landes \(0\)](#) [Lot-et-Garonne \(0\)](#) [Pyrénées-Atlantiques \(2\)](#) [Vienne \(1\)](#)
- **Occitanie** > [Ariège \(1\)](#) [Aude \(0\)](#) [Aveyron \(1\)](#) [Gard \(0\)](#) [Gers \(0\)](#) [Haute-Garonne \(2\)](#) [Hautes-Pyrénées \(1\)](#) [Hérault \(2\)](#) [Lot \(1\)](#) [Lozère \(0\)](#) [Pyrénées-Orientales \(0\)](#) [Tarn \(3\)](#) [Tarn-et-Garonne \(1\)](#)
- **Pays de la Loire** > [Loire-Atlantique \(4\)](#) [Maine-et-Loire \(4\)](#) [Mayenne \(1\)](#) [Sarthe \(2\)](#) [Vendée \(2\)](#)
- **Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur** > [Alpes-de-Haute-Provence \(1\)](#) [Alpes-Maritimes \(1\)](#) [Bouches-du-Rhône \(3\)](#) [Hautes-Alpes \(0\)](#) [Var \(3\)](#) [Vaucluse \(1\)](#)

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