Power steering doesn't seem to be working:

It takes a lot of effort to turn the steering wheel. In fact, at low speeds you can hardly turn it. The problem is less obvious at high speeds simply because you need to move the steering wheel less at those speeds. The problem may have occurred suddenly.

Possible causes:

- 1. No fluid in the power steering reservoir: Fill fluid to proper level.
- 2. You have a bad power steering pump: Repair or replace power steering pump.
- 3. The power steering drive belt is broken: Replace power steering drive belt.
- 4. The fluid in the system is contaminated: Flush power steering out power steering fluid and replace with fresh clean fluid.
- 5. You have a steering linkage problem: Repair or replace linkage parts as required.
- 6. There is a leak in the power steering lines: Replace power steering lines as required.
- 7. Low tire pressure: Check and adjust tire pressures

Hard steering:

You notice it takes much more strength to turn the steering wheel. This is especially noticed when you are trying to park. The problem seems to be getting worse.

Possible causes:

- 1. Low tire pressure: Check and adjust tire pressures.
- 2. The steering gear needs to be lubricated: Lubricate steering gear parts as required.
- 3. The wheels are out of alignment: Have the wheels aligned.
- 4. A part of the steering linkage is damaged and doesn't not move freely: Replace steering gear parts as required.
- 5. Your steering box needs to be adjusted: Adjust steering box as required.
- 6. You have a problem with the power steering pump: Repair or replace power steering pump as required

Noises while turning a corner:

You notice a knocking, clunking, and/or squeaking noise while you turn a corner. Everything else seems to be fine except for the noise. The problem seems to be getting worse over time.

Possible causes:

- 1. Something is rubbing against or hitting the steering column: Locate the interference and repair.
- 2. The steering gear needs to be lubricated or repaired: Lubricate or replace steering gear parts as required.
- 3. Parts of the steering linkage are loose and need to be tightened: Tighten or replace loose parts as required.
- 4. Your tires are hitting or rubbing against something: Locate the interference and repair.
- 5. You have worn suspension parts: Replace suspension parts as required.

Noises from the power steering unit:

You notice a whining or moaning from the steering when you turn the steering wheel all of the way in one direction. Everything else seems to be fine except for the noise. The problem seems to be getting worse over time.

Possible causes:

- 1. The power steering drive belt is damaged or loose: Tighten or replace power steering drive belt as required.
- 2. The fluid in the system has air in it: Bleed power steering system.
- 3. The fluid level in the power steering reservoir is low: Fill fluid to proper level.
- 4. The mount for the power steering pump is loose or damaged: Repair or replace power steering pump mounts as required.