

How a First-Time Buyer Got Their Car Running Again for Less Than \$800

Client Success Story – Used Engine Parts







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Client Overview

Clients Name: Ryan Miller Location: Columbus, Ohio

At usedenginepart.com we deal with all kinds of customers, from experienced mechanics to people who barely know what's under the hood. This story is about a first-time buyer who was in a tough spot and needed a real fix that wouldn't drain his savings. The goal was simple - get the car running without crossing the \$800 mark. We've done this before, but each case is different.

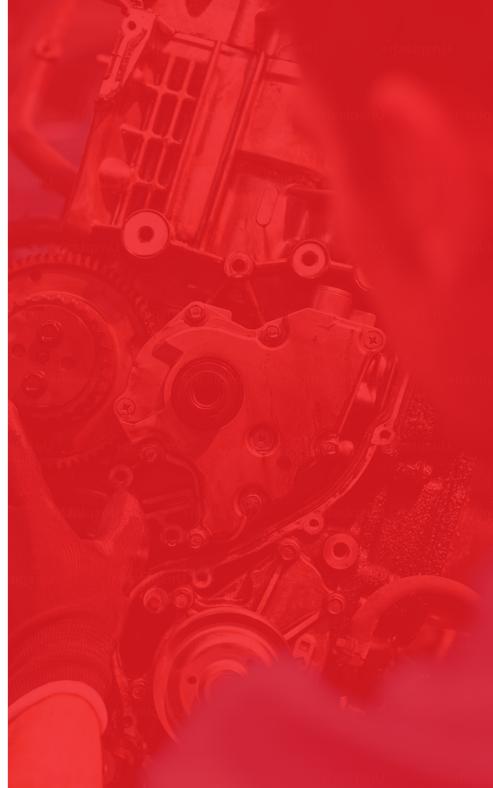


Clients Background

The client is a college going student Ryan Miller from Columbus Ohio. he bought a Ford as his daily drive car. The car was a 2010 Ford Focus with a 148,000 miles tag on it. as he was working part time, he didn't go for fancy car. It fitted perfectly in his budget as well. He was hoping that the car will last till the end of the school. But his assumption was wrong, as the car gave way before the end of the session.

Problem Faced by the Client

About a month after buying the car, Ryan started hearing a knocking sound when driving. Not long after that, the engine lost power. A local shop told him the rod bearings were worn badly and the engine needed a rebuild or replacement. The estimate was more than \$2,000. For Ryan, that was impossible. Without a working car, getting to work and classes would be a real problem. He needed another option.



1.Engine Health That Is Being Used for the Swap

Ryan found us while searching for used engines. After explaining his budget and the situation, we got to work. We located a used 2.0L Duratec engine from a 2011 Ford Focus that had been totaled in a rear-end accident. The engine itself was untouched by the crash.

a. Mileage

The replacement engine had 92,000 miles. This was a solid step down from the high mileage on Ryan's old engine and meant there was still plenty of life left in it.

b. History of the Vehicle

The donor car had a clean record. Service logs showed oil changes every 5,000 miles and recent work on the timing belt and water pump. All maintenance had been done on schedule until the accident. That gave us confidence in the condition of the engine.

2. Challenges in Restoration

The hardest part was keeping the total under \$800. Engine prices depend on mileage and availability, and labor costs can eat into a budget fast. We called a local shop we've worked with before and they agreed to do the swap for a reduced rate since Ryan was buying the engine from us.

We also decided to reuse certain parts from Ryan's old engine — things like the alternator, starter, and intake manifold. That saved a few hundred dollars. We supplied new gaskets and fluids to make sure the install went right.

Time was another issue. Ryan needed the car back in less than a week. The shop got the job done in four days, including testing. That kept him from missing work or classes.

Customer Testimonial



Ryan Miller, Columbus, Ohio:

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"I was sure I'd made a huge mistake buying that car. When the shop told me the cost to fix it, I thought it was over. Finding usedenginepart.com changed that. They found me an engine quick and helped line up a shop that didn't charge crazy labor prices. The engine they sent had fewer miles and runs better than my old one ever did. I've already put a few thousand miles on it and haven't had a single issue. All in, it cost me just under \$800, which I could actually afford. I'm seriously grateful for how fast they made it happen."

Conclusion

This job proved you don't have to spend thousands to get a car running again. Ryan avoided the cost of a rebuild or new engine by going with a tested used engine that had a clear history. Good coordination between usedenginepart.com and the repair shop made it possible to keep the labor costs down. Reusing working parts from the old engine helped save more.

For less than \$800, Ryan went from a stalled car in his driveway to having a dependable daily driver. At usedenginepart.com we focus on finding engines that make sense for the customer's budget and situation. In cases like this, the right part at the right price can mean the difference between losing a car and keeping it on the road.





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