



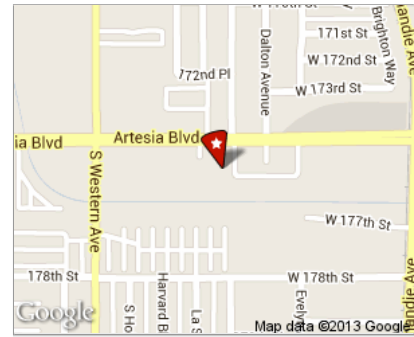
Takeda Enterprises

★★★★★ 29 reviews

Category: Auto Repair

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Mon-Fri 8 am - 6 pm
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29 reviews for Takeda Enterprises

29 reviews in English



Rommel T.
Long Beach, CA

★★★★★ 4/5/2013

After visiting many other mechanics recommended on Yelp, I can now say I found a new home for repairing my Camry and Lexus.

Takeda san is as forthright and honest as can be. He will not sell you things you don't need, but will recommend what is important.

Quality of his work is top notch, uses only quality parts, and charges extremely reasonable rates.

I feel very fortunate to have found this gem in the South Bay. I now I actually look forward to seeing my mechanic.



Steve T.
Downey, CA

★★★★★ 6/28/2013

If you don't have a trusty mechanic, you should give Mike a try. I've been going there for at least five years. I just wished I had found him earlier.



Vincente B.
San Pedro, CA

★★★★★ 5/29/2013

I came here the other day with a car from a used car lot that I was considering on buying. I just wanted to get it checked out. Took about 10 minutes and they raised it. Charged me \$40, thought that was a bit pricey just to look at it and tell me the alignment and steering was bad. I read that they were really cheap and most of the time they wouldn't even charge much to look at it. I don't know, maybe 40 is cheap. I don't really get cars just looked at. He also said something in a heavy accent I couldn't understand but one of the younger guys before who drove it around into the lot to put it in the garage into the lift told me it had bad steering and not to buy it unless I can get it for a really good price. I just decided not to buy it. They were great, very helpful, and quick once they got to helping me. I made an appointment with the wrong department, but that didn't matter they had a space open and saw to me. I waited about 20 minutes which was expected. These guys are honest, but \$40 just to get it looked at, sure they raised it but it took less than 10 minutes and they didn't do much besides look at it. Probably saved me a lot of money by telling me not to buy it, but still. Anyways, watch out for the little cute dog. That thing is vicious.



Caleb H.
Torrance, CA

★★★★★ 4/18/2013

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I hate going to the dealership for any repairs. They make me so mad! They said I had a leak in the radiator and a leak on a water pump o-ring pipe. Strange, didn't you guys just replace my water pump? They quoted me \$2,000 to replace both and said that the o-ring has nothing to do with what they worked on before. My car isn't even worth that much.

I took it to Mike right away. I told him about the leaks the dealer told me about. He did a free pressure test and said the radiator was fine, but i did indeed need to replace the o-ring. But then he asked me if i knew that i had a transmission fluid leak? He lifted the car and showed me. He said it was worse than the radiator leak and that my clutch would've gone if i kept on driving it. Those idiots at the dealer had the car lifted and never told me about this other leak.

He fixed it up in one day and the damage was only \$300. He's earned my trust and my business.



Hanae K.
Torrance, CA

★★★★★ 11/28/2012 2 check-ins here

Words cannot describe how fortunate I am to have Takeda-san in my life :) He's been me and my family's mechanic (total 4 cars) for more than 10years. He truly cares about your car and will find the best/affordable solution for you.

Even when I lived San Diego for almost 3 years I drove to Gardena when I needed my car checked. He never tried to sell me dumb things because I'm a girl.

Ever since people started yelping about this place he's been super busy :) Walk ins are not recommended unless it's an emergency. Please call to make an appointment. If no one answers then try again an hour later (it means he's busy).

They have japanese comic books (in japanese) and you will most likely see his adorable kids hanging out in the waiting room (+ dog) during the day. If you want to kill time then you can walk over to marukai/starbucks/quiznos/blockbuster/etc, which is a block away :)

note: he's a great mechanic, if you need a body shop then I would recommend Gardena Body Shop on Rosecrans Ave. [http://www.yelp.com/biz/...](http://www.yelp.com/biz/)



Keith I.
Torrance, CA

★★★★☆ 3/25/2013 1 check-in here

Great find, thanks to the Yelp reviews. Took my 2010 Acura TSX here this morning for an oil and brake fluid change. Mike Takeda was helpful and honest, he didn't try selling me anything I didn't need and gave me the pros and cons when it came to making a decision on synthetic vs. regular oil. I'll definitely be going back!



Zen C.
Waban, MA

★★★★★ 7/17/2012

Our cars (2001 Subaru and 2004 Lexus) had been taken care of by Takeda-san for 3 years since we moved to LA. / South bay area. He is the most honest, capable and kindest mechanic I've ever met.

He has our 100% trust. Mr. Takeda was the first ever mechanic whom my wife feels perfectly comfortable taking her car by herself. He never does anything unnecessary or unreasonable, but recommends the things you really should do (with no pressure at all). He stands behind his work, too. He does not use the cheapest parts, but uses quality parts at reasonable cost. He took care of our cars just like they were his.

PS. The place is next to Marukai supermarket in Gardena. It's not exactly the easiest place to find. If you are on Artesia St., driving from west to east, slow down once you pass Western avenue and Marukai Supermarket. It's on your right.



Brenda O.
Long Beach, CA

★★★★★ 4/13/2012

Mike is the best mechanic I have ever come across with. Example: dealership quoted \$1,200 for parts and labor, insurance guy wanted me to go to another one that would cost \$750, Takeda Enterprises did the work for \$80-- yeah, no kidding!

Just makes you wonder how rich the dealerships get by ripping everyone off.
Small shop, everything is there, Mike is fast and his family is adorable!



Still Water Runs...
Lakewood, CA

★★★★★ 7/9/2012

Stopped by here this morning at 8:30am to have the Toyota Highlander looked at to see if any repairs or maintenance needed to be done. Remember to call for an appointment.

Mike looked at it and said I don't need any work done.

I do not want to wait until something goes wrong with any vehicle, I rather fix it before it does happen. The engine idle didn't sound right to me, so I had to have a professional take a look at it.

Mike said, based on what he hears and and sees, I'm ok right now with this vehicle.

Again, you need an appointment to see this shop. No Drop Ins unless he doesn't have any appointments for that time.

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Cheri B.
Gardena, CA

★★★★★ 4/4/2012

I took my Dodge van here to get my brake pads replaced and was pleasantly surprised at how easy the whole process was. Mike was friendly & courteous and had my car taken care of in no time at all. He turns the rotors right there in his shop, which is great because this keeps the repair cost fair.

PS: While Mike was working on my car I walked next door to Marukai Market and got in some shopping. All in all, I was able to get a lot accomplished in a couple of hours.



j.p.
Beverly Hills, CA

★★★★★ 3/15/2013 1 check-in here

I've been taking my 1998 honda civic to takeda san for the last 3 years. he is HONEST and DEPENDABLE. when you read these reviews you are likely looking for a trusty mechanic who wont scam you (which is hard to find) i will drive 20 miles just to have my car serviced by this guy. when i finally wanted to sell my car he even found me a buyer... so easy!!!



Anne C.
Torrance, CA

★★★★★ 6/15/2010

Mr. Takeda is the most down to earth and honest mechanic I've ever known.

I was referred to Takeda Enterprise by a former colleague that was very knowledgeable in the auto industry. He told me that he always brought his cars to Takeda Enterprise for any maintenance or repair.

4 years ago, I've started to have my car done at Takeda Enterprise. Since then, I've never had any problems with my car.

Every visit, Mr. Takeda explains clearly to me what is needed and what is unnecessary. He never over charge. In fact, he rounds his fees down a couple of times just to make it easy.

He works with your schedule and is very flexible. It's like having a family member taking care of your car.

I know my safety is in good hands when I have my car regularly checked by Takeda Enterprise!



ashley g.

Irvine, CA



4/17/2011

8 check-ins here

I started looking for a new car place when my old mechanic moved. I found Takeda on yelp and now my whole family goes to him! They are very honest and tell you how it is. my brakes were making a funny noise and instead of just changing them now, he told I didnt need them changed yet!

When you get your oil changed too, if you plan on waiting he tries to get it done asap! I have a small car and he told me it would be done in 15 mins if i wanted to stick around and wait! Thats pretty good service, esp for a car place on a Sat morning!!



Dean Y.
Torrance, CA



10/25/2009

I just began taking my '06 Civic Si here and am so happy to have "Mike".

For many years, I took my 99 M3 to a great shop nearby, but when that car was totaled in June I bought a Honda and began looking for a mechanic that cared about cars and people as much as they did. I'm sure I have in Takeda Enterprises.

I found this shop through Yelp and took my friend's Lexus IS300 there when it began making strange sounds when slowing down. I thought it might be the brakes, but Mike drove the car and soon surmised it was the tires and that the fronts had worn out due to bad alignment. He rotated and the noise moved to the back of the car confirming his suspicion. He took the car next door and had them perform a four wheel alignment. After all the work was done he charged NOTHING for his time and only charged for the alignment that the shop next to him did!

Last week I took my Civic to him for an oil change and an overall inspection. First thing he told me was that these cars don't need anything done at the mileage my car was at, but he looked it over anyway. Everything checked out, he changed the oil and only charged me \$28. I asked him to take more money for his time and expertise in inspecting my car, but he said he couldn't because thats what he charges everyone!

He did confirm my suspicion that my tires had about 5K miles left and he found a nail in one tire. I wish he would have found something else because I wanted him to charge me more.

That and he drives in from his home in Bakersfield!!!!!!!

Good man. Thanks!!



Judson M.
Torrance, CA



12/4/2012

I've worked on cars my whole life and would work on mine today if I had a garage but with renting and all, I simply don't have the capability. Having said that and having gone through POS shops (stealerships and small independents), I am blessed to have found Mike after moving up here to LA. In all my 38 years, no one, and I mean no one, from Fort worth TX to Biloxi MS to Pittsburgh PA to Windom MN, NO ONE has come close to approaching Mike's level of professionalism, integrity, and honesty. Find another mechanic in LA who lives by those virtues. You won't. In fact I haven't found another Mike anywhere from sea to shining sea. Take your car here for repair and stop worrying. He's got you covered.



Sang K.
Gardena, CA



3/15/2012

I was quoted \$150 labor(2 hours) and \$25 part cost from the dealership to replace a broken air guide. The dealership said labor was due to front bumper needing to be removed. i didn't have enough money so I just bought the part and came home.

I brought the part to Mr. Takeda. I didn't know he did not do body work but he said he'll take a look at it. He lifed the car and said he thinks he can install it from underneath. He removed the underguard and somehow managed to get the air guide installed in 20 mins and only charged me \$20 for the labor. He noticed I was missing a screw for the underguard so he installed one for free.

He kindly let me know I was missing a side cover as well. He gladly offered to install it for me if I buy the part and bring the car in for next oil change. He was kind and helpful. Saved me a lot of money and time. No wonder all his reviews are perfect 5 stars.



Nicholas L.
Redondo Beach, CA

★★★★★ 3/28/2012

Very fast, skilled and honest auto mechanic. I reiterate what other reviewers have said about feeling almost guilty for not paying more for the top quality service rendered. Also got to enjoy the company of Takeda-san's two toddlers while I waited for my repairs to be done. Cute kids! Would highly recommend to friends and family! --N



Carolina R.
Lynwood, CA

★★★★★ 6/8/2012

I came to this mechanic shop for an oil change since I found it in yelp with very good reviews and none the less it is a very good reliable shop and the prices are very fair and they don't charge that much for labor which is a plus plus, and yes you do feel like at home n welcomed, they are very nice an courteous with you and yes mike will let you know if your car be needing anything else or if it can wait I'm happy I found this shop :)



Peter A.
Los Angeles, CA

★★★★★ 5/15/2012

I first went to Takeda Enterprises two years ago and found the friendliest, most honest mechanic I have ever met. Back then my transmission would jam and not move out of Park. That day, I had it towed to Takeda at a friend's recommendation, and was very glad my car acted up while I was visiting Gardena. Anyway, when the car was dropped off, the transmission was no longer jammed, but after I explained to Mike what was happening, he knew exactly what the problem was and fixed it at a great price! I had been to three other mechanics who could not figure it out and said I needed to bring it in when it was jammed in Park. That day I knew Mike really knew his stuff!

Today I went to check my brakes and have the evaporator hose replaced on another garage's recommendation. Mike thought I could hold off on the hose (a happy thing given my money situation); he also mentioned my brakes were still good. For his time in checking out my car he did not charge me anything. As others have said Mike is honest and if something does not need replacing he will recommend you hold off. For me he is the only mechanic I would want to go to for any auto repair.



Steve B.
Los Angeles, CA

★★★★★ 3/27/2012

Look no further. Mike with Takeda Enterprises is a friendly and knowledgeable mechanic who is honest and cares about the customer.

I have an older car, and we didn't know what the problem was, but he took his time to isolate the problem and fix it. He went above and beyond what was expected.

Don't waste your time or money with other mechanics. Takeda Enterprises is the place to go for car repairs.



Joyce L.
Torrance, CA

★★★★★ 11/28/2011 11 check-ins here

I just got my car breaks done ahhh such a nice guy and very cheap he sometimes gives my dad a free oil change after he fix something in his car. very nice mechanic and I don't think I'll be going to other mechanic now after a family friend recommended him ;).



Sproquita P.
Redondo Beach, CA

★★★★★ 3/13/2009

I started taking my 1999 Acura to this repair shop after reading reviews on Yelp. Mr. Takeda spends time to explain the problem and offers cost effective solutions when possible. For example, the local gas station recommended replacing my car's back and front struts. Mr. Takeda said the back struts should last another 10 years, thus saving me \$100s in unnecessary work. I trust Mr. Takeda and am satisfied with the car repairs.



RICK H.
Garden Grove, CA

★★★★★ 1/26/2012

I've known Mike ever since he opened his garage in the late 90s. He is very honest and skillful mechanic I have known. He is courteous and nice as a person.

Like the other reviews say, he never tells you to fix something that is not necessary at the time.

I live in OC but do not mind driving up to his place in Gardena even just to chit-chat with him.

He is my top recommendation!



Cameron M.
Brooklyn, NY

★★★★★ 2/11/2008 First to Review

If you have a Japanese car and it's broken, bring it to Takeda. He charges less than anyone else and he cares about his clients. While it's being fixed, take a walk around the corner to Asa Ramen.



Jim P.
Burbank, CA

★★★★★ 9/13/2011

Went here for the first time today and will definitely be back; quick service, very courteous, and great communication.

If you end up needing major work done there's a nice large Japanese market next door, and the shop itself has a very clean and neat bathroom (big plus for me) next to their waiting area.

FYI for anyone going, the shop is located in a sort of auto repair complex - facing the front of the buildings Takeda Enterprises is down the farthest right side with a sign outside the shop.



Aki O.
Gardena, CA

★★★★★ 8/29/2011

I found Mr. Takeda's place in Yelp and I am very glad that I took my car here today!

The oil change took only about 20min!

(The other place that I used to go usually takes about an 1HR!!!)

He also gave a couple of suggestion for my car which I thought it was very thoughtful of him even though I only came in for the oil-change.

I definitely recommend this place if you are looking for the trustful and honest mechanic.
Thank you for your great service, Mr. Takeda!!!



Dragonroll L.
Los Angeles, CA

★★★★★ 6/21/2010

Mike is the best mechanic I have ever met. He is honest and always friendly. I have recommend him to all my friends and family.





M.K.
San Francisco, CA

★★★★★ 1/7/2011

Mike is the most honest, thorough, and fair mechanic I have ever taken my car to. I have a 1995 Honda Accord that recently broke down in SLO. The mechanic in SLO, who claimed to specialize in Hondas, could not fix my car and so I had it towed to Mike's shop. Mike was extremely patient and very diligent in checking my car to ensure it was completely fixed. He is incredibly well priced and fair almost to the point of fault. I only wish I could tell all the Honda/Toyota/Asian Car owners to bring their cars to Takeda.



Benny I.
Glendale, CA

★★★★★ 1/20/2010

Rarely do you go to a mechanic and feel bad you didn't pay more. Yet this happens almost every time I visit Takeda. Takeda rarely charges for his time if he finds nothing wrong. And he is always extremely honest, only making repairs or suggestions if something is wrong. He is an incredible mechanic.

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