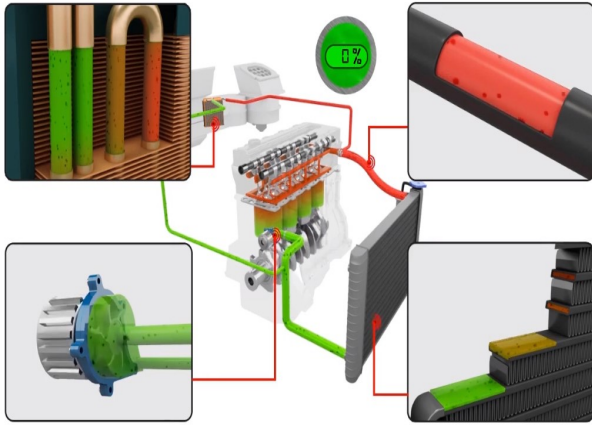


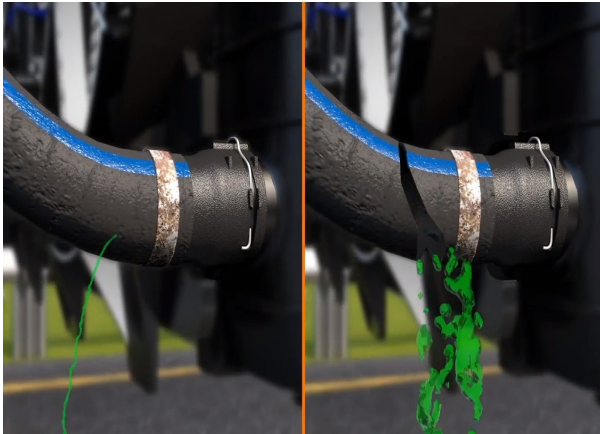
Cracked Radiator Hose



Corrosive radiator fluid can wear hoses from the inside and cause damage to the hose itself.

Radiator hoses are normally made from rubber. They transport the coolant to the radiator and back to the engine.

Radiator and heater hoses can fail for a variety of reasons. Acidic coolant or antifreeze can wear hoses from the inside, resulting in a spongy feel when the hose is squeezed. External damage can occur when a hose is routed in such a way that it rubs against metal parts. Hoses on vehicles that are not used for several months at a time can become dry and start to develop external cracks. Hoses should be replaced when any of these signs occur. It is also advisable to replace hoses when replacing other parts of the cooling system - for example replacing the radiator hoses when replacing the radiator.



Rarely used hoses can become dry and cause external cracks.