

Tell Me Questions

Q1. Tell me how you check the engine oil ?

Remove the dipstick and wipe the end with a clean cloth or rag. Replace the dipstick and remove it again to check the oil on the end which must be between the minimum & maximum markers..

Q2. Tell me how you would check the brake fluid ?

The fluid must show between the minimum and maximum marker levels on the side of the brake fluid reservoir.

Q3. Tell me how you check the coolant level ?

The coolant fluid must show between the minimum and maximum marker levels on the side of the coolant reservoir.

Q4. Tell me how you would check the windscreen washer fluid level ?

The coolant fluid must show between the minimum and maximum marker levels on the side of the washer fluid reservoir. This should be topped up regularly with water & screen wash additive (not anti-freeze) to help clear dirt & grime and to stop it freezing in Winter.

Q5. Tell me how you would check the brake lights are working ?

Press the brake pedal when there is a reflected view of the rear of the car e.g. off another parked car or a shop window, or ask a friend to press the pedal so I could check the lights myself.

Q6. Tell me how you would check that the footbrake is working before starting a journey ?

The brakes should not feel spongy or pull to one side and should be tested as soon you pull away where safe to do so.

Q7. Tell me where you find the recommended tyre pressures and how you would check them ?

Details will be in the manufacturers guide and normally on the passenger side door pillar. The pressure should be checked when the tyres are cold- and the spare should be checked as well, and valve caps should be replaced when necessary.

Q8. Tell me how you would check the tyre's tread depth and that their general condition is safe ?

There must be no cuts or bulges, a minimum of 1.6mm of tread depth across the central three quarters of the width of the tyre and around the whole circumference. All modern tyres will have a 'tread depth marker' in the main thread that gives an easy method of checking that the tread is ok.

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Q9. Show me / explain how you would check that the power steering is working before starting a journey ?

If the steering becomes heavy the system may not be working properly. Before starting a journey two simple checks can be made. Gentle pressure on the steering wheel, maintained while the engine is started, should result in a slight but noticeable movement as the system begins to operate. Alternatively turning the steering wheel just after moving off will give an immediate indication that the power assistance is functioning. It should move easily.

Q10. Show me how you would check the parking brake (hand-brake) for excessive wear, make sure you keep control of the vehicle ?

Apply footbrake firmly, Demonstrate by applying parking brake so that when it is fully applied it secures itself, and is not at the end of the working travel.

Q11. Show me how you would check that the horn is working ?

A check is carried out by pressing gently on the control (turn on ignition if necessary)

Q12. Show me how you would check that the direction indicators are working ?

Applying the indicator switch and check functioning of all indicators.

Q13. Show me how would you check that the headlights and tail lights are working ?

Turn on the lights and walk around the car to check that they all work..

Q14. Show me how you would switch on the rear fog lights and explain when you would use them? How would you know when the fog lights are on?

An amber light would be visible usually on the dash.

Q15. Show me how you would clean the windscreen using the washer and wipers?

Q16. Show me how you would de-mist the windows using the controls. You should show how to turn on the heater controls and the rear de-mister ?

Q17. Show how to set the vents to clear the side windows using the correct heater settings ?

Q18. Show me how to use the air- conditioner by pointing out the correct controls ?