



WINDSCREEN WASHER FLUID

Check regularly top up where necessary by opening cap. No min/max markers.



BRAKE FLUID

Check min/max levels on the side. Consult garage immediately if low. DO NOT drive if below min level.



ENGINE COOLANT

Check regularly by examining min/max levels on the side of reservoir. DO NOT open filler cap if engine is over heating.



ENGINE OIL LEVEL

Pull out the dipstick. Wipe clean. Re-insert then pull out again. Check the oil level between min/max markers

At the beginning of your Driving Test you will be asked two questions on car safety/maintenance. If you get one or both questions wrong you will receive ONE Driving Fault. You will fail your driving test if you accumulate more than FIFTEEN Driving Faults. The next few pages provide you with all of the information you need to get the questions correct.

For your own benefit once you have passed your test it is important to check the safety of your vehicle on a regular basis. Running out of Oil or Brake Fluid on a busy main road like a Motorway could have disastrous consequences for both yourself and other road users. Remember it is the Driver's responsibility not the Owner of the Vehicle to ensure the car you are driving is safe and legal to use on the road.

TYRES

You must have 1.6mm of tread across the central three quarters of your tyres including your spare. There must be no cuts and bulges in the side walls and they must be inflated to the correct pressures. To find out the correct tyre pressure look in the Car's Handbook and use a reliable tyre pressure gauge. Illegal tyres are not just dangerous but could cost you up to a £1500 Fine and 3 points on your Driving Licence per tyre.



DIPPED HEADLIGHTS

Twist the end of the indicator switch away from you. The first setting is for Side Lights (For use when parking at night). The second setting is for dipped headlights for use in wet or gloomy weather and at night. To check the bulbs are working walk round the car checking tail lights are working also.



MAIN BEAM HEADLIGHTS

Pull the end of the indicator switch towards you whilst the Dipped Headlight light symbol is showing. It will change to a blue symbol. Only use when there is no street lighting and no oncoming road users because you will dazzle them. To switch back to Dipped Headlights pull the indicator switch back towards you.



FRONT AND REAR FOG LIGHTS

You should use your fog lights in conjunction with dipped headlights when visibility is less than 100 metres. Make sure the dipped headlights are switched on then twist the middle section of the indicator switch away from you. Once puts on the front Fog Lights, twice puts on the Rear Fog Lights.



WASHING WINDOWS

To wash the front windscreen pull the windscreen wiper switch towards you with your right hand. Fluid will be sprayed and the wipers will wipe for about 5 seconds. To wash back windscreen twist middle section away from you twice then twist back when finished.



DEMISTING CONTROLS

If the front windscreen is misted up (usually when you get in the car with wet clothing or in cold weather) Turn Dial 1 fully clockwise to direct air flow to windscreen. Turn Dial 2 fully clockwise to increase air flow. Turn Dial 3 fully clockwise to increase heat. Press Button 4 to demist the rear window but remember to switch off when finished. NEVER drive off until your car has demisted fully. Once demisted turn the dials back to a more suitable and less noisy setting.



INDICATOR BULBS

To check the indicator bulbs are working press the Hazard Warning Light button and walk around the car checking all of the bulbs

HORN

To test the horn please make sure your car is off the road and between 7am and 11.30pm at night. Ensure the ignition is switched on and press the steering wheel.

BRAKES

Test your brakes by pressing the pedal once the engine is started. If they feel slack or spongy DO NOT drive off. If the car pulls to one side when under braking then pull over as soon as possible. To test your brake lights are working reverse up to something reflective and press the foot brake using your mirror to check bulbs. You could also ask someone to help. If you have ABS brakes and they are faulty a light will illuminate on the dashboard.

PARKING BRAKE

Also known as the hand brake it is important that this is adjusted properly to ensure your car does not roll backwards or forwards when parked on hills. To test the Parking Brake press your foot brake firmly to hold the car still when Parking brake is released. Release the Parking Brake and re-apply making sure that it secures itself and does not need to be pulled up too high to hold the car still.

HEAD RESTRAINT

For your own and passengers safety always make sure your Head Restraints are pulled up higher than the height of the persons ears. This will help to seriously reduce the effect of whiplash on your neck and back in the event of an accident



POWER STEERING

Test the steering by applying gentle pressure before and after starting the engine. It should feel much lighter with engine running.