

DIY Basic Vehicle Safety Checklist

Get Ready for unexpected weather by performing regular safety checks on your car. Read your car's manual for instructions. It will also tell you which parts of your car should be checked while warm, and which while cold.

Monthly

You should regularly check that:

- the engine oil, transmission fluid, windscreen washer liquid, radiator coolant, and brake and clutch fluid are at the right levels (top them up if necessary)
- the tyres (including the spare) are in good condition and at the right pressure (fill them up if necessary)
- all of the gauges and warning lights work when you start the car
- the lights on the outside of the car work well
- all of the glass is free from chips, cracks and scratches
- the windscreen wipers and washers work properly
- the handbrake holds the car still on steep hills
- the horn works.

If you come across anything broken, have it looked at by a mechanic as soon as possible.

Annually

You should check:

- your seat belts and child seats are in good condition
- your fan belt has good tension and is not cracked or frayed
- your radiator hose to make sure it is not brittle, cracked, torn or frayed
- your battery is clean and secure and your battery fluid is at a good level
- the air conditioning and windscreen demister are operating correctly

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