

Car Battery Maintenance Checklist

Vehicle Information

- **Make/Model:** _____
- **Year:** _____
- **License Plate:** _____
- **Battery Type:** _____
- **Last Replaced:** _____

Weekly Checks

- ☐ Inspect battery terminals for corrosion.
- ☐ Check that battery connections are secure.
- ☐ Verify battery charge level using a voltmeter.
- ☐ Look for signs of swelling or damage on the battery casing.

Monthly Checks

- ☐ Clean terminals with a baking soda and water solution if corroded.
- ☐ Inspect cables and clamps for wear or damage.
- ☐ Check electrolyte levels in lead-acid batteries (if applicable) and refill with distilled water as needed.
- ☐ Test battery health with a load tester.
- ☐ Ensure the battery is securely mounted to prevent movement.

Every 6 Months

- ☐ Inspect alternator output to ensure proper charging.

- ☐ Check for parasitic drains from electrical systems when the car is off.
- ☐ Apply a terminal protectant spray to prevent future corrosion.
- ☐ Replace the battery if it shows signs of diminished capacity or is over 3–5 years old.

Seasonal Checks

☐ **Winter**

- ☐ Test battery cold-cranking amps (CCA) for performance in cold weather.
- ☐ Keep the battery fully charged to prevent freezing.

☐ **Summer**

- ☐ Check for overheating and ensure proper ventilation around the battery.