



SHOW ME

Show me and 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 2 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.

Open the bonnet, identify where you would check the engine oil level, and tell me how you would check the engine has sufficient oil.

Identify the dipstick and describe the checking of the oil level against the min/max markers (when the engine is cold and all the oil is in the sump)

Open the bonnet, identify where you would check the engine coolant level and tell me how you would check that the engine has the correct level.

Identify the maximum / minimum level markings on the header tank, and describe how to top up to the correct level. (**when engine cold** – do not attempt when the engine is hot as the water is under great pressure and can scald)

Show me how you would check the parking brake for excessive wear.

Demonstrate by applying the footbrake, then by applying the handbrake noting that when it is properly applied it secures itself (the car does not move), and is not at the end of the working travel.

Identify where the windscreen washer reservoir is and tell me how you would check the level.

Identify reservoir and explain that the car's computer checks the level, or explain that it must be topped up regularly.

Open the bonnet, identify where the brake fluid reservoir is and tell me how you would check that you have a safe level of hydraulic brake fluid.

Identify reservoir, check level against high / low markings.

Show me how you would check that the horn is working (off road only)

Check is carried out by using the horn control (turn on ignition if necessary)

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

Apply the indicators (when ignition turned ON) and check that all indicators and lights are working by walking around the car.

Show me how you would check that the brake lights are working on this car.

Operate brake pedal (when ignition turned ON), make use of reflections in windows, garage doors, etc or ask someone to help check for you. **DO NOT START THE ENGINE**

Show me how you would clean the windscreen using the windscreen washer & wipers.

Operate control to wash and wipe windscreen (after turning on the ignition)

Show me how you would set the demister controls to clear all the windows effectively, this should include both front & rear

Set all relevant controls – fan, temperature, air direction and heated screen controls to clear ALL windows

Show me how you would switch on the rear fog light and explain when you would use it

Operate switch (turn on dipped headlights and ignition) Check **yellow** fog light warning light is on. Explain that fog light to be used when visibility is less than 100 metres (110 yards)

Show me how you would switch your headlights from dipped to main beam and explain how you would know the main beam is on whilst inside the car

With ignition on, switch on dipped headlights then switch on main beam control and check that the **blue** main beam warning light is on



TELL ME

Tell me how you would check that the brakes are working before starting a journey.

The brake pedal should not feel spongy or slack. Test the brakes as you set off. The vehicle should perform properly and the car should not pull to one side.

Tell me where you would find the information for the recommended tyre pressures for this car, and how the tyre pressures should be checked.

Manufacturer's guide, use a reliable pressure gauge, check and adjust pressures when the tyres are cold, don't forget the spare tyre, remember to refit the valve caps.

Tell me how you would check the tyres to ensure that they have sufficient tread depth and that their general condition is safe to use on the road

. No cuts or bulges on sidewalls, 1.6mm of tread depth minimum, across the central three quarters of the breadth of the tyre and the entire outer circumference.

Tell me how you would check that the headlights & tail lights are working.

Operate switch (turn on ignition if necessary), walk around vehicle and check

Tell me how you make sure your head restraint is correctly adjusted so that it provides the best protection in the event of a crash

The head restraint should be adjusted so the rigid part of the head restraint is at least as high as eye level or top of ears, and as close to the back of the head as is comfortable

Tell me how you would know if there was a problem with your antilock braking system

The yellow ABS warning light should illuminate if there is a fault with the antilock braking system