

Isca! Driving Tuition

Show me/Tell me questions

Question:

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

Answer:

Switch the indicators or hazard warning switch on and walk round the car checking all the indicators are working. (You may need to switch the ignition on, but do not switch the engine on)

Question:

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

Answer:

As I move off I will press the brake pedal to test the brakes. They should not feel spongy or slack and the car should not pull to one side.

Question:

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

Answer:

Open the bonnet and point to the washer reservoir. Explain that you would see where the level of the water was between the minimum and maximum levels.

Question:

Show me how you would check that the brake lights are working on this car. (I can assist you).

Answer:

Press the brake pedal. Look for reflections in windows etc or ask someone to check that the brake lights were on. (You may need to switch the ignition on but do not start engine.)

Question:

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

Answer:

If the steering becomes heavy the system may not be working properly. Before starting a journey I would hold the steering wheel gently whilst starting the engine and I should feel noticeable movement as the system begins to operate, or just after moving off I could turn the steering wheel and the steering should not feel heavy.

Question:

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

Answer:

I would find the tyre pressure information in the car's handbook or sometimes on the inside edge of the driver's door. Whilst the tyres are cold I would remove the dust caps from the valves and check the pressures using a pressure gauge, I would then inflate to the recommended pressure and replace the dust caps. I would also check the spare tyre.

Question:

Show me how you would check the parking brake (handbrake) for excessive wear. (Make sure you keep safe control of the vehicle.)

Answer:

Apply the footbrake firmly. Take handbrake off and reapply so that when it is fully applied it secures itself and it is not at the end of the working travel.

Question:

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

Answer:

Open the bonnet, identify dipstick/oil level indicator. Explain that you would remove the dipstick, wipe clean and refit. Remove once more and see where the oil is between the minimum and maximum markers.

Question:

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.

Answer:

Once you have opened the bonnet, point out the high/low level markings on header tank where fitted or radiator filler cap and describe how to top up to the correct level.

Question:

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

Answer:

The head restraint should be adjusted so the rigid part of the head restraint is at least as high as the eye or top of the ears, and as close to the back of the head as is comfortable, although not all head restraints are adjustable.

Question:

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.

Answer:

Once you have opened the bonnet, point to the brake fluid reservoir and tell how you check level against the high/low markings

Question:

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.

Answer:

I would make sure there were no cuts or bulges in the tyres. That there was at least 1.6mm of tread depth across the central $\frac{3}{4}$ of the breadth of the tyre and around the entire outer circumference.

Question:

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

Answer:

Making sure the area is clear sound the horn. (turn on the ignition is required.)

Question:

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

Answer:

Operate the washer and wipers (turn on ignition if required)

Question:

Tell me how you would check that the headlights and tail lights are working. (no need to exit the car.)

Answer:

I would operate switch (turn on ignition if necessary). Then I would walk round vehicle and check that the lights are on.

Question:

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

Answer:

Switch on relevant controls including fan, temperature, air direction/source and heated screen to clear windscreen and windows, not forgetting the rear demister. You do not need to switch the engine on.

Question:

Show me how you would switch on the rear fog light(s) and explain when you would use it/them. (No need to exit the vehicle.)

Answer:

Operate the fog light switch. (You may need to switch on ignition and dipped headlights.) Check the warning light is on. Explain when you would use them.

Question:

Tell me how you would know if there was a problem with your anti lock braking system.

Answer:

Warning light should come on if there is a fault with the system

Question:

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

Answer:

Turn the lights on (you may need the ignition on) alternate between dipped and main beam and check that the warning light for main beam appears.