

## Tyres

### Question:

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

### Example answer:

Find the tyre pressures in the car's handbook and then use the tyre inflator at the garage or a tyre pressure gauge to check the pressure when the tyres are cold. Find the valve and remove the dust cap. Then adjust the pressure as necessary and refit the dust cap.

Note: Also mention that you would check the spare tyre.

### 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.

### Example answer:

Explain that you would use a depth gauge to check the tread depth in a couple of places across the tyre and make a visible check to ensure the tread is consistent over three-quarters of the tyre width and that you would make a visual check to ensure that there are no cuts, blisters or bulges on the tyres.

Also mention that to check side of the tyre that you can't see, you would run your hand around being especially careful because of the dangers of injury from debris that might be embedded in the tyre.

Note: it is worth mentioning that you would include the spare tyre in your checks.

**Legal note:** No cuts and bulges in the tyre wall, 1.6mm of tread depth across the central three-quarters of the breadth of the tyre and around the entire circumference



## Brakes

### Question:

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

### Example answer:

Demonstrate by applying handbrake to show that when it is fully applied the ratchet holds and the car remains secure. Also explain that the brake should not be at the end of its working travel. Note: If the handbrake is released and re-applied, use the footbrake to secure the car! You don't want to run someone over before you start!



### Question:

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

### Example answer:

Explain how you would operate the brake pedal and make use of reflections in windows, garage doors, etc. Or that you would ask someone to help by pressing the pedal or checking the lights. (You can ask the examiner to check the lights for you while you press the brake pedal). Note: Some vehicles have a 'bulb failed' warning light. Mention this if its relevant to your test vehicle.

### Question:

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

### Example answer:

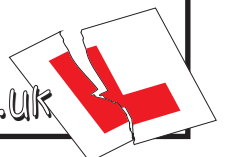
There should be resistance felt when the brake pedal is pressed (when the car is stationary). The brake pedal should not feel spongy or slack. Brakes should be tested by pressing the footbrake pedal gently as soon as the car is moving. The car should not pull to one side.

### Question:

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

### Example answer:

The warning light should illuminate if there is a fault with the anti lock braking system



## Under the bonnet

### Question:

Could you show me where you would check the engine oil level and tell me how you would check that the engine has sufficient oil?

### Example answer:

Open the bonnet and identify dipstick / oil level indicator and then describe how to check the oil level against the minimum/maximum markers.

### Question:

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

### Example answer:

Open the bonnet and identify high/low level markings on header tank where fitted or radiator filler cap, and describe how to top up to correct level. the examiner will never ask you to remove the filler cap on the tank or radiator and should not attempt to do so as part of your answer.

### Question:

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

### Example answer:

Open the bonnet (or access the location of the screen wash reservoir) and identify the washer reservoir and explain how to check the level. Note: In some cars the level cannot be checked or has a warning light on the instrument panel. Refer to this in your explanation if appropriate.

### Question:

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

### Example answer:

Open the bonnet and show the examiner where the brake fluid reservoir is. Explain how to check the level against high/low markings. Note: In some vehicles the reservoir cap needs to be removed to check the level with a 'mini' dip stick; examiners will generally avoid questions on vehicles where it is necessary to remove the cap.



## Lights

### 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

### Example answer:

Operate switch (with ignition or engine on if necessary), check with main beam warning light



### Question:

Show me how you would switch on the rear fog lights and explain when you would use them.

### Example answer:

Operate switch (turn on dipped headlights and ignition if necessary). Check warning light is on. Explain when you would use the fog lights. (No need to exit vehicle) Legal note: Use rear fog lights when visibility is less than 100 metres.

### Question:

Show me how you would check that the headlights and tail lights are working.

### Example answer:

Operate the light switch, turning on the ignition if necessary, and walk round vehicle making a visual check. Note: Some vehicles have a 'bulb failed' warning light. Refer to this in your explanation if relevant.

### Question:

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

### Example answer:

Demonstrate this by applying the indicators or preferably the hazard warning lights and then making a visual check of all indicators.

Note: Care should be taken not to mislead other road users while doing this, also keep a look out for cars when walking around your vehicle - you don't want to get run over before you even start your test!

## Horn

### Question

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

### Answer

This check is carried out by using the horn control (turning on ignition if necessary). You need to ensure that you are in a safe and legal position if the horn is to be demonstrated - otherwise a simple explanation of how to operate the horn will be sufficient.



## Vision and safety

### Question:

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

### Example answer:

Set all relevant controls including; fan, temperature, air flow selector and heated screen to clear windscreen and windows. Mention that air conditioning (if fitted) and heat can speed the de-mist process. Engine does not have to be started for this demonstration.

### Question:

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

### Example answer:

Operate control to wash and wipe windscreen (turn ignition on if necessary).

### 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

### Example 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.

## Steering

### Question:

Explain how you would check that the power assisted steering is working before starting a journey.

### Example answer:

Explain the symptoms of power steering loss by stating that the steering becomes heavy. The two simple checks that can be made to check power steering.

1. Gentle pressure on the steering wheel, maintained while the engine is started, should result in a slight but noticeable movement of the wheel as the system begins to operate.
2. Turning the steering wheel just after moving off will give an immediate indication that the power assistance is functioning.

