

Checking outside your vehicle

It's common for drivers to adjust and set up the inside of their vehicle before driving. They often forget to check the outside. Performing regular exterior checks is also an important part of maximising your safety on the road. This could be regularly checking a car you drive often but particularly if it is a car that you are not familiar with or haven't driven recently.

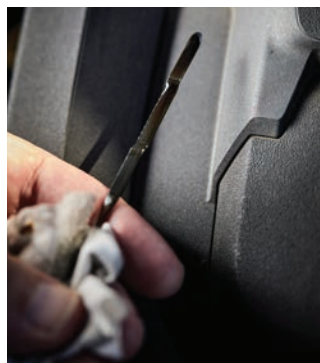


SAFETY TIP - Next time you fill up your car with fuel, make it a habit to walk around your car and take the opportunity to pop the hood and check your fluid levels monthly.



Tyres

Keep tyres inflated to levels recommended by the vehicle manufacturer and make this part of your monthly check. Your drive is smoother, and your vehicle uses less fuel if your tyres are inflated properly. Check the tread on your tyres isn't below the indicator line.



Under the bonnet

Check your vehicle fluid levels monthly to keep your car running smoothly.

- engine oil
- coolant
- transmission fluid
- brake fluid

Keep your windscreen washer fluid topped up too.



Lights

Any lights that aren't working are a safety issue and need to be replaced immediately.

Ask someone to help you switch on all the lights while the other person checks them from the outside.

- Parking lights
- Headlights
- High beam lights
- Fog lights
- Hazard lights
- Front and rear indicator lights
- Brake lights
- Reversing lights



Windscreen

Your windscreen should be clean and free of any cracks or damage.

You can fix a small crack or chip cheaply before a big crack requires a windscreen replacement.



SAFETY TIP - Is your servicing up to date?

Check the sticker on your windscreen to keep track of when the next service is due.