

Show me / Tell me

Part of your test includes a 'Show me, Tell Me' section. This is when your examiner will ask you one 'Show me' and one 'Tell me' question about general maintenance and safety checks on your car.

You can get an idea of the kind of questions you will be asked on this page and by clicking each of the questions, you can see the kind of response you would be expected to give.



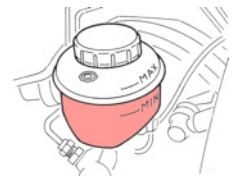
Tell Me Questions

Q1. Tell me how you check the engine oil

A1. Remove the dipstick and wipe the end with a clean cloth or rag. Replace the dipstick and remove it again to check the oil on the end which must be between the minimum & maximum markers..

Q2. Tell me how you would check the brake fluid

A2. The fluid must show between the minimum and maximum marker levels on the side of the brake fluid reservoir.



Q3. Tell me how you check the coolant level

A3. The coolant fluid must show between the minimum and maximum marker levels on the side of the coolant reservoir.

Q4. Tell me how you would check the windscreen washer fluid level

A4. The coolant fluid must show between the minimum and maximum marker levels on the side of the washer fluid reservoir. This should be topped up regularly with water & screen wash additive (not anti-freeze) to help clear dirt & grime and to stop it freezing in Winter.

Q5. Tell me how you would check the brake lights are working

A5. I would press the brake pedal when there is a reflected view of the rear of the car e.g. off another parked car or a shop window, or ask a friend to press the pedal so I could check the lights myself.

Q6. Tell me how you would check that the footbrake is working before starting a journey

A6. The brakes should not feel spongy or pull to one side and should be tested as soon you pull away where safe to do so.

Q7. Tell me where you find the recommended tyre pressures and how you would check them.

A7. Details will be in the manufacturer's guide and normally on the passenger side door pillar. The pressure should be checked when the tyres are cold and the spare should be checked as well and valve caps should be replaced.

Q8. Tell me how you would check the tyre's tread depth and that their general condition is safe

A8. There must be no cuts or bulges, a minimum of 1.6mm of tread depth across the central three quarters of the width of the tyre and around the whole circumference.

All modern tyres will have a 'tread depth marker' in the main tread that gives an easy method of checking the tread is ok.

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Q11. Show me / explain how you would check that the power steering is working before starting a journey

A11. If the steering becomes heavy the system may not be working properly. Before starting a journey two 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.

Q12. Show me how you would check the parking brake (handbrake) for excessive wear, make sure you keep control of the vehicle

A12. Apply footbrake firmly, Demonstrate by applying parking brake so that when it is fully applied it secures itself, and is not at the end of the working travel.

Q13. Show me how you would check that the horn is working

A13. Check is carried out by pressing gently on the control (turn on ignition if necessary)

Q14. Show me how you would check that the direction indicators are working

A14. Applying the indicator switch and check functioning of all indicators.

Q15. Show me how would you check that the headlights and tail lights are working

A15. Turn on the lights and walk around the car to check that they all work..