

# Car Maintenance Checklist

By Taylor Peterson

- ☐ Checking Engine Oil
  - ☐ Place your car at the level spot and stop the engine.
  - ☐ Wait for a while to let the engine oil to pour down to the oil pan.
  - ☐ Pull the engine oil dipstick.
  - ☐ Wipe the oil dipstick off with a clean rag or tissue.
  - ☐ Insert it back all the way down into its place.
  - ☐ Pull the dipstick again and check the oil level.
  - ☐ If it's lower than at "FULL" mark, top it up.
  - ☐ Add a little amount of the oil.
  - ☐ Wait for a minute to let the oil to pour down.
  - ☐ Check the oil level again with the dipstick.
  - ☐ If it's still low, add some more.
  - ☐ Install the dipstick back and close the oil filler cap when you finished.
- ☐ Checking Transmission Fluid
  - ☐ Place your car at a level surface.
  - ☐ Engage the parking brake.
  - ☐ Start the engine.
  - ☐ Set transmission shifter in "P" (Park) position.
  - ☐ Let the engine idle.
  - ☐ Pull the transmission dipstick.
  - ☐ Wipe it off with a clean lint free rag.
  - ☐ Insert it back carefully all the way down into its place.
  - ☐ Pull again and check the fluid level.
  - ☐ If the fluid level is low, top it up.
  - ☐ Use only specified transmission fluid.
  - ☐ Add a small amount of the fluid through the dipstick pipe.
  - ☐ Wait for a few minutes - let the fluid to flow down.
  - ☐ Recheck the level again.
  - ☐ Do not overfill.
- ☐ Checking Engine Coolant
  - ☐ The coolant level should be between "LOW" and "FULL" marks.

- ☐ If the fluid level is lower, top it up.
- ☐ When engine temperature is reduced, add a coolant into the overflow tank to "FULL" mark.
- ☐ If there is no coolant in overflow tank or you have to top it up quite often, have your car inspected in the garage.
- ☐ Checking Tires
  - ☐ Check the tire pressure at least once a month.
  - ☐ Find out the recommended tire pressure for your car.
  - ☐ The maximum pressure listed on tires is NOT the proper pressure.
  - ☐ Rotate tires at every second oil change.
  - ☐ Have your tires balanced if you feel vibration at cruising speed.
  - ☐ Uneven tire wear indicates alignment problem.