

Full Car Service Checklist

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- Pre Engine Checks
 - Check car history.
 - Check timing belt replacement interval.
 - Check for damage to bodywork, lamps and trims.
 - Check condition of all seat belts.
 - Check operation of interior and exterior lights.
 - Check operation of ABS and/or air bag warning lights.
 - Check windscreen washers and wipers.
 - Check horn.
 - Check operation of suspension dampers.
 - Lubricate all door hinges, locks, and bonnet catches.
 - Check fuel cap.
- Under the Bonnet
 - Check cooling system.
 - Check anti-freeze protection.
 - Check brake fluid boiling point.
 - Check all auxiliary drive belts.
 - Check engine breather system.
 - Check vacuum pipes.
 - Check power steering operation and fluid condition.
 - Check full throttle settings and lubricate linkage.
 - Check battery level and lubricate terminals.
 - Check and top up all under bonnet fluid levels.
- Vehicle Raised
 - Change oil, filter and fit new sump plug washer.
 - Check fuel lines and brake pipes.
 - Check the condition and security of the exhaust.
 - Check and top up rear axle and transfer box oil levels.
 - Check and top up gear box oil level.
 - Check all steering and suspension joints, mounting and gaiters.
 - Carry out tyre check.

- Check all wheel bearings for excessive 'play' and noise.
- Check CV gaiters and joints for wear or splits.
- Check clutch adjustment and adjust.
- Grease all greasing points.
- Check operation and condition of front brakes.
- Check operation and condition of rear brakes, including handbrake.
- Carry out brake report.
- Vehicle Lowered
 - Refill engine oil.
 - Torque wheel nuts/studs.
- To Finish
 - Road test vehicle and report any findings.
 - Re-check engine oil level.
 - Carry out emission report.
 - Reset service lights.
 - Ensure all upholstery, gear lever, steering wheel etc are clean.