Car Service Checklist

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# Tasks:

☐ **Monthly**

☐ **Tire Pressure**

*Depending on the weather, tires will either expand or contract, so check their pressure and add air if necessary.*

☐ **Tires**

*Look for things like uneven tread wear, thin spots or bulges and do something about them, quickly.*

☐ **Belts**

*Every car has belts that should be checked on a regular basis, to check for fraying and breakage.*

☐ **Hoses**

*Sometimes hoses will burst, become brittle or rot, so check them on a monthly basis.*

☐ **Antifreeze**

*Also called coolant, check the level and add to it if it's low.*

☐ **Air Filter**

*Check this and if needed, replace.*

☐ **Every Three Months**

☐ **Oil Changes**

*Without regular oil changes, the car engine can be negatively affected in many ways, so do this every 3 months or 3,000 miles, whichever comes first.*

☐ **Batteries**

*Check and clean the terminals and cables if they are corroded.*

☐ **Brake Fluid**

*Brakes do have a fluid level, so check it, and add to it if necessary.*

☐ **Steering Fluid**

*Again, a simple, easy thing to do; add to it if it's low.*

☐ **Transmission Fluid**

*One of the most important things to keep your car running, be sure to keep this at the proper level.*

☐ **Windshield Washer Fluid**

*Seeing out of the window so that you don't wreck is important, so keep this filled up in case of bugs, muddy rain or other problems.*

☐ **Every Six Months**

☐ **Brakes**

*Note if they are starting to slip, or show any signs being worn down.*

☐ **Brake Lights**

*Ensure that these can be seen at any time of day, by anyone.*

☐ **Exhaust**

*Look for visible holes, cracks, or parts that are not tight.*

☐ **Headlights**

*Double-check that the brightness, both standard and bright levels, are actually correct.*

☐ **Horn**

*Does it work correctly, or does it need some help?*

☐ **Shock Absorber**

*Determine whether there are any leaks, visible damage, or if they are too loose.*

☐ **Spare Tire**

*First, ensure that there is a spare; then, double-check that the spare is correctly inflated for use, if it is needed.*

☐ **Turn Signals**

*Ensure that the lights work on the inside, and the outside of the vehicle.*

☐ **Wiper Blades**

*These do wear out, tear apart, and even rot, so replace them regularly*

☐ **Yearly**

☐ **Tuneup**

*Going through the car, system by system to make sure each one is working properly will save you money in the long run.*

☐ **Seasonally**

*Check the AC in the spring, and the heat in the fall.*

☐ **Alignment / Rotation**

*Have your tires rotated and the steering aligned yearly.*

☐ **Every Five Years**

☐ **Battery**

*Consider replacing the battery, if it hasn't already been done.*

☐ **Electrical**

*If electrical components in the car itself don't work correctly, this will effect the battery, and the entire car, so have it completely checked out.*

☐ **Air conditioning**

*While even the best air conditioners work for a long time, they still need to be re-done occasionally.*

☐ **Radiators**

*Tied into keeping the car cool, along with the air conditioning, radiators do need a torough going over, and occasional replacing.*