Change A Flat Tire Checklist

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# Tasks:

☐ **Tools You Need:**

☐ **Spare tire**

☐ **Tire jack ;**

☐ **Lug wrench**

☐ **Socket (\*If your hubcap has hard-to-remove covers on the lug nuts)**

☐ **Owner's manual for your vehicle**

*This gives instructions on exactly how to position the jack under your car.*

☐ **Changing the Tire**

☐ **Park on a flat surface.**

☐ **Remove the hubcap**

*Some are easier to remove than others. If you can't remove your hubcap by hand, you may need a socket to loosen the bolt covers. Put the socket over the covers and loosen - you may need to do more than one in order to pry the hubcap loose.*

☐ **Loosen the lug nuts**

*;Use the lug wrench by placing it on the tire’s lug nuts.*

☐ **Place the tire jack underneath your car**

*;Check your owner’s manual of your vehicle on how to correctly place the jack under your car. Typically, the manual is located in the glove compartment.*

☐ **Jack up your car**

*;Crank the tire jack until the wheel is high above ground, enough for you to safely remove it.*

☐ **Remove the flat**

*;Remove the loosened lug nuts from the wheel. You should be able to do this by hand.*

☐ **Put on your spare tire**

*;Line up the lugs with the holes in the wheel and slide on.*

☐ **Lower the car**

*;Lower the tire jack until the wheel is firmly touching the ground.*

☐ **Finish tightening the lug nuts**

*;The lug nuts have to be fastened securely on for safety, so use your lug wrench for this.*

☐ **Back on Track and Beyond**

☐ **If you used a block, be sure to remove it first.**

☐ **Ensure all equipment - flat tire, lug wrench, owners manual and any other tools are stowed safefly before getting back on the road.**

☐ **Drive slowly**

*Spare tires are usually smaller than regular tires and if it's your first time changing a flat, you'll want to be extra cautious.*

☐ **Make sure to get your car to a mechanic or autobody shop as soon as possible to replace the tire.**

☐ **Get another spare tire**

*...just in case this happens again!*

☐ **Helpful to have (but not necessary to change the flat)**

☐ **Tire pressure gauge**

☐ **Tire pump**

☐ **Tire patch**

*In case you can't change the flat yourself, and only have to travel a short distance to someone who can help.*

☐ **Flashlight**