Vehicle Inspection Checklist

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# Tasks:

☐ **Preparation**

☐ **History**

*Know the history of your vehicle, whether it's been in one wreck or eight.*

☐ **Paperwork**

*Bring in current paperwork from last inspection.*

☐ **Maintenance**

*Proof of maintenance needs to be brought in to the inspection as well.*

☐ **Schedule**

*Make sure to go to the vehicle inspection on time.*

☐ **Equipment**

☐ **Tools**

*Proper tools to take apart the vehicle for testing as needed.*

☐ **Lubricants**

*Used to loosen nuts and bolts that can't be easily removed during the inspection.*

☐ **Mats**

*Placed securely on the floor to let vehicle inspectors climb under the vehicle.*

☐ **Lifts**

*Used to place the vehicle up in the air for an under-body inspection.*

☐ **Scales**

*These ensure that the vehicle is in the right class, and should not be changed from one class to another.*

☐ **Towels**

*Needed for inspectors to clean off hands, and various areas of vehicles as they go along.*

☐ **Checklists**

*Inspectors must have these to check off each thing as passed or failed.*

☐ **Tags**

*Different places have varying charges for tags or plates that will have to be affixed to your vehicle.*

☐ **Things to Take**

☐ **Proof of insurance**

*Proof that a recurring policy has actually been paid is useful as well.*

☐ **Receipts**

*Show receipts for miscellaneous items, such as mats, that inspectors will ask for.*

☐ **Identification**

*Driver's license and registration to vehicle to prove who you are.*

☐ **Payment**

*Be sure to remember the proper form of payment required, vehicle inspections are not free.*

☐ **Patience**

*Vehicle inspections take time, so be patient.*

☐ **Safety Issues to Consider**

☐ **Tires**

*Perhaps it is time to consider replacing them, if the tread is less than fifty percent because tire blowouts are no fun.*

☐ **Headlights**

*They do burn out, sometimes causing crashes, so replacing them on your own is a good idea.*

☐ **Seat belts**

*These do sometimes wear thin, or actually break, so replace them if needed.*

☐ **Oil**

*Top off before going in, but be sure to mop up any spills that could cause smoking.*

☐ **Brakes**

*If these start to squeak at all, it's time for a trip to the shop so that your fellow drivers don't get hit because you can't stop.*

☐ **Transmission**

*Keeping this maintained, and filled with fluid is a serious safety issue so it doesn't stop the engine from running, and cause a crash.*

☐ **Fenders**

*These need to be properly attached, and not hanging towards the ground.*

☐ **Muffler**

*Contrary to popular belief, driving around with a hole in the muffler is not safe, and will not pass an inspection.*

☐ **Air Conditioning**

*Because the human body overheats easily, and sometimes windows just don't work, it is imperative that the air conditioning works properly.*

☐ **Windows**

*It is a must that windows work safely just in case something happens, and passengers can't get out the doors.*