

P.D.W DRIVING SCHOOL

SHOW ME, TELL ME

Show me/explain how you would check that the power steering is working before starting a journey.
Before starting a starting a journey two simple checks can be made. Gentle pressure on the steering wheel, maintained while the engine is started, should result in a slight but noticeable movement as the system begins to operate. Alternatively turning the wheel just after moving off will give an immediate indication that the power assistance is functioning.

Open the bonnet, identify where you would check the engine oil level and tell me how you would check that the engine has sufficient oil.
Identify dipstick/oil level indicator. Describe check of oil level against the min/max markers.

Open the bonnet, identify where you would check the engine coolant level and tell me how you would check that the engine has the correct level.
Identify high/low level markers on the header tank where fitted or radiator filler cap, and describe how to top up to correct level.

Show me how you would check the parking brake for excessive wear.
Demonstrate by applying the parking brake that when it is fully applied it secures itself. And is not at the end of the working travel.

Show me how you would clean the windscreen using the washer and wipers.
Operate the controls to wash and wipe the windscreen (turn the ignition on if necessary)

Open the bonnet, identify where the brake fluid reservoir is and tell me how you would check that you have a safe level of hydraulic brake fluid.
Identify reservoir, check level against high/low markers.

Show me how you would check that the horn is working (off road only)
Check is carried out by using control (turn ignition on if necessary)

Show me how you would check that the direction indicators are working.
Applying the indicators or hazard warning switch and check functioning of all indicators.

Show me how you would check that the brake lights are working on this car. (Ignition On) Do Not Start.
Operate brake pedal, make use of reflectors in windows, garage doors, etc, or ask examiner to help.

Show me how you would set the demister control to clear all the windows effectively, this should include front and rear screens.
Set all the relevant controls including fan, temperature, air direction/source, and heated screen to clear windscreen and windows. Engine does not have to be started for this demonstration.

Show me how you would switch on the rear fog lights and explain when you would use them. (No need to exit vehicle)
Operate switch Turn on dipped headlights if necessary). Check warning light is on. Explain use (less than 100meters).

Show me how you switch your headlights from dipped to main beam and explain how you would know when the main beam is on whilst inside the car.
Operate the switch (with ignition or engine on if necessary), check main beam warning light.

Tell me how you would check that the brakes are working before starting a journey.

Brakes should not feel spongy or slack. Brakes should be tested as you set off. Vehicle should not pull to one side.

Tell me how you would check that the headlights & taillights are working.

Operate switch (turn on ignition if necessary) walk round vehicle (No Need to do this! Tell Question only)

Tell me where you would find the information for the recommended tyre pressure for this car and how tyre pressures should be checked.

Manufacturers guide, use a reliable pressure gauge, check and adjust pressures when tyres are cold, don't forget spare tyre, remember to refit valve caps.

Tell me how you would check the tyres to ensure that they have sufficient tread depth and that their general condition is safe to use on the road.

No cuts or bulges, 1.6mm of tread depth across the central three quarters of the breadth of the tyre and around the entire outer circumference.

Tell me how you would make sure your head restraint is correctly adjusted so it provides the best protection in the event of a crash.

The head restraint should be adjusted so the rigid part of the head restraint is at least as high as the eye or top of the ears, and as close to the back of the head as is comfortable. NB some head restraints may not be adjustable.

Tell me how you would know if there was a problem with your anti-lock braking system.

A warning light should illuminate if there is a fault with the ABS (on the dashboard).

Tell me (show if asked) to identify where the windscreen washer reservoir is and tell me how you would check the level.

Identify the reservoir and explain how you would check the level (mixture of water and screen wash).