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Show Me Tell Me - what you need to know

The Show Me Tell Me questions require you to explain to the driving test examiner where and how to check the **tyres, brakes, fluid levels, direction indicators, power steering and horn**.

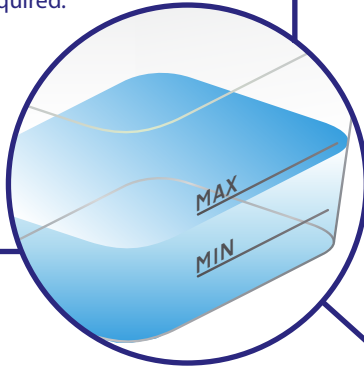
There are **13** Show Me Tell Me questions. The examiner will choose **TWO** questions for you to answer.

Failure to answer correctly one or both of the Show Me Tell Me questions will result in one minor fault.

The questions may require you to open the bonnet of the car. Your instructor will show you the correct method.

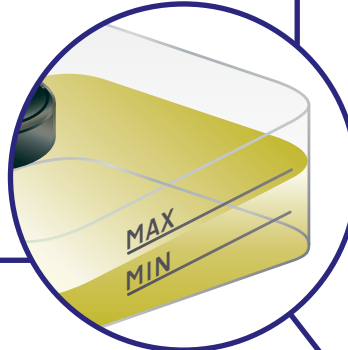
Q1 Open the bonnet, identify where you would check the engine coolant level and tell me how you would check that the engine has the correct level.

Identify max/ min level markings on engine coolant reservoir.
Wait until engine has cooled before topping up if required.



Q3 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 max/ min markings.



Q4 Tell me how you would check that the brakes are working before starting a journey.

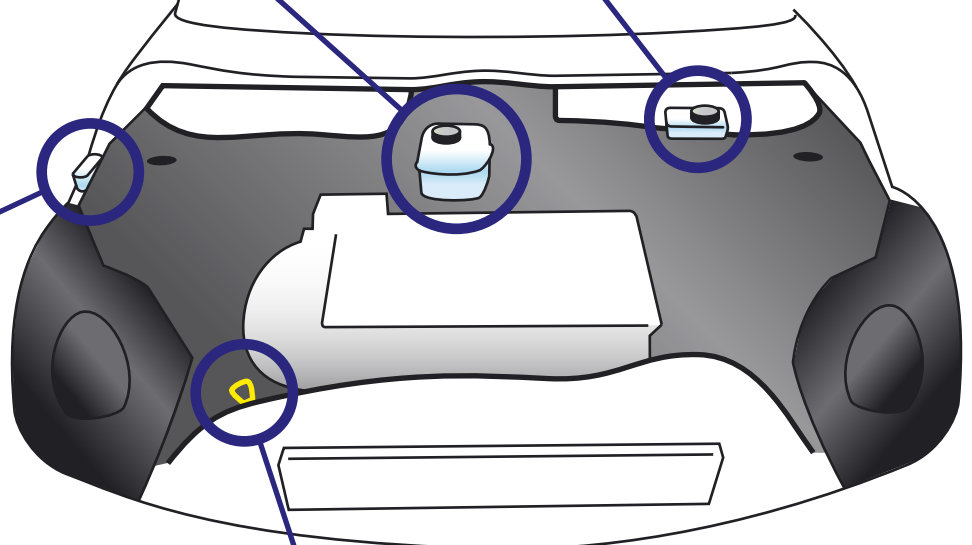
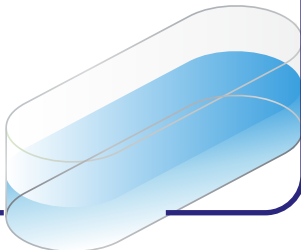
Brakes should not feel spongy or slack. Brakes should be tested as you move off. Vehicle should not pull to one side.

Q5 Tell me how you would check that the brake lights are working on this car.

Operate brake pedal, make use of any reflections in windows, garage doors etc, or ask someone to help.

Q2 Identify where the windscreen washer reservoir is and tell me how you would check the windscreen washer level.

Identify reservoir. Water level may not be easy to see, so check daily and top up with water until level can be seen in reservoir.



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Please note the exact positions of the coolant, brake and windscreen reservoirs will vary from car to car - this illustration is an example only.

Q6 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.

Switch off engine, Car on level ground
Identify dipstick
Remove dipstick and wipe clean, replace dipstick fully and remove again
Check oil level against max/ min markers





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Q7 Tell me where you would find the information for the recommended tyre pressures for this car and how tyre pressures should be checked.

Tyre pressures are in the manufacturers manual. They may also be printed on the drivers door pillar.

Use a reliable pressure gauge, check tyre pressures when cold, once a week.

Q8 Tell me how you would check the tyres to ensure that they have sufficient tread depth and 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 circumference.

Q9 Show me / explain how you would check that the power assisted steering is working before starting a journey.

Before starting the engine the steering wheel will feel heavy to turn. As soon as the engine starts, the steering will become much lighter to turn if power steering is working.

Q10 Show me how you would check that the headlights and tail lights are working.

Operate switch for lights, walk round the vehicle and check the lights are on. Headlights will only come on when the ignition is switched on.

Q11 Show me how you would check that the direction indicators are working.

Apply indicators or hazard warning lights and walk round the car to check all indicators.

Q12 Show me how you would check that the horn is working (off road only).

Show examiner where the horn can be operated, and if off road operate the horn.

Q13 Show me how you would check the parking brake for excessive wear.

Put foot on footbrake, then demonstrate by applying the handbrake and when it is fully applied it secures itself, and is not at the end of the working travel.

