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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**.

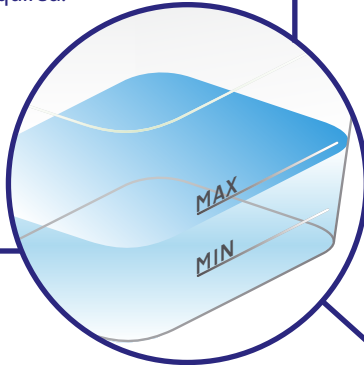
There are **20** Show Me Tell Me questions. The examiner will choose **TWO** questions for you to answer.

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

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

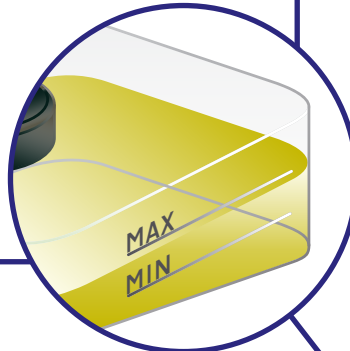
Q1 Open the bonnet, identify where you would check the engine coolant level and tell me how you would check that the engine has the correct level.

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.

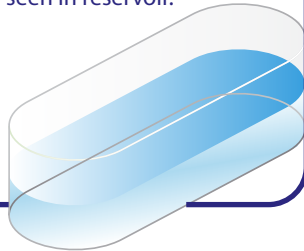
Brakes should not feel spongy or slack. Brakes should be tested as you move off.
Vehicle should not pull to one side.

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.



Q6 Show me how you would clean the windscreen using the windscreen washer and wiper.

Operate control to wash and wipe windscreen (turn ignition on if necessary).

Q7 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 anti lock braking system.

Q8 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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Q9 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.

Q12 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.

Q10 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.

Q11 Tell me how you 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. N.B. Some restraints might not be adjustable.

Q13 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.

Q14 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.

Q15 Show me how you switch your headlight from dipped to main beam and explain how you would know the main beam is on whilst inside the car.

Operate switch (with ignition or engine on if necessary), check with main beam warning light.

Q16 Show me how you would switch on the rear fog light(s) and explain when you would use it/them.

Operate switch (turn on dipped headlights and ignition if necessary). Check warning light is on. Explain use.

Q17 Show me how you would set the demister controls to clear all the windows effectively, this should include both front and rear screens.

Set all 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.

Q18 Show me how you would check the parking brake for excessive wear.

Apply the handbrake demonstrating that when fully applied it secures itself, and is not at the end of the working travel.

Q19 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.

Q20 Show me how you would check that the brake lights are working on this car.

Operate brake pedal, make use of reflections in windows or ask someone to help. (You can switch the ignition on, but do not start the engine. You may also ask the examiner to assist)

