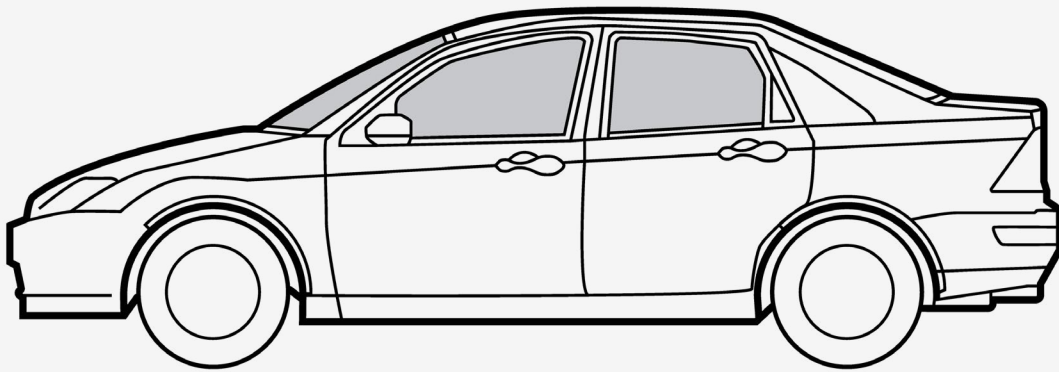


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VEHICLE MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

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- ☐ Never Let Your Gas Tank Get Below Half a Tank
- ☐ Check Engine Oil Level & Change as Recommended
- ☐ Check Coolant Level & Ensure Proper Antifreeze Ratio
- ☐ Check Brake Fluid & Top Off as Needed
- ☐ Check Transmission Fluid Level & Condition
- ☐ Check & Refill Windshield Washer Fluid
- ☐ Check Tire Pressure & Adjust for Temperature/Altitude Changes
- ☐ Check Tread Depth – Minimum 2/32”, Recommended 4/32” for Wet Roads
- ☐ Rotate Tires & Check Alignment Regularly
- ☐ Inspect & Inflate Spare Tire
- ☐ Check Battery Age & Replace Before Failure (3-5 Years)
- ☐ Inspect Battery Terminals for Corrosion & Clean if Needed
- ☐ Perform Battery Load Test if Older than 3 Years
- ☐ Carry Jumper Cables or a Portable Jump Starter
- ☐ Check Headlights, Brake Lights, Turn Signals & Flashers
- ☐ Inspect Belts & Hoses for Cracks, Fraying, or Leaks
- ☐ Check Brake Pads & Replace Before Excessive Wear
- ☐ Check Rotors & Brake Fluid Levels
- ☐ Replace Windshield Wipers if Streaking or Not Clearing Properly
- ☐ Ensure Windshield Washer Fluid Reservoir is Full



VEHICLE MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

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- ☐ Check & Replace Air Filter for Optimal Engine Performance
- ☐ Check Transmission Fluid Level & Condition
- ☐ Inspect 4WD/AWD Differential & Transfer Case Fluids
- ☐ Inspect Shocks & Struts for Leaks or Excessive Bouncing
- ☐ Check Steering Components – Tie Rods & Ball Joints
- ☐ Inspect Exhaust System for Leaks to Prevent Carbon Monoxide Exposure
- ☐ Consider a Catalytic Converter Security Shield if Theft is Common
- ☐ Ensure Spare Tire is Inflated & Jack/Lug Wrench are in Vehicle
- ☐ Carry a Basic Tool Kit – Pliers, Wrenches, Screwdrivers, Duct Tape
- ☐ Keep Spare Fuses & Relays for Critical Systems

NOTE

- Do not drive through flooded areas. Six inches of water can cause a vehicle to lose control or possibly stall. A foot of water will float many cars.
- Be aware of areas where floodwaters have receded. Roads may have weakened and could collapse under the weight of a car.
- If a power line falls on your car you are at risk of electrical shock. Stay inside until a trained person removes the wire.
- If it becomes hard to control the car, pull over, stop the car and set the parking brake.
- If the emergency could affect the stability of the roadway avoid overpasses, bridges, power lines, signs and other hazards.



ESSENTIAL SAFETY EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE GEAR

- Reflective Vest for Roadside Safety
- Gloves, Safety Glasses & Dust Mask
- Rain gear

TIRE REPAIR & INFLATION

- Tire Gauge
- Additional Tools & Equipment

MEDICAL & FIRST AID

- ➔ For a comprehensive list of first aid and Trauma Equipment, Review our “First Aid and Trauma Equipment Check list”.



ESSENTIAL SAFETY EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST

EMERGENCY LIGHTING & SIGNALING

- Rechargeable LED Disc Road Flares
- Work Light (Milwaukee M18 or Similar)
- Headlamp for Hands-Free Repairs
- Flashlight ([Click Here for Recommendations](#))
- VS-17 Panel Marker for High-Visibility Signaling
- Chemlights (Glow Sticks) for Low-Light Emergency Use
- Air Horn



BATTERY & POWER SOLUTIONS

- Jumper Cables (Long Enough for Hard-to-Reach Batteries)
- Portable Jump Starter (Sized for Your Vehicle's Engine)
- Power Bank or Charging Block for Devices
- Small Solar Generator with Charging Panels – Ideal for extended emergencies, allows you to recharge devices and small electronics sustainably.



TIRE REPAIR & INFLATION

- Spare Tire, Jack & Lug Wrench (Verify Equipment in Used Vehicles)
- Portable Air Compressor for Tire Inflation
- Tire Plug Kit for Quick Puncture Repair
- Impact Gun & Impact Sockets (If Space Allows)
- Floor Jack for Safer & Easier Tire Changes
- Tire Blocks (Wheel Chocks) to Prevent Rolling
- 4-Way Heavy Duty Lug Wrench for Better Torque & Versatility
- Extended Lug Wrench for Additional Leverage in Tough Situations

VEHICLE ESCAPE TOOLS



Glass Breaker & Seatbelt Cutter (Stored in an Easily Accessible Location)



Escape Hammer for Additional Breaking Power



ADDITIONAL TOOLS & EQUIPMENT

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- Shovel for Digging Out of Mud or Snow
- Crowbar or Pry Tool for Forced Entry or Debris Removal
- Basic Hand Tools – Screwdrivers, Pliers, Wrenches, Multi-Tool
- Camping Axe or Hatchet for Cutting, Chopping & Emergency Use
- Duct Tape, Paracord & Wire Ties for Quick Repairs & Improvisation
- Fire Extinguisher for Quickly Containing Small Fires
- Bungee Cords for Securing Loose Items or Gear
- Ratchet Straps for Heavy-Duty Tie-Down Needs
- Tow Strap for Vehicle Recovery or Assisting Others
- Ice Scraper

NAVIGATION & COMMUNICATION

- Paper Maps & GPS Device (Backup for Digital Navigation)
- Emergency Radio (NOAA or GMRS/HAM Radio)
- WeBoost Cell Signal Booster for Enhanced Mobile Reception
- Starlink Satellite Internet for Internet Access in Remote Areas



ADDITIONAL TOOLS & EQUIPMENT

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FUEL & STORAGE

- ☐ Spare Fuel (Stored in an Approved Container)
- ☐ Fuel Stabilizer (If Storing for Extended Periods)
- ☐ Siphon Pump for Transferring Fuel Safely

MEDICAL & FIRST AID

- ☐ Comprehensive First Aid Kit with Bandages, Gauze, Tape & Medications
- ☐ Personal Medications & Extras for Extended Travel
- ☐ Tourniquet & Trauma Kit for Severe Injuries
- ☐ Headrest Emergency Deployment Rig (HEDR) Trauma Kit



EV SPECIFIC EQUIPMENT

- Portable 12V Jump Starter

- Portable Level 1 Charging Cable (EVSE)

- Charging Adapters for Travel- Recommended Adapters:

 - AC WORKS TT-30P to NEMA 14-50

 - NEMA 14-50 to NEMA 5-15 (for household use, in reverse)

 - Tesla-to-J1772 or vice versa (for compatibility with other networks)

 - ! Always verify adapter ratings (amps, volts) to avoid overloading.

- 12V Battery Monitoring Tools

- EV Range Planning Tools

- Fire Safety Tool (Optional, Specialized)

 - A Class D or lithium-ion-compatible fire extinguisher (not standard ABC)

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