

Show me / Tell me Questions (car) - 01.07.2008

1. B08 Show

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

Apply the indicators or use *hazard warning switch* and check functioning of all indicator bulbs. May need to switch on ignition (ask if necessary to start engine). Know how to identify faults.

2. B10 Tell

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

Brakes should be tested as you set off. Brakes should not feel spongy or slack. Vehicle should not pull to one side. (Pulling to one side may show a fault in the dual brake system)

3. B05 Tell

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

Identify reservoir and explain how to check level / keep topped-up.

4. B09 Show

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

Operate brake pedal, make use of reflections in windows, garage doors, etc. or ask someone to help. (Ask for assistance if offered – if you need to switch on the ignition please don't start the engine)

5. B02 Show

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

If the steering becomes heavy the system may not be working properly. Before 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 steering wheel just after moving off will give an immediate indication that the power assistance is functioning. (May be asked to demonstrate)

6. B12 Tell

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

Check in Manufacturer's guide, use a reliable pressure gauge, check and adjust pressures when tyres are cold, don't forget the spare tyre and remember to refit the valve caps (recommended tyre pressures may also be displayed inside the vehicle).

7. B04 Show

Show me how you would check the parking brake (handbrake) for excessive wear, make sure you keep safe control of the vehicle.

Apply footbrake firmly. Demonstrate by releasing and applying parking brake (handbrake) so that when it is fully applied it secures itself and is not at the end of its working travel (release footbrake).

8. B01 Show

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. Remove and wipe dipstick, then check of oil level against the minimum / maximum markers on the dipstick. (Make sure you also know where to top-up the oil)

9. B03 Show

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 markings on 'header tank' where fitted or radiator filler cap, and describe how to top-up to the correct level. (Make sure you understand the danger of opening when hot)

10. B18 Tell

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

11. B07 Show

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 markings. (May be an indication of fluid leak or brake wear)

12. B13 Tell

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 visible cuts and bulges, 1.6mm of tread depth across the central $\frac{3}{4}$ of the breadth of the tyre and around the entire outer circumference. Use a reliable gauge. (Can also check by using the 'tread depth indicators' between raised tyre treads)

13. B06 Show

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

Check is carried out by using / sounding horn control (turning on ignition if necessary).

14. B11 Tell

Tell me how you would check that the headlights & tail lights are working. (without exiting vehicle)

Give explanation: "Operate switch (turning on ignition if necessary) then walk round vehicle".

N.B. As this is a "Tell Me" question, there is no need to physically exit to check the lights.

15. B15 Show

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 press the 'heated rear screen' button to clear windscreen and windows. **N.B.** Engine does not have to be started.

16. B16 Show

Show me how you would switch on the rear fog light(s) and explain when you would use it / them. (No need to exit vehicle)

Operate switch. Ask to start engine or ignition if necessary. Turn on dipped headlights. Check headlight warning light is on. Turn on fog lights. Check warning light is illuminated and explain use of fog lights – when visibility is reduced to 100 metres and turned off when visibility increases.

17. B19 Tell

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

ABS warning light would stay on / illuminate if there is a fault with the anti lock braking system.

18. B14

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

Operate control to wash and wipe windscreen (turn on ignition if necessary / ask to start engine).

19. B17 Show

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.

Turn on ignition / engine as necessary. Operate light switch then use main (full) beam control – checking main beam warning light (blue light) is on.