

MOT Checklist ✓

This is a short list of recommended checks to do before taking your vehicle for its MOT test to give your car the best chance of passing the test. Before anything, we advise that you give your car a really thorough clean inside and out. A boot full of clutter and an excessively dirty car - especially if the number plate is no longer visible - can cause a failed MOT.

Handbrake

If you have to pull the lever a long way up (i.e. if it clicks too many times), the cable may need adjustment, so get this checked out if you think something might be wrong!

Brake Fluid

Check the brake fluid level. Press the brake pedal and make sure that it doesn't feel spongy. If it does, there may be air in the hydraulic system and will need to be removed.

External Lights & Number plates

Check that all of your car's external lights are working properly. Your number plates and all lights must be clean and undamaged, so give them a good scrub if necessary.

Wheels & Tyres

Check that all wheels and tyres are undamaged. Also check that all tyres are inflated to the correct pressure and that each tyre tread depth is at least 1.6mm - the legal minimum.

Seat belts

Inspect the full length of the seat belt for damage and tug sharply on all the seat belts to check that they react as they're supposed to if you have to brake severely.

Windscreen & Windscreen Wipers

Check that there aren't any cracks or chips in the windscreen within the driver's field of view. Check your wipers are able to keep your windscreen clean – any tears or holes in the wiper rubber can be an MOT fail.

Screenwash

Top up the washer bottle before you take your vehicle for its MOT test if its low.

Horn

Give a short blast of the horn – if it doesn't work, your dealer will need to repair or replace it.

Mirrors

Check that your wing mirror and rear view mirror are in good condition, and that you can adjust them if you need to. If they're broken or cracked then be sure to replace the mirror glass or the entire mirror.

Fuel & Oil

Check that your vehicle has at least a quarter of a tank of fuel in it, and that the engine oil is at the correct level. If you're unsure what kind of oil your vehicle needs, contact your local dealer for assistance.

Note: *When checking fluid levels and handling parts that could become hot to the touch (e.g bulbs) it's always best to ensure that the vehicle has had an opportunity to cool down fully. This list is only a guide and does not guarantee your vehicle will pass its MOT test.*