

In the practical test, you will be asked two 'show me and tell me' questions about safety and maintenance checks on your car. Getting one or both of them wrong will count as a driving fault in your test.

'Show me' questions

B01: 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.

A: Identify dipstick/oil level indicator, describe check of oil level against the minimum/maximum markers.

B02: Show me/explain how you would check that the power-assisted steering is working before starting a journey.

A: 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.

B03: 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.

A: Identify high/low level markings on header tank (where fitted) or radiator filler cap, and describe how to top up to correct level.

B04: Show me how you would check the parking brake for excessive wear. Make sure you keep safe control of the vehicle.

A: Apply footbrake firmly. Demonstrate by applying parking brake that when it is fully applied it secures itself, and is not at the end of the working travel.

Note: Release the handbrake, explain as you apply it again that you are checking the brake cable goes tight before the lever stops and that the lever doesn't fall back down.

B06: Show me how you would check that the horn is working (off-road only).

A: Check is carried out by using the control (turn on ignition if necessary).

B07: 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.

A: Identify reservoir, check level against high/low markings.

B08: Show me how you would check that the direction indicators are working.

A: Applying the indicators or hazard warning switch and walking around the vehicle to check functioning of all indicators.

B09: Show me how you would check that the brake lights are working on this car. (I can assist you, if you need to switch the ignition on, please don't start the engine.)

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

B14: Show me how you would clean the windscreen using the windscreen washer and wipers.

A: Operate control to wash and wipe windscreen. You may need to switch ignition on, however you should not start the engine.

B15: Show me how you would set the demister controls to clear the windows effectively; this should include both front and the back screens.

A: Set all relevant controls including, fans, temperature, air direction/source and heated screen to clear front and rear screens. Engine does not have to be started for this demonstration.

B16: Show me how you would switch on your rear fog light(s) and explain when you would use it/them. (No need to exit the car, please don't start the engine.)

A: Operate switch (turn on dip headlights and ignition if necessary) check warning light is on.

Explain when you would use fog lights: You must use fog lights when visibility is seriously reduced, to 100 meters (328 feet) or less. You must NOT use fog lights in any other circumstances, because they can dazzle and distract other drivers.

B17: Show me how you switch your headlights from dipped to main beam and explain how you would know the main beam is on whilst inside the car

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

'Tell me' questions

B05: Identify where the windscreen washer reservoir is, and tell me how you would check the windscreen washer level.

A: Identify reservoir and explain how to check level. Check your car's manual to see how to do this.

B10: Tell me how you would check that the brakes are working before starting a journey.

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

B11: Tell me how you would check that the headlights and tail lights are working. (No need to exit the vehicle.)

A: Operate switch (turn on ignition if necessary), walk round vehicle. (As this is a 'Tell Me' question there is no need to physically check the lights.)

B12: Tell me where you would find the information for the recommended tyre pressures for this car and how tyre pressures should be checked.

A: Manufacturer's guide, use a reliable pressure gauge, check and adjust pressures when tyres are cold, don't forget spare tyre, remember to refit valve caps.

B13: 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.

A: No 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.

B18: Tell me how you would make sure head restraint is correctly adjusted so it provides the best protection in the event of a crash.

A: 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 head restraints might not be adjustable.

B19: Tell me how would you know if there was a problem with your ABS (Anti-Lock Braking System)

A: Warning light on the dash board should illuminate if there is a fault with the ABS