

# POWDERY Check



## Petrol (or other fuel)

Have you got enough petrol, diesel or battery for your journey?



## Oil

Check that you have the right amount of oil. Refer to the owner's manual for how to do this for your specific car. Be aware of the other sorts of oils/fluids to check: clutch fluid, engine oil, gearbox oil, power steering fluid, most of which can be checked with a glance at the reservoir.



## Water

Is there enough fluid in your screen wash reservoir? Being empty could cost you a fixed penalty notice. Also do you have enough engine coolant? This is best checked cold, and don't remove the cap whilst the engine is warm as it is under pressure.



## Damage

A quick visual check for any fresh damage, such as wheels, tyres, mirrors, lights or anything hanging below the vehicle?



## Electrics

Are all your lights – interior and exterior – working? Don't forget the reversing light and warning lights! Does your horn work?



## Rubber

Check your tyres including the pressures and tread, tyres must have a tread depth of at least 1.6mm. Also make sure there are no cuts and bulges. Also see if your windscreen wiper blades are ok – not nicked or cracked.



## Yourself

Make sure you are fit to drive. Is your mental health okay? Were you drinking last night? Are you on any medication which might dull your reaction time?



**This acronym is for the regular checks you should do before a long journey and at least every two to three weeks in between, to ensure you and your car are fit for the road.**

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