

Carrying out a walk around check of your vehicle is an important part of your daily routine. Checks should be thorough and your findings should be recorded and reported. Effective walk around checks can help ensure:

- the safety of any drivers, passengers and other road users
- defects are detected early, therefore reducing the need for extensive and costly repairs
- less disruption due to less chance of being stopped at the roadside
- peace of mind that your vehicle is safe and compliant

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## INTERNAL CHECKS

### Check

- driving controls, seat and head rest positions are adjusted correctly
- safety belt(s) are in the correct position and working correctly
- the interior is clean with no obstructions or loose material in the foot-well(s) or parcel shelf behind the rear seats
- all instrument gauges and warning lights work correctly
- wipers, washers, horn, demister and temperature controls work correctly
- steering and brakes work correctly
- hi-visibility triangle and vest is readily accessible in the car
- pedals are in good anti-slip condition

## INSTRUMENT GAUGES AND WARNING LIGHTS

### Check

- they are in good condition

## WIPER BLADES

### Check

- they are in good condition

## MIRRORS AND WINDOWS

### Check

- mirrors are secure and aligned correctly
- are clean and in good condition
- the view is not obstructed, eg by stickers etc
- windows open and close properly

## LOAD SECURITY AND RESTRAINT

### Check

- vehicle is loaded within load limits
- load is distributed evenly
- articles in vehicle are stored securely (in boot) and restrained if necessary
- load restraint equipment is suited to load and in good condition
- no loose articles are on seats
- articles on roof are securely tied down
- overhanging articles on roof are visible to other road users (eg hi-visibility warning flag)
- on estate cars: there is a barrier in place to protect driver and/or front passenger when goods are being carried in rear goods space

## FUEL CAP SEAL

### Check it is

- in place
- in good condition
- not leaking

## BUMPERS (FRONT AND REAR)

### Check that

- they are in good condition

## NUMBER PLATES (FRONT AND REAR)

### Check that they are

- of correct type
- in correct position
- visible and clean

## EXHAUST

### Check

- there is no excessive noise or smoke

## EXTERNAL CHECKS

### Check

- vehicle is sitting square and not leaning to one side
- the underside of vehicle has no signs of leaks
- engine oil, coolant, water, windscreen wash and brake fluid is at correct levels and do not leak

## ACCESS

### Check

- door locks work properly
- doors open and close correctly

## LIGHTS, INDICATORS, HAZARD LIGHTS AND REFLECTORS

### Check

- all are in place
- working properly
- the correct colour
- not broken or cracked
- clean

## WHEELS AND TYRES

### Check

- tyres are correctly inflated
- tyres are the correct tread depth
- tyres are undamaged with no bulges, tears or abrasions
- all wheel nuts are in place, correctly fitted and secure
- wheel nut indicators are correctly aligned (if in use)
- clean

