

# AUTO SAFETY CHECKLIST

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
Assistant's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Make of Car \_\_\_\_\_ Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Mileage \_\_\_\_\_  
Year of Car \_\_\_\_\_ Engine Type and Size \_\_\_\_\_

## DIRECTIONS

1. Write "OK" in each blank which has passed inspection. Place a large checkmark in each blank that has not passed inspection.
2. "Left" refers to the driver's side of the vehicle.

## I. OUTSIDE THE CAR

### A. EXTERIOR LIGHTS

#### 1. Front of Car

##### a. Headlights:

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1) High Left
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2) High Right
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3) Low Left
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4) Low Right

##### b. Parking Lights

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1) Left
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2) Right

##### c. Directional Lights

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1) Left
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2) Right

##### d. Marker Lights

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1) Left
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2) Right

##### e. Emergency Flashers

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1) Left
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2) Right

### B. HEADLIGHT AIM

#### 1. Ask driver if:

- \_\_\_\_\_ a. He can see effectively at night
- \_\_\_\_\_ b. Other drivers flash their lights on and off at him when his lights are down

#### 2. Rear of Car

##### a. Tail Lights:

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1) Left
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2) Right

##### b. Stop Lights

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1) Left
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2) Right

##### c. Directional Lights

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1) Left
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2) Right

##### d. License Plate Light

##### e. Emergency Flashers

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1) Left
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2) Right

### F. BACK-UP LIGHTS

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1) LEFT
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2) RIGHT

### C. GLASS

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Any cracked or broken glass
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Deep scratches from wipe blade
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Any sticker obstructing a driver's vision

### D. WIPERS

- 1. Cracked, torn or worn rubber on the wiper blade

- \_\_\_\_\_ a. Left
- \_\_\_\_\_ b. Right

### E. MIRROR

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. In place on car
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Broken, cracked or blemished
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Are adjustable

### F. SPARE AND TRUNK

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Good thread left
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Correct air pressure
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. All jack parts in place

### COMMENTS ON OUTSIDE OF CAR

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II. INSIDE THE CARA. DOOR LATCHES AND LOCKS

- \_\_\_ 1. Left Front
- \_\_\_ 2. Left Rear
- \_\_\_ 3. Right Front
- \_\_\_ 4. Right Rear

B. SEAT BELTS

- \_\_\_ 1. Left Front
- \_\_\_ 2. Right Front
- \_\_\_ 3. Rear

C. SERVICE BRAKE

- \_\_\_ 1. Pedal goes down less than one-quarter of the way (engine needs to be running if auto has power brakes)

D. PARKING BRAKE

- \_\_\_ 1. Holds solidly
- \_\_\_ 2. Releases all the way

E. PARKING PAWL (Automatic transmissions only)

- \_\_\_ 1. Gearshift in park, car does not roll (rock car slightly by hand)

COMMENTS ON INSIDE OF CAR


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F. WARNING LIGHTS

- 1. Turn key to "on" position without engine running:
  - \_\_\_ a. Oil light on
  - \_\_\_ b. Generator light on
  - \_\_\_ c. Any others

G. WIPERS

- \_\_\_ 1. Do they work?
- \_\_\_ 2. Do washers work?

H. HORN

- \_\_\_ 1. Does it work?

I. STEERING

- \_\_\_ 1. No excessive looseness

J. DEFROSTERS

- \_\_\_ 1. Good volume of air flow

K. SEATS

- \_\_\_ 1. Front seat fully adjustable

III. UNDER THE HOODA. HOOD LATCH

- \_\_\_ 1. Holds tightly
- \_\_\_ 2. Releases easily

B. BATTERY CABLES

- \_\_\_ 1. Lack of corrosion
- \_\_\_ 2. Tight

C. BELTS

- \_\_\_ 1. All in place
- \_\_\_ 2. Cracked or worn
- \_\_\_ 3. Looseness

D. FLUID LEVEL

- \_\_\_ 1. Engine oil (engine must be off)
- \_\_\_ 2. Automatic transmission fluid (referred to as A.T.E.)
- \_\_\_ 3. Master cylinder (within 1/2" from top)
- \_\_\_ 4. Power steering
- \_\_\_ 5. Radiator (CAUTION: Do not remove cap when engine is hot)
  - \_\_\_ a. Within 3 inches from top when cold
- \_\_\_ 6. Windshield washer fluid

E. HOSES (Check for cracked, swollen,  
hard or leaky hoses)

- \_\_\_ 1. Upper radiator hose
- \_\_\_ 2. Lower radiator hose
- \_\_\_ 3. All heater hoses

F. WIRING

- \_\_\_ 1. All neat and where it belongs  
with no loose ends

G. POWER BRAKE LINE

- \_\_\_ 1. Hose tight and all secured  
to all fittings

IV. UNDER THE CAR

(Put car on lift; refer to safety procedures)

A. TIRE WEAR

- 1. Amount of thread left:  
(Minimum acceptable thread depth  
is 1/16 inch)
  - \_\_\_ a. Front Left
  - \_\_\_ b. Front Right
  - \_\_\_ c. Rear Left
  - \_\_\_ d. Rear Right

B. ALIGNMENT

- \_\_\_ 1. Even wear across face of all tires

C. SUSPENSION

- \_\_\_ 1. Leaky or loose shock absorbers
- \_\_\_ 2. Spring cracked or dislocated

D. FRONT WHEEL BEARINGS

- \_\_\_ 1. Too loose (bottom of tire moves  
back and forth more than 1/4")
- \_\_\_ 2. Rotating noise

E. STEERING LINKAGE

- \_\_\_ 1. Tie rods bent or loose tie rod ends
- \_\_\_ 2. Excessive looseness in idler arm

H. AIR CLEANER

- \_\_\_ 1. Remove element and check  
for cleanness and tears

I. HEAT CONTROL VALVE

- \_\_\_ 1. Loose (not all heat valves  
can be checked)

COMMENTS ON UNDER THE HOOD

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F. BRAKES

- \_\_\_ 1. Rotate all wheels, listening  
for excessive noise
- \_\_\_ 2. Grease or brake fluid on  
rear of tires

G. PARKING BRAKE CABLE

- \_\_\_ 1. Free and not rusted in place

H. EXHAUST SYSTEM

- \_\_\_ 1. Good hangers holding up  
system
- 2. Check for rust holes:
  - \_\_\_ a. Exhaust pipe
  - \_\_\_ b. Muffler
  - \_\_\_ c. Tail pipe

I. OIL LEAKS

- \_\_\_ 1. Engine area
- \_\_\_ 2. Transmission area

COMMENTS ON UNDER THE CAR

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