



Under the Bonnet Engine Checks Cheat Sheet

Essential engine bay checks & questions asked by driving examiners before the drive.

1. Engine Oil Dipstick Check

How to check: Point to the dipstick handle. Explain that you remove the dipstick, wipe it clean with a cloth, re-insert it fully, pull it out again and check that the oil level is between the MIN and MAX markings.

2. Engine Coolant Reservoir Check

How to check: Point to the translucent coolant expansion tank. Explain that the coolant fluid level should be clearly visible between the MIN and MAX indicator lines when the engine is COLD.

3. Brake Fluid Reservoir Check

How to check: Point to the brake fluid reservoir (usually near the back of the engine bay on the driver's side). Explain that the fluid level should be between the MIN and MAX markings.

4. Windscreen Washer Fluid Reservoir

How to check: Point to the washer fluid container (usually marked with a windshield/wiper symbol). Explain how to open the cap and top up with screenwash solution and water until full.

■■ SAFETY CRITICAL WARNING: Never Open a Hot Engine Coolant Cap!

The coolant system is under high pressure when hot. Opening it on a hot engine can spray boiling liquid and cause severe steam burns. Always check when cold or wear heavy protective cloth in an emergency.