

# Show Me, Tell Me

Before driving, the examiner will ask you a 'tell me' question, where you explain how to carry out a safety task. Later they will ask you a 'show me' question, where you demonstrate a safety task while driving.

## The 'tell me' questions

**1. Tell me how you'd check that the brakes are working before starting a journey.**

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

**2. Tell me where you'd find the information for the recommended tyre pressures for this car and how tyre pressures should be checked.**

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

**3. Tell me how you make sure your head restraint is correctly adjusted so it provides the best protection in the event of a crash.**

The head restraint should be adjusted so the rigid part is at least as high as the eyes or top of the ears, and as close to the back of the head as is comfortable.

Note: Some restraints might not be adjustable.

**4. Tell me how you'd check the tyres to ensure they have sufficient tread depth and that their general condition is safe to use on the road.**

No cuts and bulges, 1.6mm of tread depth across the central three-quarters of the breadth of the tyre, and around the entire outer circumference.

**5. Tell me how you'd check that the headlights and tail lights are working. You don't need to exit the vehicle.**

Explain you'd operate the switch (turn on ignition if necessary), then walk round vehicle (you don't need to physically check the lights).

**6. Tell me how you'd know if there was a problem with your anti-lock braking system.**

Warning light should illuminate if there is a fault with the ABS.

**7. Tell me how you'd check the direction indicators are working. You don't need to exit the vehicle.**

Explain you'd operate the switch (turn on ignition if necessary), and then walk round vehicle (you don't need to physically check the lights).

**8. Tell me how you'd check the brake lights are working on this car.**

Explain you'd turn on the ignition and operate the brake pedal, making use of reflections in windows or doors, or ask someone to stand at the back of the car to see if they work.

**9. Tell me how you'd check the power-assisted steering is working before starting a journey.**

If the steering becomes heavy, the system may not be working properly.

Before starting a journey pull gently on the steering wheel as you start the engine and the wheel should move slightly as the system kicks in. Alternatively turn the steering wheel just after moving off.

**10. Tell me how you'd switch on the rear fog light(s) and explain when you'd use it/them. You don't need to exit the vehicle.**

Operate switch (turn on dipped headlights and ignition if necessary). Check warning light is on. Only use when visibility is less than 100m.

**11. Tell me how you switch your headlight from dipped to main beam and explain how you'd know the main beam is on.**

Operate switch (with ignition or engine on if nec), check the main beam warning light is on.

**12. Open the bonnet and tell me how you'd check that the engine has sufficient oil.**

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

**13. Open the bonnet and tell me how you'd check that the engine has sufficient engine coolant.**

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

**14. Open the bonnet and tell me how you'd check that you have a safe level of hydraulic brake fluid.**

Identify reservoir, check level against high and low markings.

## The 'show me' questions:

When it's safe to do so...

1. Can you show me how you wash and clean the rear windscreen?
2. Can you show me how you wash and clean the front windscreen?
3. Can you show me how you'd switch on your dipped headlights?
4. Can you show me how you'd set the rear demister?
5. Can you show me how you'd operate the horn?
6. Can you show me how you'd demist the front windscreen?
7. Can you show me how you'd open and close the side window?