

**INTRODUCTION OF VEHICLE SAFETY QUESTIONS SEPTEMBER 2003**  
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Advice and information on how to carry out vehicle safety checks can be found in the manufacturer's handbook and/or the appropriate DSA publication.

**COMBINATIONS OF QUESTIONS TO BE USED ON TEST**

**CAR TESTS** (Category B & B1)

Safety check questions for car tests

**Combination 1**

- **Open the bonnet, identify where you would check the engine oil level, and tell me how you would check that the engine has sufficient oil.**

Source: The Official DSA Guide to Driving the Essential Skills.

NB: The manufacturer's handbook should also be consulted.

- **Show me / explain how you would check that the power assisted steering is working before starting a journey.**

Source: The Official DSA Guide to Driving the Essential Skills.

NB: The manufacture's handbook should also be consulted.

**Combination 2**

- **Open the bonnet, identify where you would check the engine coolant level, and tell me how you would check that the engine has the correct level.**

Source: The Official DSA Guide to Driving the Essential Skills.

NB: The manufacture's handbook should also be consulted.

- **Show me how you would check the parking brake for excessive wear.**

Source: The Official DSA Guide to Driving the Essential Skills.

NB: The manufacture's vehicle handbook should also be consulted.

**Combination 3**

- **Open the bonnet, identify where the windscreen washer reservoir is and tell me how you would check the windscreen washer level.**

Source: The Official DSA Guide to Driving the Essential Skills.  
NB: The manufacture's handbook should also be consulted.

- **Show me how you would check that the horn is working**

Source: The Official DSA Guide to Driving the Essential Skills.

#### Combination 4

- **Open the bonnet, identify where the brake fluid reservoir is and tell me how you would check that you have a safe level of hydraulic brake fluid.**

Source: The Official DSA Guide to Driving the Essential Skills.  
NB: The manufacture's handbook should also be consulted.

- **Show me how you would check that the direction indicators are working.**

Source: The Official DSA Guide to Driving the Essential Skills.

#### Combination 5

- **Tell me how you would make sure your head restraint is correctly adjusted so it provides the best protection in the event of a collision please**

Source: The Official DSA Guide to Driving the Essential Skills.

- **Show me how you would switch on the rear fog light(s) and explain when you would use it (them) please. Please do not start the engine. (No need to exit the vehicle)**

Source: The Official DSA Guide to Driving the Essential Skills.  
NB: The manufacture's handbook should also be consulted.

#### Combination 6

- **Tell me how you would check that the brakes are working before starting a journey.**

Source: The Official DSA Guide to Driving the Essential Skills.  
NB: The manufacture's handbook should also be consulted.

- **Show me how you switch your headlight from dipped to main beam please and explain how you would know the main beam is on whilst inside the car. Please do not start the engine. (No need to exit vehicle)**

Source: The Official DSA Guide to Driving the Essential Skills.  
NB: The manufacture's handbook should also be consulted.

## Combination 7

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

Source: The Official DSA Guide to Driving the Essential Skills.

NB: The manufacture's handbook should also be consulted.

- **Show me how you would switch on the rear fog light(s) and explain when you would use it (them) please. Please do not start the engine. (No need to exit the vehicle)**

Source: The Official DSA Guide to Driving the Essential Skills.

NB: The manufacture's handbook should also be consulted.

## Combination 8

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

Source: The Official DSA Guide to Driving the Essential Skills.

NB: The manufacture's handbook should also be consulted.

- Show me how you would check that the brake lights are working on this car please. I can assist you. If you need to switch the ignition on, please don't start the engine.

Source: The Official DSA Guide to Driving the Essential Skills.

NB: The manufacture's handbook should also be consulted.

#### Combination 9

- Tell me how you would know if there was a problem with the anti-lock braking system please. (Use only where system is fitted to test vehicle)

Source: The Official DSA Guide to Driving the Essential Skills.

NB: The manufacture's handbook should also be consulted.

- Show me how you would check that the horn is working

Source: The Official DSA Guide to Driving the Essential Skills.

#### Combination 10

- Open the bonnet, identify where you would check the engine oil level, and tell me how you would check that the engine has sufficient oil.

Source: The Official DSA Guide to Driving the Essential Skills.

NB: The manufacture's handbook should also be consulted.

- Show me how you would check that the direction indicators are working.

Source: The Official DSA Guide to Driving the Essential Skills.

NB: The manufacture's handbook should also be consulted.

#### Combination 11

- Tell me how you would check that the headlights and tail lights are working please. (No need to exit vehicle)

Source: The Official DSA Guide to Driving the Essential Skills.

NB: The manufacture's handbook should also be consulted.

- Show me how you would use the demister controls to clear all the windows effectively please, this should include both front and rear screens.

Source: The Official DSA Guide to Driving the Essential Skills.

**NB: The manufacture's vehicle handbook should also be consulted.**

## Combination 12



- **Open the bonnet, identify where you would check the engine coolant level, and tell me how you would check that the engine has the correct level.**

**Source: The Official DSA Guide to Driving the Essential Skills.**

**NB: The manufacture's handbook should also be consulted.**

- **Show me how you would clean the windscreen using the windscreen washers and wipers please. Please do not start engine.**

**Source: The Official DSA Guide to Driving the Essential Skills.**

**NB: The manufacture's handbook should also be consulted.**