

Preparing your car for big road trips.

A quick guide to getting your vehicle in top shape for your next adventure on the open road.

Australia has loads of exciting destinations that you can get to by car. From romantic beach breaks to awesome outback escapes, you don't have to leave the country to get to the unforgettable. To keep your car in tip-top shape for big adventures, here are some important things to look at before you hit the road.

Inspect your tyres.

Check tyre pressure



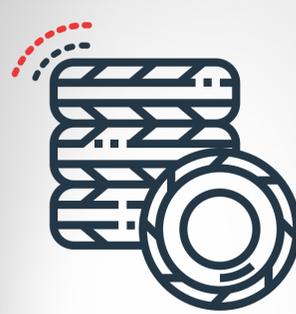
Properly inflated tyres can save fuel, enhance handling and prevent accidents. And it's free at most service stations.¹

Check the spare



Make sure the spare tyre's in good condition, and that you have all the tools you need to change it, including a jack and spanner.

Inspect tyres for uneven wear



Inspect tyre tread depth and wear patterns. If the tyre tread is worn they may need to be replaced.²

Service your vehicle.

Examine your oil level



Oil lubricates the engine keeping it from overheating and preventing harmful substances from accumulating. Incorrect oil levels can cause trouble for your engine.³

Test your lights



Lights help keep you safe by allowing you to communicate with other drivers. Checking all your lights function will help you avoid collisions, and fines!

Top up fluids



Make sure all car fluids (power steering, windscreen washer, brake and coolants) are at proper levels.⁴

Pre-trip final check.

Clean your front and back windshields



Rain or shine, windshields and wipers help keep your vision clear. Make sure your reservoir is topped up with a mix of screen wash and water for cleaning when you're on the road.

Pack efficiently and securely



Loose items can cause visual obstructions to the driver. Pack all items so that vision in the rear-view mirror isn't blocked, and secure any items that are likely to move about.

Check seatbelts



Ensure your seatbelts are in proper working condition. Seatbelts reduces the risk of serious injury by up to 50 per cent. Each state and Territory has its own penalties for not wearing one while driving.

1.<https://www.tyrepower.com.au/tyres/tyre-care/tyre-pressures/>

2.<https://www.tyrepower.com.au/tyres/tyre-tips/tyre-care-general>

3.<https://www.lifehacker.com.au/2018/11/the-essential-car-maintenance-tips-every-driver-should-follow/>

4.<https://www.racq.com.au/cars-and-driving/cars/owning-and-maintaining-a-car/car-maintenance/routine-maintenance>

Going on a road trip with your family and friends should be a fun adventure, so it is important to take a moment to tick off some simple checks on your car.

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