



PRE-TRIP 10-POINT VEHICLE INSPECTION

Run through this 15-minute check before hitting the road or trail.

Trail Tip: Complete these checks when the engine is cold (preferably the morning of your trip). Catching minor fluid drops or loose fittings early prevents costly breakdown recoveries in remote areas.

#	INSPECTION POINT	WHAT & HOW TO CHECK	STATUS
1	Fluids & Leaks	Check Engine Oil, Coolant, Brake, Clutch, & Power Steering fluid levels. Inspect ground under vehicle for fresh spots.	☐
2	Tyres & Spare	Check pressures (including spare!). Inspect sidewalls for cuts or bulges and ensure wheel nuts are torqued.	☐
3	Battery & Terminals	Verify hold-down clamp is secure. Ensure terminals are clean (no white acid build-up) and wires fit tightly.	☐
4	Belts & Hoses	Squeeze radiator hoses for softness or cracking. Inspect drive/fan belts for tension, fraying, or cracking.	☐
5	Brakes & Clutch	Check brake pedal firmness. Visually inspect front/rear pad thickness through wheel spokes. Test handbrake hold.	☐
6	Lights & Horn	Test headlights, high beams, brake lights, indicators, hazard lights, trail driving lights, and horn.	☐
7	Undercarriage & Steering	Inspect shock mounts, suspension bushes, prop shaft U-joints, and steering dampers for movement or loose bolts.	☐
8	4x4 & Diff-Locks	Engage Low-Range and Diff-Locks briefly to confirm smooth engagement and indicator lights before reaching the trail.	☐
9	Wipers & Screen Wash	Top up washer fluid with bug/grime cleaner concentrate. Inspect wiper rubber blades for tearing or dry rot.	☐
10	Cargo & Gear Security	Ensure heavy crates, fridges, toolboxes, recovery gear, and spare tyres are securely tied down with rated straps.	☐

EMERGENCY & TRIP INFORMATION

Local Recovery / Towing:

Next of Kin Contact:

Destination / Host Contact: