ROAD READINESS

GLOVE BOX GUIDE

When it comes to road safety, you can't control other drivers or road conditions, but one thing you can control is proper maintenance of your vehicle and tires. To help you remember what to check and when, Michelin and the FIA have put to tgether five simple tips to help you stay safe on the road. Keep this handy tip sheet in your glove box so you can refer to it when you need it!



AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH:



1 CHECK YOUR TIRE TREAD

- Hold a penny with Abraham Lincoln's body between your thumb and forefinger
- Place Lincoln's head first into the deepest-looking groove
- Can you see all of his head? If yes, your tires are too worn – don't drive on them and get them replaced



2 | CHECK YOUR TIRE PRESSURE

- Buy a tire pressure gauge, if you don't have one already
- Open your car door and on the inside jamb you should see a sticker - take a picture on your smartphone of the number that says "PSI" (the measurement for tire pressure)
- Use the pressure gauge to check your tires (make sure you check when they are cold)
- Compare the number on the gauge to the number you wrote down. If above, let air out of your tires. If below, inflate until the numbers match



3 | CHECK YOUR BRAKE LIGHTS

- ☐ Turn on your car
- ☐ Have a friend or parent stand behind the car
- Step on the brake pedal
- Does your friend see both lights? If not, you should replace the bulb or fuse. If you don't know how, get a professional to do it



4 CHECK YOUR WINDSHIELD WIPERS

- Windshield wiper blades need to be replaced periodically to ensure optimum visibility
- Replace them at least yearly if you live in a sunny/hot or cold region, and twice a year if you live in a dusty or dry region
- Clean wiper blades periodically with rag or alcohol wipe to maintain their performance

5 CHECK YOUR FLUIDS



- Open the hood of your car
- Find the oil dipstick, remove it and wipe it down with a rag or paper towel
- Put back the dipstick make sure you push it in as far as it will go
- ☐ Pull out the dipstick again if the film of oil does not reach the markings, add more oil
- Check your driver's manual to see how often you should replace your oil



COOLANT

- Open the hood of your car
- Find the coolant tank– this is usually next to the
- If the coolant doesn't reach the "minimum" fill line, fill it with a coolant/water solution (the ratio for this will be in your car's driver manual)

WARNING

Never open the radiator cap on a hot car! Wait until the car has cooled down first.

MY EMERGENCY CALL LIST

Emergency roadside service company/provider:

Automotive insurance emergency hotline:

Preferred automotive service or mechanic:

Friends and family:



wichelin North America and the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA), he governing body for world motor sport, are sponsoring a multi-year effort called Beyond the Driving Test to help ensure new drivers get essential training on tire

