

Show Me, Tell Me checklist

DRIVE TEST FINDER UK

Independent DVSA information

All 21 car-test vehicle-safety topics - tick each one when you can explain or demonstrate it.

14 TELL-ME TOPICS

One is asked before you begin driving.

- ☐ **1. Brakes**
Pedal firm; test gently; car stops normally and does not pull.
- ☐ **2. Tyre pressures**
Use handbook or label; check cold with a gauge; adjust and refit caps.
- ☐ **3. Head restraint**
Rigid part level with eyes or ears and close to the back of your head.
- ☐ **4. Tyre tread and condition**
No cuts or bulges; 1.6 mm across central 3/4 and full circumference.
- ☐ **5. Headlights and rear lights**
Switch on, using ignition if needed, then check around the car.
- ☐ **6. ABS fault**
The ABS warning lamp would show a problem.
- ☐ **7. Direction indicators**
Operate them, using ignition if needed, then check around the car.
- ☐ **8. Brake lights**
Press the pedal; use reflections or ask another person to check.
- ☐ **9. Power-assisted steering**
Gentle wheel pressure; look for movement as the engine starts.
- ☐ **10. Rear fog light**
Use with dipped lights if needed; check warning lamp; only below 100 m visibility.
- ☐ **11. Main beam**
Use the stalk or switch; confirm the blue dashboard symbol.
- ☐ **12. Engine oil**
Identify dipstick or display; level must be between minimum and maximum.
- ☐ **13. Engine coolant**
Check expansion-tank marks; explain top-up; open cap only when cool.
- ☐ **14. Brake fluid**
Identify reservoir; level must be between minimum and maximum.

7 SHOW-ME TOPICS

One is demonstrated while you are driving.

- ☐ **1. Rear wash and wipe**
Find and operate the rear washer and wiper.
- ☐ **2. Front wash and wipe**
Spray and clear the front windscreen.
- ☐ **3. Dipped headlights**
Operate the correct switch or stalk.
- ☐ **4. Rear-window demister**
Find and select the heated rear-window control.
- ☐ **5. Horn**
Sound it briefly only when safe and appropriate.
- ☐ **6. Front demist**
Select windscreen airflow; set fan and temperature; use A/C if fitted.
- ☐ **7. Side window**
Open and close it while maintaining control.

PRACTISE IN YOUR TEST CAR

- Find every control without looking away for long.
- Use a safe moment before a show-me action.
- Practise the bonnet release and fluid locations.
- Use the full online guide for answer outlines.