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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.

Identify dipstick / oil level indicator, describe how you would check the oil level against the minimum / maximum markers.

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

If the steering becomes heavy the system may not be working properly. Before starting a journey two simple checks can be made. Gentle pressure on the steering wheel, maintained while the engine is started, should result in a slight but noticeable movement as the system begins to operate. Alternatively turning the steering wheel just after moving off will give an immediate indication that the power assistance is functioning.

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.

Identify high / low level markings on header tank (where fitted) or radiator filler cap, and describe how to top up to correct level.

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

Demonstrate by applying the handbrake and when it is fully applied it secures itself, and is not at the end of the working travel.

Identify where the windscreen washer reservoir is and tell me how you would check the windscreen washer level.

Identify reservoir and check level.

Show me how you would check that the horn is working (off road only).

Turn on ignition (if necessary). Operate horn.

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.

Identify reservoir, check level against high / low markings.

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

Apply indicators or hazard warning lights and check all indicators.

Tell me how you would check that the brake lights are working on this car.

Operate brake pedal, make use of any reflections in windows, garage doors etc, or ask someone to help.

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

Brakes should not feel spongy or slack. Brakes should be tested as you move off. Vehicle should not pull to one side.

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Show me how you would check that the headlights and tail lights are working.

Turn on ignition (if necessary), operate switch for lights, walk round the vehicle.

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

Tyre pressures are in manufacturers manual, use a reliable pressure gauge, check tyre pressures when cold, (Once a week) don't forget spare and remember to refit dust caps.

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

No cuts or bulges, 1.6mm of tread depth across the central 3/4 of the breadth of the tyre and around the entire circumference.

Show me how you would clean the windscreen using the windscreen washer and wiper.

Operate controls to wash and wipe windscreen. Turn ignition on if necessary.

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

Set all the relevant controls including; fan, temperature, air direction/source and heated screen to clear windscreen and window. Engine does not have to be started for this demonstration.

Show me how you would switch on the rear fog light(s) and explain when you would use it/them. (No need to exit the vehicle. Please don't start the engine).

Operate switch (turn on dipped headlights and ignition if necessary). Check warning light is on. Explain use - when visibility reduced to 100m or less.

Show me how you would switch your headlight from dipped to main beam and explain how you would know the main beam is on whilst inside the car.

Operate switch (with ignition or engine on if necessary), check with main beam warning light.

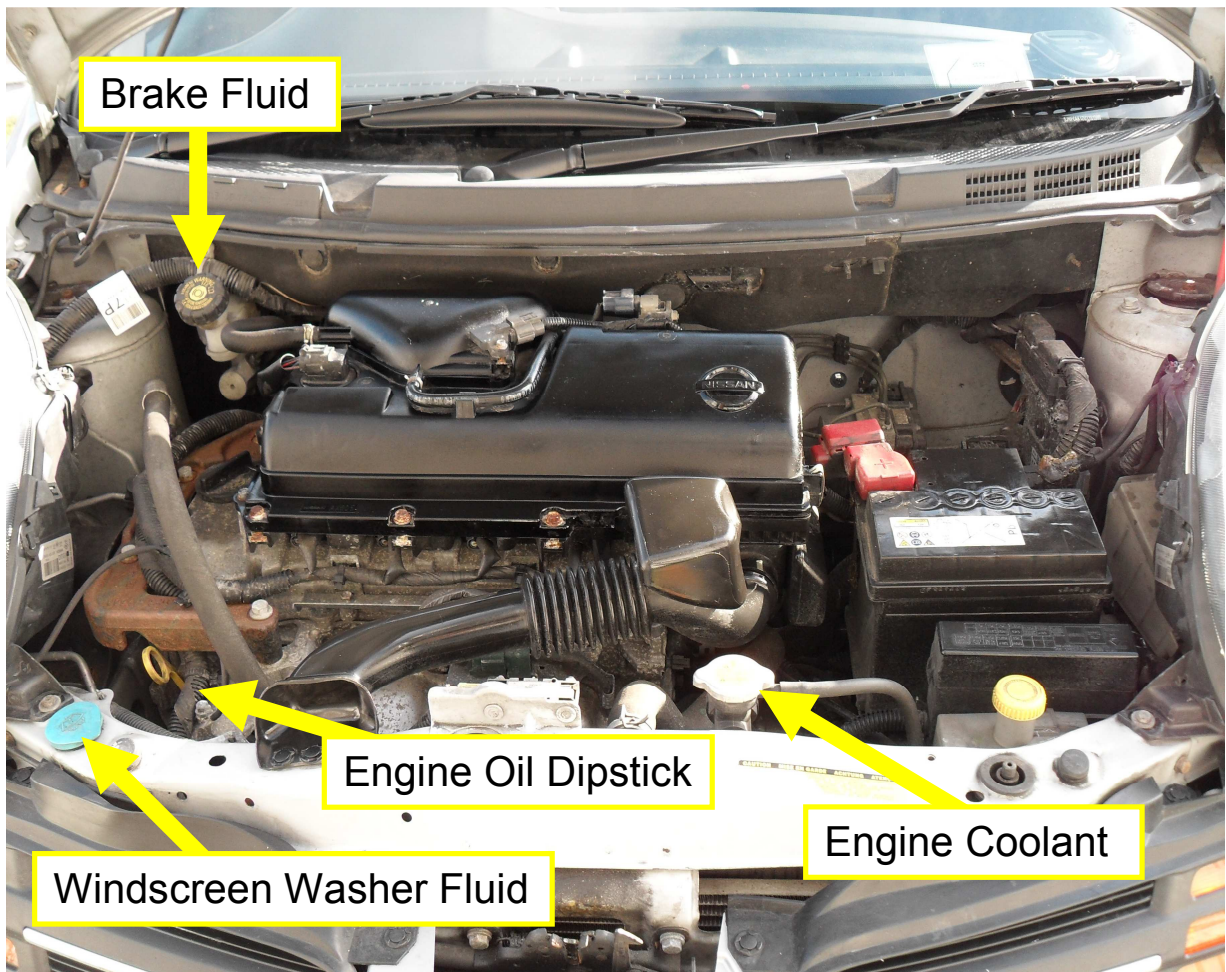
Tell me how you make sure your head restraint is correctly adjusted so it provides the best protection in the event of a crash.

The head restraint should be adjusted so the rigid part of the head restraint is at least as high as the eye or top of the ears, and as close to the back of the head as is comfortable. N.B. Some restraints might not be adjustable.

Tell me how you would know if there was a problem with your anti lock braking system.

Warning light should illuminate if there is a fault with the anti lock braking system.

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Above is a picture of my engine bay and where to find:-

- Engine Oil Dipstick
- Brake fluid
- Engine Coolant
- Windscreen Washer fluid