



# 5 TIPS

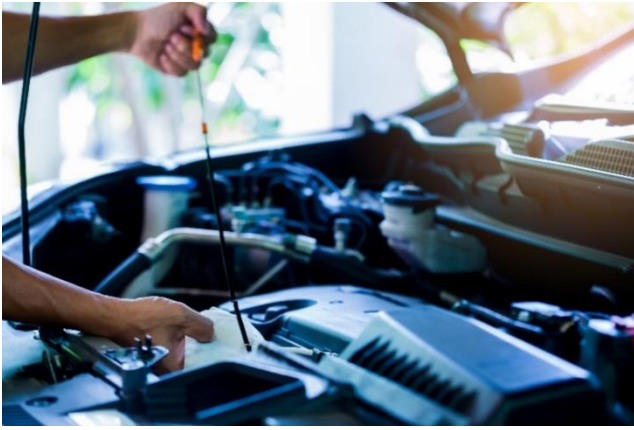
TO MAINTAIN YOUR  
CAR IN BETWEEN  
SERVICES



## Want To Save Money On Your Next Service?

Read our 5 tips to maintain your car in between services.

*We recommend getting regular car services to keep your car safe on the road and to save money in the long run. Contact us today to book your service.*



## 1. Check your fluid levels:

Under bonnet fluid level checks are critical, as these are things that are very likely to need topping up between services, particularly as manufacturer's increase recommended service intervals more and more.

As a minimum check the

- engine oil,
- radiator and reservoir,
- brake and clutch master cylinders
- and windscreen washers.

Fluid levels need to be kept between the full to low marker, as dipping below the low marker means the system that component is part of won't operate at its optimum level.

**HOW OFTEN SHOULD YOU CHECK? Weekly**  
**NEED A HAND? We'll show you, obligation**  
**free and free of charge**

If there is excessive fluid usage or a leak and the system runs dry that system will probably fail ie no brakes, blown head gasket or a seized engine.

***A few minutes every week could save you thousands of dollars if you detect something abnormal early.***

## 2. Check your tyres:

Correct inflation and wheel alignment ensure even tyre wear. If your tyres are not wearing evenly it is a telltale sign that something needs attention.

Incorrect inflation is the number one reason for premature tyre failure.

Don't forget your spare tyre, they are useless if they are flat!

Symptoms of poor alignment include steering pulling your car to one side, your vehicle shuddering at higher speeds or excessive wear on the edges of your tyres.

A tyre must be replaced when the tread has worn even with the tread wear indicator that runs across the grooves on the tyre tread, marking the minimum allowable tread depth. Replace your tyres before they reach the minimum depth.



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### 3. Check your exterior lights:

You'd be surprised how often someone doesn't know that they have a blown headlight, let alone possibly knowing a brake or taillight isn't working.

As it is unsafe, your vehicle is considered defective.

Sometimes you can replace a bulb very easily, sometimes the complete light assembly needs to be removed; it varies greatly between vehicle models.

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### 4. Take notice of strange sounds:

If something doesn't sound right it probably isn't; don't wait until your next service to have it checked out.

That squeak or rattle that is a quick fix now may be something much worse by the time your next service comes around.

Sometimes the noise comes and goes and is what is referred to as an intermittent fault.

Take note when you hear the noise; is it only when the engine is cold? Hot? When cornering? At a certain speed?

If you can replicate the noise for us diagnosis of the fault is easier and quicker, therefore saving you money for any repair.

And if an inexpensive repair now saves you from a breakdown and major repair later, you have saved yourself a lot of money and inconvenience.



**HOW OFTEN SHOULD YOU CHECK?** Every day! At least turn your music off once a week to have a good listen for any abnormal squeaks, squeals, scrapes or rattles

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**HOW OFTEN SHOULD YOU CHECK?** Right Now!  
The sooner, the better

**NEED A HAND?** We can confirm what fluids your vehicle needs and show you how to fit a spare tyre, obligation free and free of charge

## 5. Be breakdown ready:

Think it isn't going to happen to you? Think again!

Get yourself organised and be prepared to handle a breakdown (flat tyre, flat battery etc) as it will probably be at the most inconvenient time.

Keep a set of gloves (get them filthy, not your hands and steering wheel), a disposable poncho and a hat somewhere in your vehicle so you can handle the situation quickly and as comfortably as possible, whatever the weather conditions.

Stocking some spare fluids also has some merit. Keeping 2 litres of water, brake fluid and engine oil in your car boot can come in quite handy for a side-of-the-road top-up if you are close to home or your mechanic and you know it is safe to drive there.

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# We Are Here To Help

Our trusted mechanics are here to help if you have any questions.

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