

Seasonal Car & Truck Maintenance Checklist

Difficulty: **Beginner** · Time: **45 min**

Date: _____ Vehicle / unit: _____ Mileage / hours: _____

SAFETY DISCLAIMER: General educational information only, not professional advice. Vehicle, marine, propane, fuel and electrical work can cause serious injury, death, fire or property damage. Follow your manufacturer's service manual, use rated jack stands, work ventilated and away from ignition sources, and call a qualified professional when in doubt.

Key safety warnings

- Do inspections with the engine off and cool unless a step says otherwise.
- Never crawl under a vehicle supported only by a jack.

Tools & supplies

- ☐ Digital tire pressure gauge
- ☐ Tread depth gauge
- ☐ Battery load tester
- ☐ Wiper blades (by size)
- ☐ Coolant/antifreeze tester
- ☐ LED work light
- ☐ Nitrile gloves

Checklist

- ☐ Recalls checked
- ☐ Tire pressure & tread
- ☐ Fluids
- ☐ Lights/horn/wipers
- ☐ Belts & hoses
- ☐ Battery test
- ☐ A/C or heat/defrost
- ☐ Air filters
- ☐ Brakes

Step reference

1. Check recalls by VIN.
2. Set tire pressures to the door-jamb placard (cold), check tread depth and look for bulges.
3. Check oil, coolant, brake, power-steering, and washer fluid levels.
4. Test all lights, horn and wipers; replace streaking blades.
5. Inspect belts and hoses for cracks.
6. Test battery voltage before winter; clean terminals.
7. Check A/C performance in spring and heater/defrost in fall.
8. Check cabin and engine air filters.
9. Look and listen for brake wear (squeal, grinding, pulsation).

Stop and call a pro if...

- Brake warning light, ABS light, or check-engine light flashing.
- Tires with cords showing or sidewall damage.

Notes
