

Complete these steps before a road trip to avoid unexpected breakdowns!

Battery Check

- Make sure the battery terminals are clean and free of corrosion.
- If the battery is 3+ years old, test it or replace it before long trips.

Tire Inspection

- Check tire pressure (including the spare) and inflate to the recommended PSI.
- Inspect for uneven wear, bulges, or cracks in the rubber.
- Make sure lug nuts are tight and that you have a jack & tire iron in case of a flat.



Fluid Levels

- Oil: Check and change if needed.
- Coolant: Ensure the radiator has enough coolant (antifreeze).
- Brake Fluid: Top off if low.
- Windshield Washer Fluid: Fill up and check wiper blades.
- Transmission Fluid: If applicable, check and replace as needed.



Lights & Visibility

- Test headlights, brake lights, and turn signals to ensure they all work.
- Clean all windows & mirrors for better visibility.
- Bring an extra set of wiper blades if yours are old or worn out.



Emergency Gear Check

- Make sure the roadside emergency kit is fully stocked (jumper cables, tire repair kit, flashlight, etc.).
- Charge portable jump starter & backup phone battery if applicable.

Navigation & Connectivity

- Download offline maps (Google Maps, Gaia GPS, etc.) in case of no service.
- Print or screenshot important addresses (campsites, gas stations, emergency contacts).
- Have an emergency contact list in case of an accident.



Fuel & Distance Planning

- Fill the gas tank before entering remote areas.
- Identify gas stations along the route, especially for long stretches with no service.

Sleeping in the Car? Prep the Interior!

- Set up window covers or privacy screens.
- Organize gear so the sleeping space is ready without major rearranging.

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