

# Departure check

Before the practical test begins, the examiner will ask which points on the vehicle need to be checked to ensure road and operational safety.

Please consider this questioning of a maximum of three points as a positive introduction to the practical test. During the interview, you will get to know the examiner a little and the examiner will get to know you.

## **Tires**      Proper condition of the tires:

1. Tread: At least 1.6 mm tread depth (summer tires 3 mm, winter tires 4 mm, recognizable by wear indicator. These are small bumps in the grooves of the tread; marked with "TWI" or a triangle or similar.
2. Tire pressure: a) visual inspection, b) sticker in the door or tank cap or operating instructions
3. Damage: Foreign objects in the tire; cracks or dents; even wear
4. Summer or winter tires? Alpine signs for winter tires

## **Lighting**      Functional check of headlights, tail lights, indicators, horn, etc.

1. Parking, low beam, high beam (white light, high beam: blue indicator light)
  2. Fog lights (present?, white light, green indicator light)
  3. Daytime running lights (front only, white light)
  4. Indicators (or hazard warning lights, yellow light)
  5. Headlight range control
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1. Rear light or tail light (red)
  2. brake light (red)
  3. indicators (or hazard warning lights, amber light)
  4. reversing light (white light)
  5. license plate light (white light)
  6. rear fog light (red light, amber indicator light)
  7. reflectors (red light; full, fixed, clean)

## **Brakes**      Function test at standstill by brake test and braking at slow speed

1. foot/service brake (resistance, length of pedal travel, pressure, indicator light)
2. hand/parking brake (length of pedal travel, 3-5 notches; pull up hand brake lever while slowly engaging clutch; steep hill - apply parking brake.

## **Fluids**      Check the fluid levels in the engine compartment

1. engine oil: the car must be switched off for at least 3 minutes and parked on a level surface. Measure the oil level with: Pull out oil dipstick, wipe, insert, pull out - oil level must be between minimum and maximum
2. coolant: check container for leaks, level must be between minimum and maximum, antifreeze for radiator (red or purple colour) according to operating instructions
3. windscreen washer system: level, water and, in summer, cleaning agent for windscreen washer system; in winter: Antifreeze (blue colour)