



Get Your Car Road Trip Ready

You may be ready to roll, but your car might not be. Whether you're hitting the road for vacation near or far, it's important to keep your car fine tuned for travel. If you're not sure where to start, use this checklist as a guide to getting road trip ready. First stop: peace of mind. Next stop: the open road.



FLUIDS:

Engine oil, coolant, brake fluid, windshield wiper fluid should all be checked before you leave home.



CHECK RECALLS:

Use KBB.com's VIN recall check to make sure your vehicle doesn't have any outstanding recalls. If it does, get it fixed as soon as possible — for free.



TIRES AND TIRE PRESSURE:

Give your tires a quick once-over to look for damage. Make sure your tires have the recommended air pressure (PSI), and if you haven't rotated your tires in a while, think about a rotation.



AIR CONDITIONING AND CABIN AIR FILTER:

Hot car on a summer trip? No thanks. Notice a decrease in cooling capacity? Take it to the dealership's service center. You may just need to replace the cabin air filter.



WALK-AROUND:

Do a thorough walk-around of your car, checking that the brake lights, blinkers and headlights work properly. Check the windshield for cracks or dings. If the wiper blades move water around instead of clearing it, replace the blades.



BATTERY:

Check the battery to make sure the cable connections are clean and tight. If you can't remember the last time you replaced your battery, have a service specialist do a battery check.