

Pre-Trip Inspections – Driving Safety Infographic



Here's what to do before your next big road trip:



- 1. Battery.** Check the terminals. If you see cracks, corrosion or damage, the battery may need to be replaced. This is important in case you need to use jumper cables to restart your engine.



- 2. Engine oil.** Remove the engine oil dipstick, wipe it clean, reinsert it and ensure the oil is near "Full." If it is low, top it off. Or, if your car is due for one, schedule an oil change before leaving.



- 3. Transmission fluid.** Remove, clean and reinsert the transmission fluid dipstick. Look for red or pink color. If it is brown, change it, especially if you're towing a trailer.



- 4. Antifreeze.** Check the coolant in the overflow tank. If it is low, refill it with the coolant/water mix described in your owner's manual.



- 5. Air filter.** Been a while since you changed the air filter? If so, it may be time to replace it. You can do this on your own. Check your owner's manual to find out how.



- 6. Tires.** Are your tires inflated properly? Inflate to the recommended level. Also, note the tread on your tires. If it is too worn, you may want to change them.

Consult your owner's manual throughout the process. It contains useful information about your vehicle's engine as well as how-to guides and technical troubleshooting details.

Source: <https://globegazette.com>