

# SUMMER DRIVING READINESS CHECKLIST



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SYSTEM	WHAT TO CHECK / DO	WHY IT MATTERS
Cooling System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Inspect <b>radiator</b> and hoses for cracks, leaks, or bulges.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Flush cooling system to remove scale and buildup.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Replace <b>coolant</b> with proper summer-grade formulation.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Check <b>cooling fan</b> operation and inspect <b>fan clutch</b>.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Examine water pump for leaks or unusual noise.</li> </ul>	Cooling system failures account for nearly 40% of summer breakdowns. Overheating leads to downtime, lost loads, and expensive repairs.
Air Conditioning/HVAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Inspect and replace <b>cabin air filters</b>.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Check refrigerant levels and recharge if needed.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Test AC cooling performance and airflow.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Clean <b>condenser fins</b> for proper heat transfer.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Inspect <b>AC belts</b> and <b>hoses</b>.</li> </ul>	Driver comfort affects alertness, safety, and productivity. A stressed HVAC system often fails when you need it most.
Battery & Electrical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Test <b>battery</b> strength and reserve capacity.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Clean and secure terminal connections.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Verify <b>alternator</b> and ensure proper output.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Inspect wiring for heat damage or corrosion.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Confirm all <b>lights</b> and electrical accessories function properly.</li> </ul>	Heat accelerates battery wear and fluid evaporation. Electrical failures don't wait for convenient timing.
Brakes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Examine <b>brake pads and drums</b>.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Test air brake system for leaks.</li> </ul>	Hot pavement stresses braking systems. Worn brakes increase stopping distance and risk.
Filtration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Replace engine air filters.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Change fuel filters.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Install fresh oil filters during service.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Consider high-efficiency filters for dusty routes.</li> </ul>	Summer heat brings dust, pollen, and airborne debris. Clean filtration protects performance and fuel efficiency.
Fluids	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Verify proper coolant level and mixture.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Change engine oil to appropriate warm-weather viscosity grade.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Check transmission fluid level and condition.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Inspect power steering fluid.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Top off <b>Diesel Exhaust Fluid (DEF)</b>.</li> </ul>	High temperatures break down fluids faster. Proper lubrication and fluid protection prevent costly failures.
Tires & Tire Pressure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Check tire pressure frequently.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Inspect tread depth and uneven wear.</li> </ul>	Hot roads raise blowout risk, and summer heat boosts tire pressure. A quick tire and pressure check keeps you safer and helps summer performance.
Wiper Blades	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Top off windshield washer fluid reservoir.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Inspect windshield <b>wiper blades</b> for cracking, tearing, or stiffness.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Replace worn or streaking wiper blades.</li> </ul>	Sudden storms and dust can quickly reduce visibility. Proper washer fluid levels and working wipers help maintain a clear view of the road.

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