

CHECKLIST:

For autumn driving

Autumn is a beautiful time to be driving in Britain. But the low autumn sun can also dazzle, making driving at this time of year especially hazardous. And with autumn comes the first instances of icy windscreens and road surfaces.

○ Prevent sunset dazzle

- Ensure your windscreen is clean both inside and out.
- Replace wiper blades if necessary.
- Use sunglasses and the visor when necessary.

○ Consider replacing your **battery**

If your battery is more than five years old, the risk of an unplanned failure is already high.

○ Top up **windscreen washer fluid**

Buy a high quality fluid with an anti-freeze additive. Do not use regular engine antifreeze; use a fluid made especially for windscreens.

○ Check your **bulbs**

Check all your lights on a weekly basis and change any bulbs promptly.

○ Check **tyres** for **3mm** of tread

Carefully check your tyres for wear and tear, pressure and tread depth. 3mm of tread depth is the recommended minimum. If your tyres need replacing, it is better to do it now rather than in mid-winter.

○ Arrange a **free winter check**

Many garages offer free winter checks to make sure your car is ready for the coming colder temperatures ahead.

○ Top up your **antifreeze**

Top up your antifreeze with the correct fluid type. It's important to keep antifreeze topped-up throughout the year because it also helps to prevent corrosion in general and helps the engine stay cooler in warmer months.