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## **Basic Maintenance Tips For Your New Vehicle**

To keep your vehicle in a good running condition there are a few basic maintenance checks you should do to maintain your vehicle before and during your journey.

### **Water level check**

To check water level on your vehicle accurately and safely you should check it on a radiator when the engine is cold. This is one of the most important checks to do regularly, as running out of water will cause the engine to overheat. It is recommended to use antifreeze as it prevents the cooling system from becoming rusty and the water freezing.

### **Engine Oil**

The engine oil should be checked on a regular basis. If driving long distances check the oil level every day or every 200 – 300 kilometers. When checking oil level, the vehicle should be parked on a level ground so you can get an accurate dipstick reading. If you notice an oil leak, add oil but do not overfill and if the leak is major fix it.

### **Check Tyre Pressures**

To check tyre pressures you should use an accurate tyre pressure gauge to check the inflation pressure in each tyre, including the spare tyre. Check tyres when they are cold or before taking the vehicle on a road. Places where you can check the air pressure are gas stations or mechanics.

### **Temperature Gauge**

The temperature gauge is on the dashboard, normally next to a fuel gauge. The temperature gauge should not go more than a half. If it goes as high as  $\frac{3}{4}$  you should stop and call a mechanic immediately. The temperature gauge is the most important gauge in the car as it can save you a lot of money if you experience overheating problems.

**Drive safely and have a happy journey. BON VOYAGE ☺**

