

Ultimate Car Maintenance Checklist

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Work through each block on its own frequency. Items marked  are safety-critical. Visit the full guide at allescarparts.com/blog/car-maintenance-checklist for step-by-step tutorials on every line item.

Monthly (10 to 15 minutes)

-  ☐ Tire pressure (cold), all 4 + spare
- ☐ Tire tread & uneven wear
- ☐ Engine oil level
-  ☐ Coolant reservoir (engine cold)
- ☐ Windshield washer fluid
-  ☐ Headlights, brake, turn, reverse
- ☐ Wiper blade condition
- ☐ Note new dashboard warning lights

Every 3 Months / 3,000 to 5,000 Miles

- ☐ Oil + filter change (conventional)
- ☐ Inspect serpentine belt & hoses
- ☐ Battery terminals clean & tight
- ☐ Power steering fluid (if equipped)
- ☐ Brake fluid reservoir level
- ☐ Under-hood scan for leaks or smells

Every 6 Months / 5,000 to 8,000 Miles

- ☐ Rotate tires
-  ☐ Brake pad thickness inspection
- ☐ Cabin air filter (replace if dirty)
- ☐ Steering centered, no pulling
- ☐ Listen for new exhaust noises
- ☐ Bounce test: 1-2 oscillations

Annually / 12,000 to 15,000 Miles

- ☐ Replace engine air filter
- ☐ Wheel alignment check
- ☐ Transmission fluid color & level
- ☐ Coolant condition & freeze point
- ☐ A/C performance: 35-45°F below ambient
- ☐ Replace wiper blades
- ☐ Load-test battery
- ☐ Underbody & frame for rust

Long-Interval Items (Don't Skip)

-  ☐ Brake fluid flush, every 2-3 years
- ☐ Spark plugs, 60,000-100,000 mi
- ☐ Coolant flush, 30,000-100,000 mi
-  ☐ Timing belt at OEM interval
- ☐ Transmission service per manual
- ☐ Fuel filter, 30,000-60,000 mi
- ☐ Differential & transfer case fluid

Seasonal

-  ☐ Winter prep: battery, coolant, tires, kit
- ☐ Summer prep: A/C, coolant, tire PSI
- ☐ Road-trip prep: full inspection 1 week prior

