

The ultimate van maintenance guide



Read our handy maintenance tips to keep your van in top condition.

You might use your van for business, a road trip or to do the school run. Whatever you're using it for, it's essential you keep your van in top condition. The simplest checks can save you hassle down the line.

- Van maintenance reduces the chance of accidents
- Checks can differ from regular car maintenance
- Follow our simple van maintenance checklist



Van maintenance checklist



Here's some simple ways you can keep on top of [van maintenance](#)

1. Regularly check foot and parking brakes, making sure they don't have excessive travel
2. Make sure your horn is easy to reach and loud enough sound to be heard when used
3. Always keep an eye on your lights, including the indicators, brake lights and stop lamps
4. Frequently check your dashboard warning lamps as they must always be working correctly. You should also be taking peeks to make sure your airbag, automatic braking system (ABS) and full beam headlamp warning lights are on
5. Upgrade your seatbelts if you notice any signs of wear and tear after your checks
6. Give your battery some love, make sure it's held securely in place without cable support and keep your eyes peeled for leakages
7. Keep an eye on your fluid and water levels. The brake fluid, power steering fluid, engine oil and coolant levels all must be kept at the right level. Also, be on the lookout for leaks and puddles
8. Check your wing mirror when driving to see if your exhaust is emitting too much smoke
9. Securely tie down everything in the back of your vehicle so nothing in the load area moves while you're driving. Luckily modern vans have a few load securing options inside
10. Give your tyres a regular top up with air and make sure they've a [minimum tread depth of 1.6mm](#). Keep in mind, with the added weight of any cargo you're transporting, your van's tyres are more likely to lose durability and will need extra care
11. Lastly, there should be no deep cuts in the sidewall or missing wheel-nuts on your tyres

