RAC APPROVED VEHICLE PREPARATION STANDARD



The vehicle has been prepared to ensure that the following items/parts/functionality are in correct working order.

1. Vehicle History

- ✓ VIN Inspection
- ✓ Vehicle history report obtained
- ✓ Scheduled maintenance performed (inc timing belt)
- ✓ Current MOT certificate (if applicable)
- ✓ Engine number check

2. Road Test Operation/condition of:

- ✓ Cruise Control (if applicable)
- ✓ Starting system, general performance & behaviour of the vehicle
- Clutch, transmission, steering, suspension & brakes including A.B.S.
- ✓ No evidence of abnormal noises
- ✓ No visual fluid leaks after road test
- ✓ Gauges operate properly
- Check battery & starter motor start engine with ease from both hot & cold
- Efficiency of parking brake
- ✓ Check to ensure no excessive visual emissions from exhaust
- Check no engine management lights are illuminated on test drive or when engine idling
- Engine Cooling fans operates at appropriate temperature

3. Vehicle Exterior Operation/condition of:

- ✓ No dents that have either cracked paint or are larger than 50 mm in diameter
- Windscreen free from any damage that would exclude the vehicle from an MOT test
- ✓ No signs of bodywork corrosion
- ✓ Exterior mirrors
- All structural body repairs/accident damage have been repaired using manufacturer approved methods
- ✓ Ensure correct body panel fitting & alignment
- Operation of fuel filler system including petrol caps & lever release system
- ✔ Bonnet catch, safety catch, hinges, tailgate supports
- ✓ Door locks & central locking including child safety locks
- ✓ Exterior trim for security & correct fitment

4. Vehicle Interior Operation/Condition of:

- ✓ Wipers & washers
- ✓ Visual & audible driver warning systems
- ✓ Rear view mirror /sun visors
- ✓ Parking assistance systems
- ✓ Navigation system
- ✓ Interior lights
- Instruments, gauges & controls
- ✓ Door windows (manual / electric)
- ✓ Convertible roof mechanism (if applicable)
- ✓ Audio & alarm systems
- All internal equipment (e.g. cigarette lighters, sun visors, arms rests etc.)
- All exterior lighting equipment & respective control lights & cluster illumination
- ✓ Air-conditioning, heating & demist systems
- Sunroof mechanism
- ✓ Operation & condition of seatbelts / mountings
- ✓ No evidence of water ingress
- ✓ No interior trim / dashboard for tears, holes, burns or excessive soiling

- Cars Parcel Shelf or tonneau cover if fitted
 Vans Load space in reasonable condition
- All warning lights operate correctly
- ✓ All drive pedals operate correctly
- SRS warning light functionality
- Security of seat mountings, head rests & seat adjustment mechanism

5. Road Wheels & Tyre Checks

- ✓ Minimum tread depth of 3mm across all tyres inc spare
- ✓ No evidence of uneven tyre wear or casing damage
- Tyres have no cuts through to the casing, bulges & no evidence of temporary repairs
- ✓ Road wheels are free from distortion, gouges or visible cracks

6. Engine Compartment Checks Operation/condition of

- Carry out battery test & ensure terminals are secure & free from corrosion
- Engine oil is correct level & dipstick oil sample is free from contamination
- Coolant antifreeze content, & ensure system is free of visual contamination
- ✓ Check vehicles charging system for minimum output
- ✓ Gearbox fluid levels, manual or automatic are correct
- ✓ All fluid levels are correct; e.g. brake, clutch, power steering,
- ✓ washer & battery
- Auxiliary drive belts, condition & tension
- ✓ Engine mountings for security & condition
- Wiring, pipes, hoses, oil & fuel feed lines for routing; are free from damage, chafing & leaks (where visible)
- ✓ No fluid leaks
- ✓ Cooling system radiator & engine oil cooler/intercooler are free from damage or excessive corrosion
- ✓ No evidence of undue engine noise

For hybrid vehicles only:

- ✓ Hybrid cooling system
- ✓ Hybrid power-train mount
- ✓ Hybrid entertainment & information display

7. Underbody Checks Operation/Condition of:

- ✓ Exhaust, mountings, clamps & check security of system
- Exhaust gas leaks
- ✓ Any fluid leaks from engine, drive train, fuel systems
- Catalytic converter
- ✓ Steering for leaks & security
- ✓ Tie rod ends, CV joints, drive shafts & steering rack including books/covers
- ✓ Front & rear Springs, Shock absorbers & mounting points
- ✓ No visual evidence of faults to braking components
- ✓ Ensure brake pads have a minimum of 50% material remaining
- Check underbody for excess corrosion & ensure that the chassis is free from extensive structural repairs
- Ensure transmission / driveshaft is secure & free from excessive play

8. Convenience

- ✓ Fully cleaned & valeted vehicles
- ✓ Owners manual, including locking wheel nut tool (if fitted)
- 2 Keys & remote fobs
- Service history (if applicable)