

UNDER HOOD

GENERAL MAINTENANCE

1. GENERAL NOTES

- Maintenance requirements vary depending on the country.
- Check the maintenance schedule in the owner's manual supplement.
- Following the maintenance schedule is mandatory.
- Determine the appropriate time to service the vehicle using either miles driven or time elapsed, whichever reaches the specification first.
- Maintain similar intervals between periodic maintenance unless noted.
- Failing to check each vehicle part could lead to poor engine performance and increase exhaust emissions.

2. WINDSHIELD WASHER FLUID

- (a) Check that there is sufficient fluid in the tank.

3. ENGINE COOLANT LEVEL

- (a) Check that the coolant level is between the "FULL" and "LOW" lines on the see-through reservoir.

4. RADIATOR AND HOSES

- (a) Check that the front of the radiator is clean and free of leaves, dirt and bugs.
- (b) Check the hoses for cracks, kinks, rotting or loose connections.

5. BATTERY ELECTROLYTE LEVEL

- (a) Check that the electrolyte level of all the battery cells is between the upper and lower lines on the case.
HINT:
If the electrolyte level is difficult to see, lightly shake the vehicle.

6. BRAKE FLUID LEVEL

- (a) Check that the brake fluid levels are near the upper level line on the see-through reservoirs.

7. ENGINE DRIVE BELT

- (a) Check the drive belt for fraying, cracks, wear or oiliness.

8. ENGINE OIL LEVEL

- (a) Check that the level of engine oil is between "F" and "L" on the dipstick with the engine turned off.

9. POWER STEERING FLUID LEVEL

- (a) Check the level on the dipstick.
- (b) The level should be in the "HOT" or "COLD" range depending on the fluid temperature.

10. AUTOMATIC TRANSAXLE FLUID LEVEL

- (a) Park the vehicle on a level surface.

- (b) With the engine idling and the parking brake applied, shift the selector into all the positions from "P" to "L", and then shift into the "P" position.
- (c) Pull out the dipstick and wipe off the fluid with a clean shop rag. Re-insert the dipstick and check that the fluid level is in the "HOT" range.
- (d) Perform this check with the fluid at the normal driving temperature (70 to 80°C, 158 to 176°F).

HINT:

Wait until the engine cools down (approx. 30 min.) before checking the fluid level after extended driving at high speed, in hot weather, in heavy traffic or pulling a trailer.

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11. EXHAUST SYSTEM

- (a) Check for unusual exhaust sounds or abnormal exhaust fumes. Locate the cause and correct it.