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## Spring Car Care Checklist

### ☐ OIL

Clean oil is vital to a healthy engine. As the oil lubricates and cools, it loses its protective properties and picks up impurities. Make sure your engine is protected with regularly scheduled oil changes, including an oil filter.

### ☐ BATTERY

The cold of winter can take its toll on your car's battery, so make sure you get it tested to ensure maximum cranking power. If it needs replacing, do it right away – no one wants to be stranded!

### ☐ TIRES

Your car's tire pressures should match the recommended levels on the sticker on the driver's side door panel or listed in your vehicle owners manual. Both under- and over-inflated tires can cause problems. Also, look for bulges and bald spots on the tires and inspect the tread for uneven wear – you could need a wheel alignment.

### ☐ WIPER BLADES

For ultimate visibility while driving, replace wiper blades every six months or whenever they streak, smear, chatter or appear cracked or torn. Don't forget to top off your windshield washer fluid.

### ☐ FLUIDS

Top off all fluids, including radiator coolant, and brake and power steering fluids. If you notice any fluid puddles or stains directly beneath your car or in your car's engine compartment, get them checked out as soon as possible to prevent bigger problems down the road.

### ☐ HOSES & BELTS

Inspect all hoses and belts for splits, cracks, bulges and signs of excessive wear. Even minor fraying or cracking can cause major problems, so do it at the first signs.

### ☐ BRAKES

Screeching noises and grinding sounds coming from your car's wheels could indicate potential brake wear or failure. Also, be aware of your car pulling to one side when you brake or the brake pedal shudders or vibrates. Always have a professional technician check your entire brake system when you suspect a problem.

### ☐ SHOCKS & STRUTS

If your car rolls or sways on turns, the front end seems to dive when braking or if its rear end drops when accelerating, your shocks and struts may be worn. Have them replaced for a smoother, safer ride.

### ☐ LIGHTS

If you're struggling to see the road ahead at night, your car's headlights may need a thorough cleaning. Use a soft toothbrush, baking soda and water to help them shine brightly. Check your car's brake and backup lights to make sure they're functioning properly – you may need a friend to help.

### ☐ AIR CONDITIONER

Following a season of little use, make sure your car's air conditioner is running at peak performance. See a technician if you need a recharge.

### ☐ WASH

Take your car to a full-service car wash to remove winter's dirt, grime and salt or sand – or give it a handwash yourself. Use products specifically designed for automobile finishes and always clean tires and wheels first. Don't forget to wax to protect your clean car shine!