

INSIDE VEHICLE

GENERAL MAINTENANCE

HINT:

These are maintenance and inspection items which are considered to be the owner's responsibility. They can be done by the owner or they can have them done at a service shop.

These items include those which should be checked on a daily basis, those which, in most cases, do not require special tools and those which are considered to be reasonable for the owner to do.

Items and procedures for general maintenance are as follows.

1. GENERAL NOTES

- Maintenance items may vary from country to country. Check the owner's manual supplement in which the maintenance schedule is shown.
- Every service item in the periodic maintenance schedule must be performed.
- Periodic maintenance service must be performed according to whichever interval in the periodic maintenance schedule occurs first, the odometer reading (miles) or the time interval (months).
- Maintenance service after the last period should be performed at the same interval as before unless noted.
- Failure to do even one of the items can cause the engine to run poorly and increase the exhaust emissions.

2. LIGHTS

- (a) Check that the headlights, stop lights, taillights, turn signal lights, and other lights are all working.
- (b) Check the headlight aiming.

3. WARNING LIGHTS AND BUZZERS

- (a) Check that all the warning lights and buzzers function properly.

4. HORN

- (a) Check that the horn works normally.

5. WINDSHIELD GLASS

- (a) Check for scratches, pits or abrasions.

6. WINDSHIELD WIPER AND WASHER

- (a) Check operation of the wipers and washer.
- (b) Check that the wipers do not streak.

7. WINDSHIELD DEFROSTER

- (a) Check that air comes out from the defroster outlet when operating the heater or air conditioner in the defroster mode.

8. REAR VIEW MIRROR

- (a) Check that the rear view mirror is mounted securely.

9. SUN VISORS

- (a) Check that the sun visors move freely and are mounted securely.

10. STEERING WHEEL

- (a) Check that the steering wheel has the specified free play. Be alert for changes in steering condition, such as hard steering, excessive free play or strange noises.

11. SEATS

- (a) Check that all the front seat controls such as seat adjusters, seatback recliner, etc. operate smoothly.
- (b) Check that all the latches lock securely in any position.
- (c) Check that the locks hold securely in any latched position.
- (d) Check that the head restraints move up and down smoothly and that the locks hold securely in any latched position.
- (e) For folding-down of the rear seatbacks, check that the latches lock securely.

12. SEAT BELTS

- (a) Check that the seat belt system such as the buckles, retractors and anchors operate properly and smoothly.
- (b) Check that the belt webbing is not cut, frayed, worn or damaged.

13. ACCELERATOR PEDAL

- (a) Check the pedal for smooth operation, uneven pedal effort or catching.

14. BRAKE PEDAL (See page 32-8)

- (a) Check the pedal for smooth operation.
- (b) Check that the pedal has the proper reserve distance and freeplay.
- (c) Check the brake booster function.

15. BRAKES

- (a) At a safe place, check that the brakes do not pull to one side when applied.

16. PARKING BRAKE (See page 33-2)

- (a) Check that the lever has the proper travel.
- (b) On a safe incline, check that the vehicle is held securely with only the parking brake applied.

17. AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION "PARK" MECHANISM

- (a) On a safe incline, check that the vehicle is held securely with the selector lever in the "P" position and all the brakes released.