

Fuel Efficiency Checklist

Use this quick checklist to spot common vehicle issues that could be wasting fuel and increasing emissions.

Engine oil

When was the last time you had an oil change? Refer to the cadence outlined in your owner's manual to help determine when it's time for a change.

Transmission fluid

Has your transmission fluid level been checked recently? Transmission fluid levels should be monitored and never drop. Follow your owner's manual for guidance on when it's time to change the fluid.

Air filter

What condition is your air filter in? If it looks dark, dusty or packed with debris, replacing it will help your engine maintain the optimum air-fuel ratio — how often you change it depends on your driving habits, so refer to your owner's manual for guidance and check it periodically.

Tire pressure

Are your tires inflated to the recommended pressure listed inside the door jamb or in your owner's manual? It's best to check them once a month or before long road trips, as underinflated tires can increase rolling resistance and waste fuel.

Tire quality and condition

Are your tires worn down? Tires with good tread and lower rolling resistance can improve traction and fuel efficiency. See your owner's manual for information on when to replace your tires.

Brakes

Do you notice dragging, squealing or reduced responsiveness? Worn or poorly maintained brakes can create extra friction that forces your engine to work harder, so it's a good idea to have your braking system checked once a year.

Overall vehicle maintenance

Has your car had a professional inspection recently? Routine maintenance, at least once a year, helps keep all systems operating as efficiently as possible — check your owner's manual for recommended service intervals.

