

Summer Road Trip Safety Checklist



Lights:

Check your headlights, fog lights, brake lights, turn signals, interior lights & emergency lights.



Cooling System:

Check your coolant when your vehicle is cool & hasn't been driven. Your coolant levels should be full & clear. If not, schedule to get it flushed & refilled.



Fluid Levels:

Check your oil, transmission, power steering & windshield washer fluid levels. If they aren't full, get it done before your trip. Ensure no fluid tanks are showing signs of leaking.



Belts/Hoses:

Heat is hard on rubber. Open your hood & take a look to make sure nothing is showing signs of being worn. i.e. cracking, blistering, warping or cuts. If so, it's time to replace.



Wiper Blades:

These are easily damaged both with winter weather & heat from the summer. Make sure they are working properly before the big trip or get them replaced if necessary.



A/C:

The last thing you want is to be on a hot, summer road trip & your A/C go out. If it doesn't seem to be getting very cold or blowing strong enough, have it looked at & recharged.



Tires:

Check your tire pressure with less than 3 hours of driving on them. Your recommended tire pressure will be in your vehicle manual.

"Summer Driving Tips." SafeCar. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Web. 13 June 2016.

