

## Saturday Morning with Dad\* Checklist\*

Go through this checklist together while the car is safely parked in the driveway.

### ***First thing is first –***

- Get Dad a cup of coffee just the way he liked it.

### ***Your Instrument Control Panel (Dashboard)***

- Discuss what the warning lights mean.

### ***Your Tires***

- Locate the spare tire.
- Learn how to remove the spare tire.
- Locate the jack and demonstrate how to assemble it.
- Talk about where to place the jack to change a tire.
- Identify the lug wrench and know how to use it.
- Talk about how you would remove the lug nuts.
- Understand the steps for changing a tire
- Locate your 3-in-1 oil and discuss how you would use it to loosen a lug nut.
- Locate the tire pressure guide for your car.
- Locate the tire pressure for my tires should be: \_\_\_\_\_
- Identify your tire gauge and use it to check the pressure on all 5 tires (including the spare)
- Later – add air to the tires, if necessary. (you'll need to do that at a gas station.)
- Check the tread wear on your tires.
- Perform a visual inspection of your tires.

### ***Checking Your Oil***

- Know how to raise and pop the hood.
- Locate the oil dipstick
- Demonstrate how to check the oil.
- The oil my car requires is \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Checking Your Windshield Washer Fluid Level***

- Locate the windshield washer receptacle under the hood.
- What do you fill it with? \_\_\_\_\_
- Demonstrate how to fill it.
- Locate the rear windshield washer receptacle (if your car has one)
- Demonstrate how to fill it

### ***Inspect your Wiper Blades***

- Replace them if necessary

### ***Your Battery***

- Locate the battery under the hood
- Locate the positive and negative terminal
- Locate your jumper cables
- Discuss how to use them
- Identify a solid metal area you could use to ground a jumper cable

### ***Your Gas Tank***

- Which side of the car is your gas tank on?
- Is there an icon on the dashboard to show which side it's on?
- Is there a release lever on the car?
- My car uses this type of gas: \_\_\_\_\_

***Your Lights: Demonstrate how and when to use –***

- Headlights
- High beams
- Fog Lights (if you have them)
- Brake Lights
- Turn signal
- Emergency Flashers
- Interior Lights
- Replace any lights that aren't working

***Your trunk***

- Is there a release lever in the car to open the trunk?
- Is there a release lever to open the trunk on the remote?
- Is there a release lever in the trunk that opens the trunk? (this is a safety feature in some vehicles in case you were ever trapped in the trunk of the vehicle)
- When the trunk is open, is there a warning light on the dashboard?

***Your Brakes: My car has***

- Front-wheel ABS
- All-wheel ABS
- A different braking system \_\_\_\_\_

***My car has:***

- Front-wheel Drive
- Rear-wheel Drive
- All-wheel Drive

### ***Heating and Air Conditioning***

- Demonstrate how to adjust the temperature and discuss when you should make adjustments

### ***Front and Rear Windshield Defrosters***

- Locate the front and rear window defrosters. Talk about when to use them and how to turn them on

### ***Radio***

- Choose a button and set it for your favorite radio station. This is the button you will push to get your station before you start driving each time. ( Note: You'll keep the radio off for your driving lessons)
- Discuss the maximum volume you will be allowed to use for the radio or music system.

### ***Important papers—Discuss where to find them and when you might need them:***

- Proof of Insurance (usually kept in your wallet)—must be with you in the car)
- Proof of Ownership (usually kept in your wallet)—must be with you in the car)
- Roadside Assistance Plan Information (usually kept in glove box)  
Your Driver's License (in your wallet)

### ***VIN***

- Locate the Vehicle Identification Number in your car

### Chapter 3 Review Crossword

Complete the crossword puzzle on the next page and check your answers on

#### ACROSS

3. \_\_\_\_\_ is a factor in more than 50% of teen crashes.
5. Driving too close to the car ahead is called \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Your seatbelt will not protect you if you \_\_\_\_\_ your seat.
10. Your \_\_\_\_\_ is the most important thing to your parents.
11. Driver \_\_\_\_\_ contributes the most to teen crashes.
12. This is also called antifreeze. \_\_\_\_\_
16. \_\_\_\_\_-hand turns are the most difficult because you have to cross a lane of traffic.
17. Never \_\_\_\_\_ your family vehicle without your parent's permission.
18. You should change your oil approximately every \_\_\_\_\_ months.
20. Your \_\_\_\_\_ travels at the same speed as your car.

#### DOWN

1. After you gas-up, don't forget to \_\_\_\_\_ the gas cap.
2. Running \_\_\_\_\_ traffic lights is very dangerous.
4. If you turn the key and nothing happens, the problem could be your \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Most cars use this type of oil. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Don't forget to signal before you change \_\_\_\_\_.
9. This person is ultimately responsible for your safety. \_\_\_\_\_
13. After you jump your battery, make sure you run the engine for at least \_\_\_\_\_ minutes to recharge the battery.
14. If you're very tired, you can't make yourself stay \_\_\_\_\_.
15. Most teens don't get enough for this \_\_\_\_\_
19. Use caution—even when you have the \_\_\_\_\_-of-way.
21. If you go partying, always have a designated \_\_\_\_\_.



