

# Car Maintenance Checklist (India) — Beginner Friendly

Print & keep in your glovebox. Always follow your vehicle’s owner’s manual.

## Monthly Quick Checks

- Engine oil level and condition (dipstick): top up only with grade specified in the owner’s manual.
- Coolant level in reservoir (when engine is cold).
- Brake fluid level between MIN and MAX; look for leaks around wheels.
- Windshield washer fluid and spray pattern.
- Tyre pressure (PSI/bar) per door-sticker/manual; check when tyres are cold.
- Tyre tread wear: inspect the Tread Wear Indicator (TWI) bars; replace if tread  $\approx$  1.6 mm.
- All exterior lights: headlamps, brake lights, indicators, reverse lights.
- Battery terminals: tight and free of corrosion; observe for slow cranking.

## Every 8,000–10,000 km (or 12 months)

- Tyre rotation + balancing + wheel alignment.
- Engine oil and oil filter (interval varies by car and driving conditions).
- Air filter inspection/replacement; cabin (AC) filter as needed.
- Comprehensive brake inspection (pads, discs, brake lines).

## Every 24 months (or as per manual)

- Brake fluid replacement (DOT rating per manufacturer).
- Coolant replacement/top-up with recommended type only.

## Monsoon Readiness (Pre-Rain)

- Replace worn wiper blades; check washer nozzles and defogger.
- Inspect tyre tread depth; avoid worn or cracked tyres.
- Check all lights for visibility; clean windshield inside and out.
- Underbody/anti-rust inspection if you live in coastal/high-rain areas.

## CNG Owners (where applicable)

- Periodic leak checks by an authorised workshop.
- Follow mandated cylinder hydro-testing schedule (commonly  $\sim$ 36 months; confirm with RTO rules).

## Documents & Essentials

- Valid insurance & PUC certificate; keep soft copies too.
- Spare tyre, jack, wheel spanner; warning triangle & torch.
- Maintain FASTag balance for highway travel.

