

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

DAILY CHECKS

295 Before driving, spend a few minutes to check the following:

- (a) Ensure that the registration plates are clean and the numbers are easily distinguishable. It is an offence to drive without registration plates, one in front and another at the rear of the vehicle.
- (b) Look for any punctured tyre.
- (c) Ensure that all lights are working. It is an offence to drive a vehicle if any of the headlamps, rear lamps, stop lamps, reversing lamps, number plate lamps, direction indicators and reflectors are not working.
- (d) Both the front and rear windscreens must be kept clean. A dirty windscreen will reduce your visibility.
- (e) Look under the vehicle for signs of leakage of oil or water.
- (f) Turn the ignition key to the 'ON' position. Check that all warning lights and gauges on the instrument panel are in working order.
- (g) After having started the engine, move off slowly and check whether there are any strange noises or vibrations. Step on the foot brake to check whether the brakes are working and that the vehicle does not pull to the left or right. The steering wheel should not feel exceptionally heavy.

WEEKLY CHECKS

296 Weekly checks on your vehicle will contribute greatly to safer, trouble free and more pleasurable driving. When checking your vehicle pay attention to the following:

- (a) The radiator coolant is at the correct level and the radiator cap is tightly closed;
- (b) The windscreen cleaning liquid is at the correct level;
- (c) There is sufficient engine oil;
- (d) The battery terminals are tightly connected and the water in the battery is at the correct level;
- (e) The brake fluid is at the right level;
- (f) The air pressure of all tyres including the spare tyre is correct;
- (g) You should have a spare tyre, a jack and handle and a wheel-nut wrench inside the boot of your vehicle.

PERIODIC CHECKS

297 At recommended intervals by the manufacturer, send your vehicle to an authorised service station to have the following items checked, serviced and replaced:

- (a) Engine oil (d) Air Cleaner (g) Suspension
- (b) Oil filter (e) Chassis (h) Brake-linings
- (c) Gear-box oil (f) Ignition System