

Safety Questions: Fluids

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Question:

Open the bonnet and tell me how you'd check that the engine has sufficient oil.

Example answer:

Open the bonnet and identify dipstick / oil level indicator and then describe how to check the oil level against the minimum/maximum markers.

Question:

Open the bonnet and tell me how you'd check that the engine has sufficient engine coolant.

Example answer:

Open the bonnet and identify high/low level markings on header tank where fitted or radiator filler cap, and describe how to top up to correct level.

Important: Under no circumstances you be asked to remove the filler cap on the tank or radiator and should not attempt to do so as part of your answer.

Question:

Open the bonnet, identify where the brake fluid reservoir is and tell me how you would check that you have a safe level of hydraulic brake fluid.

Example answer:

Open the bonnet show the examiner the brake fluid reservoir. Explain how to check the level against high/low markings. The level is normally visible without removing the cap from the fluid reservoir. Note: In some vehicles the reservoir cap needs to be removed to check the level with a 'mini' dip stick. Examiners will normally avoid questions on vehicles where the cap has to be removed.

Windscreen washer fluid:

Although not asked about in the test, you should also be able to identify where the windscreen washer reservoir is and know how to fill it. Apart from the dangers of a dirty windscreen an empty washer bottle could lead to a fine.



Lesson Notes:

