

UNDER HOOD

GENERAL MAINTENANCE

1. GENERAL NOTES

- Maintenance items may vary from country to country. Check the owner's manual supplement in which the maintenance schedule is shown.
- Every service item in the periodic maintenance schedule must be performed.
- Periodic maintenance service must be performed according to whichever interval in the periodic maintenance schedule occurs first, the odometer reading (miles) or the time interval (months).
- Maintenance service after the last period should be performed at the same interval as before unless noted.
- Failure to do even one of the items can cause the engine to run poorly and increase the exhaust emissions.

2. WINDSHIELD WASHER FLUID

- (a) Check if there is sufficient fluid in the tank.

3. ENGINE COOLANT LEVEL

- (a) Check if the coolant level is between the "FULL" and "LOW" lines on the see-through reservoir.

4. RADIATOR AND HOSES

- (a) Check if the front of the radiator is clean and not blocked by leaves, dirt or bugs.
- (b) Check the hoses for cracks, kinks, rot or loose connections.

5. BATTERY ELECTROLYTE LEVEL

- (a) Check if the electrolyte level of all the battery cells is between the upper and lower level lines on the case.

6. BRAKE FLUID LEVEL

- (a) Check if the brake fluid levels are near the upper level line on the see-through reservoirs.

7. ENGINE DRIVE BELT

- (a) Check the drive belt for fraying, cracks, wear or oiliness.

8. ENGINE OIL LEVEL

- (a) Check the level on the dipstick with the engine turned off.

9. POWER STEERING FLUID LEVEL

- (a) Check the level on the dipstick.
- (b) The level should be in the "HOT" or "COLD" range depending on the fluid temperature.

10. AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION FLUID LEVEL

- (a) Park the vehicle on a level surface.
- (b) With the engine idling and the parking brake applied, shift the selector into all the positions from "P" to "L", and then shift into the "P" position.
- (c) Pull out the dipstick and wipe off the fluid with a clean shop rag. Re-insert the dipstick and check that the fluid level is in the "HOT" range.
- (d) Perform this check with the fluid at the normal driving temperature: 70 to 80°C (158 to 176°F).

HINT:

Wait until the engine cools down (approx. 30 min.) before checking the fluid level after extended driving at high speed, in hot weather, in heavy traffic or pulling a trailer.

11. EXHAUST SYSTEM

- (a) If any change in the sound of the exhaust or the smell of the exhaust fumes is noticed, locate and correct the cause.