



Weekly Vehicle Checks

We have all heard of “seat belt laws” but to remember all of the items which need to be included in a safety check of your vehicle, each week, use the acronym of “dash belt laws!”

DaSH BELT LaWS

It stands for:

Damage (to the vehicle in general... don't buy, rent or drive a wreck!)
Seats (anchored securely and able to adjust easily)
Horn

Breaks (check pedal pressure with the car static and again when moving)
Electronics (check that all dashboard warning lights come on and go off)
Liquids (all lubricants, fuel, coolant, brake fluid, windshield wash, etc.)
Tires (correctness, condition, evenly worn, good tread depth, and inflation)

Lights (all lights undamaged, clean & working)
and

Windows (all windows thoroughly clean, no stickers, nothing hanging from mirror)

Seat belts (undamaged, functioning correctly, and always worn by *all* vehicle occupants)

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Then, every time you drive a vehicle of which you were not the *previous* driver, it is important to carry out a set of 7 “safety and readiness” checks that advanced drivers for decades have referred to as the “cockpit drill”. This is taught on all ADA defensive and advanced driving courses.