

RAC Approved Preparation Standard is set to ensure a consistent minimum level of vehicle preparation at all participating RAC Approved Dealers under the RAC BuySure programme.

The preparation standard includes:

Vehicle History

- VIN Inspection
- Vehicle History Report Obtained
- Scheduled Maintenance Performed(inc timing belt)
- Current MOT Certificate (if applicable)

Road Test

- Cruise Control (if applicable)
- Satisfactory starting, general performance and behaviour of the vehicle
- Particular attention to the operation of clutch, transmission, steering, suspension and brakes including A.B.S.
- Listen for abnormal noises
- After road test a visual check for fluid leak
- Gauges operate properly
- Check battery and starter motor start engine with ease from both hot and cold
- Check for excessive visual emissions from exhaust
- Check hot-starting and any evidence of over-heating
- Check no stored faults on the OBD
- Ensure correct operation and efficiency of the parking brake

Vehicle Exterior

- No dents or scratches visible to the eye from a distance of 2m
- Windscreen free from any damage that would exclude the vehicle from an MOT test
- Check for any corrosion around paint cracks or chips
- Operation and condition of exterior mirrors
- Check all previous structural body repairs/accident damage has been repaired to a satisfactory standard
- Check body panel/alignment
- Operation of fuel filler system including petrol caps and lever release system
- Operation of bonnet catch, safety catch, hinges, tailgate supports
- Operation of door locks and central locking including child safety locks.
- Inspect exterior trim for security and correct fitment

Vehicle Interior

- Operation of door windows (manual / electric)
- Operation of all exterior lighting equipment and respective control lights and cluster illumination
- Operation of wipers and washers
- Operation of convertible roof mechanism (if applicable)
- Visual check of SRS functionality
- All warning lights operate correctly
- Operation of audio and alarm systems
- Operation of Navigation System (if applicable)
- Operation of Air-conditioning, heating and demist systems
- Operation of instruments, gauges and controls
- Operation of all internal equipment (e.g. cigarette lighters, sun visors, arms rests, etc)
- Operation of visual and audible driver warning systems
- Operation of parking assistance systems (if applicable)
- All drive pedals operate correctly
- Ensure no evidence of water ingress
- Operation and condition of seatbelts / mountings
- Security of seat mountings, head rests and seat adjustment mechanism
- Operation of interior lights
- Operation of rear view mirror /sun visors
- Check operation and condition of sunroof mechanism (if applicable)
- Ensure correct operation of parcel shelf
- Inspect interior trim/dashboard for tears, holes, burns or excessive soiling

Road Wheels & Tyre Check

- Ensure vehicle jack, tool kit, locking wheel nut and safety equipment (where applicable) are in place
- Ensure minimum tread depth of 3mm across all tyres including spare (if applicable)
- Ensure road wheels are free from distortion, gouges or visible cracking
- Ensure tyres are free from cuts, bulges and inappropriate repairs
- Inspect for evidence of uneven tyre wear or casing damage

Engine Compartment

- Check engine oil for correct level and dipstick oil sample is free from contamination
- Check coolant for correct level and that coolant is free from visual contamination
- Check vehicles charging system for minimum output

Driving for Perfection

- Ensure correct gearbox fluid levels manual / automatic (where applicable)
- Check all Fluid Levels: e.g. brake, clutch, power steering, washer reservoir and battery (including security)
- Inspect auxiliary drive belts, condition and tension
- Check engine mountings for security and condition
- Inspect wiring, pipes, hoses, oil and fuel feed lines for routing, check for damage, chafing and leaks (where visible)
- Check for oil and water leaks
- Check condition of cooling system radiator and engine oil cooler/intercooler are free from damage or excessive corrosion
- Ensure no evident undue engine noise
- For hybrid vehicles only:
- Check operation of Hybrid cooling system
- Inspect switchable powertrain mount Hybrid entertainment and information display
- Check entertainment and information display

Underbody

- Check exhaust condition and mountings
- Check clamps and security
- Ensure no evidence of fluid or exhaust leaks
- Check Catalytic Converter
- Check operation and condition of steering for leaks and security
- Check tie rod ends, CV boots and rack boots condition
- Check condition of front and rear suspension
- No visual evidence of faults to braking components
- Ensure brake pads have a minimum of 50% material remaining
- Check underbody for excess corrosion and ensure that the chassis is free from extensive structural repairs
- Ensure transmission/driveshaft is secure and free from excessive play

Convenience

- Fully cleaned and valeted vehicles
- Owners Guide
- Keys and remote fobs
- Service history (if applicable)