

PLANNING FOR A TRIP

When planning for a trip the following basic safety checks and essential car maintenance should be completed:

- ❑ Check all exterior lights are working.
- ❑ Check that all glass surfaces (including the mirrors) are clean and free from chips, cracks and scratches.
- ❑ Check that the windscreen wipers and washers operate efficiently.
- ❑ Check that the wiper rubbers are secure and in good condition.
- ❑ Make sure the horn works.
- ❑ Test the handbrake to ensure it 'holds' on steep hills.
- ❑ Check the condition of the seat belts. Make sure the webbing is not worn, visibly damaged or sun bleached. Give the belt a sharp tug to make sure that it will lock.
- ❑ Check tyre pressures and tyre condition, including tread depth.
- ❑ Check the engine oil levels.
- ❑ Check the radiator coolant levels.
- ❑ Check automatic transmission and power steering fluids.
- ❑ Check your brakes and have any grinding or squeaking noises investigated.
- ❑ Check your wheels.
- ❑ Check your inside controls are working.
- ❑ Ensure your car is regularly serviced and all details are recorded in your logbook.

