

SUGGESTED CHECK LIST FOR SPRING RECOMMISSIONING

Check and Top Up:	
- Engine Oil	Change oil & filter if not done in/all
- Gearbox & Differential Oil	Change at recommended intervals
- Brake & Clutch Fluids	Change every 2 years or if moisture content >3%
- Coolant Level	Change every 2 years or as necessary
- Carb Dampers (SU/Stromberg) - light oil or ATF	Replace O rings in Stromberg carbs if dampers losing oil constantly
- Battery electrolyte, charge battery if necessary	A fully charged battery should be 12.5 volts
Lubricate chassis grease points, hinges, etc.	(Recommended in the Fall)
Check Brake Pedal feel, handbrake operation	
Ensure service & handbrakes releasing	Roll on level ground if unable to raise wheels off ground
Check wheel bearings/suspension joints	
Check /Adjust tire pressures, including spare	
Check security/condition of coolant hoses, rad cap	
Check condition & tension of drive belts	
Check Water Pump/fan for wear/play/leakage	
Perform thorough visual check for rodent damage	Check for any evidence of damage to wiring, rubber lines
Ensure accelerator linkage is free	
Refit Battery, clean & secure connections	Observe polarity, fit ground side last
Check for jack & appropriate lug wrench	
Check security of wheel nuts/knock offs	Torque wheel nuts to spec, wire wheel splines should be lubricated
Check fuses, ensure connections clean/secure	Recommend spraying fuses with electrical contact cleaner
Check operation of warning lights, gauges	
Check side & headlamps, stop & signal lights	
Check wipers, washers, horn, blower, etc.	Flush windscreen washer bottle & replace with new fluid
Check Fire Extinguisher	Every classic car should have one in proper working order!
Start & warm up -monitoring oil press/coolant temp	Listen for noisy generator/alternator, water pump, etc.
Check that battery charging OK	Charge light should extinguish, check volts or ammeter if fitted
Check for oil/coolant/exhaust leaks	
Check electric cooling fan operation where fitted	Make sure fans coming on when temperature gets to about 2/3 up gauge
Road test, checking for unusual noise/vibration.	Don't forget the cell phone!
Clean, polish & enjoy carefree summer motoring!!	

** Check Spark plugs, points, rotor, distributor cap, H.T. leads, air & fuel filters, valve lash (tappet adjustment) as necessary, according to manufacturer's recommended intervals