

PRE-DRIVE **POWDER** CHECKS

Taken from 'Roadcraft', the Police Drivers' Handbook, pp256-7, *with additions in italics* :

- P**etrol Ensure that you have sufficient fuel for your journey
- O**il Oil level. Secure oil filler cap and dipstick
- W**ater Radiator (*and screen wash*) water levels, including coolant/antifreeze mixture
- D**amage Visual inspection of exterior looking for insecure items and/or damage
- E**lectrics Verify operation of electrical systems
- Lights - mandatory running lights (main and dipped beam)
 - Brake and reversing lights
 - Indicators and hazard warning lights
 - Number plate light (rear)
 - High intensity lights
 - Emergency warning lights (blue, headlight flash, rear red)
 - Interior - instrument warning lights
 - Audible warning systems (horn/two tone horns)
 - Windscreen wipers (front/rear)
- R**ubber Wheels - wheel nuts secured to correct torque setting
Tyres - tread depth/free from cuts, bulges, tears/pressure/compatibility
Wiper blades condition and cleanliness of windows
Pedal rubbers
- Y**ou *Not tired/under influence of drink or drugs, wearing any spectacles prescribed*

... so the acronym has now become **POWDERY**

INSIDE THE VEHICLE CHECKLIST (COCKPIT DRILL)

Adjustment of seat/head restraint/steering wheel

Adjustment of mirrors, inside and out

Seat belt fastened, not frayed, twisted, locks when tugged, fastens/releases freely

Static brake check

Doors closed, handbrake on, gears in neutral, clutch engaged before starting engine

Warning lights illuminated as the ignition is switched on

Warning lights extinguished (except handbrake light) as the engine starts

Feel power assistance to steering cut in as the engine starts

Before moving off, the speed limit here is ...

After moving off, and in a safe place, carry out a moving brake test