



# Rental Car Check List

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Download this check list to your smart phone, or print and pack it.

- Photos are Your Friend:** Before starting the engine, snap pix of the front, back, both sides, and *roof* of your rental car. You'll not have to pay for damage that was there *before* you left the lot if you're armed with photos demonstrating the dings that already existed.
- Gasoline Matters:** Have car rental personnel identify **what kind of gas** (petrol) the car takes—unleaded or diesel. Have them show you where the **gas-cap-release** is, and be sure you know **which side of the car the gas cap is on**.
- Where is the Vehicle's Operation Manual?** If something goes awry in the middle of a forest or some remote stretch of highway, you'll need vehicle reference material ASAP. A phone signal or Wi-Fi Internet access may not be available in the area of your breakdown—especially when touring the Olympic Peninsula.
- Check the GPS/SatNav Device:** If you brought one with you, fire it up. Does it accurately show the rental car lot location? Click on the coordinates of your first destination. Does it look like the device is working? If not, rent one from the car hire agency.  
When renting a GPS/SatNav device, do not leave the lot before ensuring that the agency's unit is working properly and **you know how to use it**.
- Test Drive the Car's Operational Features**  
Before letting the car rental agency's employee leave you: get inside the car, start the engine, and play with all the knobs and dials.
  - Headlights:** Do they come on automatically when the engine is started?  
If not, how do you put them on?  
How do you switch the headlights to high-beam?
  - Seat settings:** How do you make the seats go back and forth? Up and down?  
Is there a lumbar spine support?
  - Mirrors:** Adjust the rear-view mirror.  
Learn how to operate the side-view mirrors and adjust them.
  - Windshield Wipers:** Run the front and rear windshield wipers *and* the cleaning fluid sprayers.
  - Learn how to operate the **heater and air conditioner**.
  - Learn how to operate the **radio and CD player**.