



Our car checklist

THESE ARE THE WINTER-MUST-HAVES IN YOUR CAR!

Whether traffic jams, accidents or flat tyres – you have to be prepared for any eventuality on the road!

It's even more important to make adequate provision for this by carrying the appropriate equipment in your car. We've compiled a list with sensible "must-have" items so that you're armed against whatever fate might throw your way while driving in the future.

Tow cable

If you're not a member of any automobile associations and may therefore need to pay for a private breakdown truck from your own pocket, you should really consider keeping a towing cable in your car.

High-visibility vests, first aid kit and emergency triangle

Since 1 July 2014, a general obligation to carry high-visibility vests has been in effect in Germany. It's advisable to carry as many high-visibility vests as there are seats in the car. After all, these are just as likely to save lives as a first aid kit and emergency triangle in the worst-case scenario!

Blanket and gloves

Even if help is usually on the way within a few minutes, a blanket and gloves can make the waiting time infinitely more bearable in sub-zero temperatures. And anyone who's ever tried to change a flat tyre with ice-cold hands will surely have learned their lesson and made sure to keep gloves in the car at all times from then on.

Torch

Despite the fact that smartphones have an integrated torch function, a regular hand lamp is an indispensable tool. This is especially true when something on the car needs to be inspected and you have to speak to your trusted expert over the phone.

A quick tip: our hand lamps from the Elparts product range feature particularly good illumination.

Spare wheel or tyre sealant

The wheel can be easily replaced with the spare, provided one is present. In modern vehicles, however, a remedy for the problem is usually provided in the form of tyre sealant.

Insurance card and rescue card

Insurance information should be on hand at all times to ensure that details can be swapped quickly in the event of an accident. The so-called "rescue card" should also be stored so that it is easily accessible. When accidents happen, every second counts for rescuing the vehicle's occupants! In such situations, the rescue card provides emergency services with detailed information which allows them to cut the vehicle open quickly and safely.

Snow chains

sets in and you come across black ice in combination with a slight incline, then snow chains are absolutely indispensable.

Spare fuel canister and provisions

The network of petrol stations in Germany is very dense. Despite this, constant stop-and-go driving in traffic jams can increase fuel consumption. A spare fuel canister is therefore an important tool on our checklist. However, if there is a traffic jam and your stomach is empty it's always worth keeping a little emergency ration. A small power bar and a bottle of water are usually enough to keep you from starving.