

**Q: How often should I service my car?**

A: This will depend on the type of car you have and the amount of miles you drive each year. Most cars have a service interval of somewhere between 6,000 and 12,000 miles so you should consult your handbook for an accurate answer. If you have lost your handbook then our enquiries desk may be able to tell you your service interval.

If you don't use your car very much it should still be serviced once a year.

**Q: What is the minimum tyre tread depth for a car?**

A: Current tread depth legislation requires that car tyres must have a minimum of 1.6mm of tread in a continuous band throughout the central  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the tread width and over the whole circumference of the tyre.

However, we would suggest considering replacement once the tread depth reaches 3mm (most tyres start off with about 9mm) as, after this, tyre performance is not at its optimum. This is in accordance with RoSPA's recommendations.

**Q: When my oil light comes on is it OK to keep driving until I can get to a garage?**

A: No, stop and put oil in straight away it is not always just an indication that the level is low, it also reacts to pressure and continuing to drive could cause your engine to seize up. You should check the oil level using your dipstick and fill the car accordingly.

**Q: Can I put any oil in my car?**

A: No, there are many different types of oil, if you don't know which yours takes check your handbook or ask at your local garage.

**Q: Why do both my headlamp bulbs stop working at the same time?**

A: It is rare that this happens. Normally one will blow and you will continue to drive without noticing. It is not until the second one goes and you have no lights at all that you will notice.

**Q: How much air pressure should I put in my tyres?**

A: This depends on the make and model of your car, often the tyre pressure is listed inside the fuel cap or on the door pillar but, if not, check your handbook or ask at your local garage.