

## Vehicle Kit

It makes sense to carry some items in the boot of your car/van, whatever... Especially during the winter. The following are my own ideas and you are likely to add/remove kit as you see fit...

- Tow rope
- Jump leads (get decent thick ones, not the cheap skinny ones. A cold car with thick engine oil puts enormous strain on the starter motor and thin jumpers will get hot or worse!)
- 1 or 2 litres of engine oil. (NB Your dipstick has 2 markings, a max and a min. The amount of oil to get from Min to Max is 1 litre).
- Couple of rags.
- A few pairs of latex gloves.
- Fuel can with fuel.
- Tin of WD40.
- 1/2 litre of neat antifreeze.
- 6 litres of drinking water. Keep in water tight containers, store them upside down and insulated. Water freezes from the top down. If the bottles are not upside down it becomes hard to extract the liquid when needed. A Pound shop exercise mat/roll mat and some duct tape make excellent covers for the bottles to prevent them freezing. I keep 2 x 3litre bottles in this manner and checked them throughout last winter (2009/10) and had no issues.
- 2 litres of diluted screen wash.
- Small squirty or atomiser bottle of diluted screen wash. (This is for when your wipers/washers are in effective. Just pull over, open the window and squirt).
- Rubber mats in case you get bogged down in snow or mud. You could utilise the mats inside your vehicle...
- Foot pump. If you are travelling slowly over mud, sand or snow (in an emergency) you can let some air out of the tyres so they have a bigger footprint.
- Set of waterproofs.
- 1 High viz waist coat for each seat (passenger) in your vehicle.
- Blankets – (Army surplus woollen ones).
- Entrenching tool.
- Jack, wheel brace & locking wheel nut key!!
- Tools suitable for changing bulbs. (I no longer carry a full tool kit, if part of the car is broke then I'm unlikely to have a spare part).
- Breakdown cover.
- Hazard Warning Triangle.
- Maps, Road Atlas.
- Sat Nav.
- Spare bulbs and fuses.
- Mobile phone car charger.
- Hexi stove and tablets (gas is U/S in freezing conditions, beware of Carbon Monoxide poisoning). Matches and lighter, lighter is ineffective if frozen...

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- Mess tins, can opener, KFS, Mugs.
- 3 Tins of All day Breakfast, 3 small tins of Fruit Cocktail, 6 Granola bars. (Usually only the 3 of us in the car at anyone time).
- Brew kit.
- 3 RED Glow sticks.
- Torch and batteries (batteries hate the cold, keep them in your glove box wrapped up).
- Assorted cable ties, insulating tape & duct tape.
- First Aid Kit
- Wet Wipes.
- Life Hammer.
- Fire Extinguisher.
- Emergency Tyre Sealer/Foam.
- Hi viz tape. (Tie to top of aerial to draw attention).