

## Car Service & Garage Checklist

Questions to ask and things to check before and after a service.

A good garage doesn't just fix the car — it explains the work, uses the right parts, and keeps clear records. Use this checklist when you book a service so you know exactly what you're paying for, and again when you collect the car so nothing is missed.

### Before you book

Ask the garage / service advisor	Asked	Their answer
What exactly is included in this service? (oil, filters, inspection points)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Do you use genuine / OEM parts, or aftermarket? Can I choose?	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Will I get a written, itemised quote before any work starts?	<input type="checkbox"/>	
How long will the service take, and when can I collect the car?	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is there a warranty on the parts and the labour — how long?	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Can I see the old parts you replace? (so you know they were actually changed)	<input type="checkbox"/>	

### After the service

Check before you drive off	Done	Notes
I got an itemised invoice showing parts and labour separately	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Every part that was replaced is listed by name / part number	<input type="checkbox"/>	
The next service mileage and / or date is noted for me	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Any dashboard warning lights have been cleared	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Fluids are topped up (oil, coolant, brake, washer)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
The car has been road-tested and feels / sounds normal	<input type="checkbox"/>	

**Keep a record.** File every invoice and note the mileage at each service. A complete service history reassures the next buyer and protects your resale value — pair this with the *Vehicle Service & Maintenance Log* to track it all in one place. This is a general guide, not professional advice.

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