

# What to do if your oil light comes on

Most people wouldn't know what to do if the oil light came on. Check your vehicle handbook and find out what to do if your's comes on. As a guide, most manufacturers recommend the following if the oil light comes on:

- Stop as soon as safely possible and turn the engine off
- Park the car on a level surface so that the oil rests in the sump as the engine cools
- Check the oil level after a few minutes, using the dipstick, (see overleaf)
- If the level is too low, top up immediately – it always pays to carry a top up pack of oil in your car for just such an emergency

Re-start the engine only once more oil has been added and given a chance to rest in the sump – if warning light stays on, turn off the engine immediately and call for professional assistance.

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**It's strange to think that we can all save money, prolong the life of our engines, and easily take precautions against breaking down, when most of us don't!**

Checking your vehicle's oil level is one of the most basic car maintenance tasks that a motorist can do, and most of us don't check our oil as often as we should.

The oil in your car's engine does a number of things. It separates the moving parts and reduces friction. The oil also transfers heat away from the engine, collects contaminants and debris and protects the engine from corrosion.

The right, good quality oil in your car is essential to its smooth running. And making sure you've got enough of it is just as important.



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## How to check and top-up your oil – 6 easy steps



**1**

**With the handbrake on and your vehicle safely parked on a level surface, switch the engine off. Allow five minutes after engine switch-off for all engine oil to return to the sump.**

**4**

**If the oil level is low, remove the oil filler cap and top up. Overfilling with oil can also be dangerous, so only add a little at a time, ideally using a jug or funnel to avoid spillage.**

**2**

**Withdraw the dipstick and wipe clean with an old cloth or rag. Re-insert the dipstick to its fullest extent.**

**5**

**Allow a minute or so after adding the oil, then take the reading again. If the level is still too low, repeat the previous steps.**

**3**

**Withdraw the dipstick again and then check the oil between the minimum and maximum markers on the dipstick. (The difference between the minimum and maximum levels can represent up to a litre of oil – so it's worth having at least a litre 'top-up' pack on hand.)**

**6**

**Make sure you have the right oil with you! Cars require different sorts of oil – there is not a 'universal oil' suitable for all cars – so make sure you get the right oil for your car. Ask your Comma retailer, service advisor or visit [CommaOil.com](http://CommaOil.com) for information.**