

Worksheet 7: Vehicle Readiness Checklist

Alaska's extreme winters, remote routes, and absence of roadside assistance in many areas make vehicle readiness a survival issue, not just a business issue.

DAILY PRE-SHIFT CHECK

- ☐ Fuel level — NEVER below half tank in Alaska (gas stations can be 50-100+ miles apart outside cities)
- ☐ Engine block heater plugged in overnight when temps below 20°F (Fairbanks: essential; Anchorage: recommended)
- ☐ Waze / Google Maps loaded — check for road closures and avalanche warnings
- ☐ NWS Anchorage checked (weather.gov/pafc) — Alaska weather changes fast
- ☐ Alaska 511 checked (511.alaska.gov) for road conditions
- ☐ Phone fully charged + car charger + backup battery pack
- ☐ Proof of insurance accessible (glove box)
- ☐ COI (Certificate of Insurance) PDF saved on phone
- ☐ Emergency kit confirmed in vehicle (see seasonal checklist)

WEEKLY CHECK

- ☐ Arctic-rated battery voltage checked (replace annually in Fairbanks; every 2 years in Anchorage)
- ☐ Studded snow tires condition (legal Sept 15 – May 1 in Alaska)
- ☐ Antifreeze rated for -60°F or lower (Fairbanks can reach -50°F)
- ☐ Coolant / radiator system verified
- ☐ All-weather wiper blades functioning
- ☐ Vehicle interior clean and professional
- ☐ COI / insurance documents current

ALASKA WINTER SURVIVAL KIT (Required Year-Round)

- ☐ Arctic-rated sleeping bag (in case of breakdown in remote area)
- ☐ Hand warmers (chemical) — at least 10 pairs
- ☐ Jumper cables or jump starter pack
- ☐ Tow strap
- ☐ Shovel (collapsible)
- ☐ Ice scraper + snow brush
- ☐ Traction aids (sand, kitty litter, or traction boards)
- ☐ Flashlight + extra batteries
- ☐ High-calorie emergency food (protein bars, etc.)
- ☐ First aid kit
- ☐ Satellite communicator or PLB (Personal Locator Beacon) for remote runs

☐ Extra engine oil, antifreeze, and washer fluid

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