

Worksheet 7: Vehicle Readiness Checklist

Michigan's harsh winters, pothole-damaged roads, and road salt require higher vehicle readiness than most states. Complete before each operating day.

DAILY PRE-SHIFT CHECK

- ☐ Fuel level — minimum half tank (winter + remote areas = no room for error)
- ☐ Waze loaded and updated — check for construction and accidents
- ☐ Phone fully charged + car charger connected
- ☐ Proof of insurance accessible (glove box) — Michigan no-fault card current
- ☐ COI (Certificate of Insurance) PDF saved on phone
- ☐ Weather check — Michigan DNR or weather app (especially Nov-Mar)
- ☐ Road conditions — Michigan 511 (mi511.com) for winter road conditions

WEEKLY CHECK

- ☐ Tire pressure (cold weather deflates tires — critical in Michigan winters)
- ☐ Check for new pothole damage — undercarriage, tires, alignment
- ☐ Waze and mapping apps updated
- ☐ Vehicle interior clean and professional
- ☐ COI / insurance documents current and accessible
- ☐ Undercarriage wash if roads have been salted

SEASONAL CHECKLIST — MICHIGAN WINTER (November–April)

- ☐ Winter tires installed (strongly recommended — all-season tires inadequate for Michigan winters)
- ☐ Battery tested — Michigan cold kills batteries; replace if 3+ years old
- ☐ Antifreeze / coolant level checked and rated for -40°F
- ☐ Ice scraper, snow brush, and snow shovel in vehicle
- ☐ Emergency kit: jumper cables, blanket, flashlight, gloves, boots
- ☐ Extra washer fluid — winter road salt spray exhausts it fast
- ☐ Traction aids (kitty litter or sand) in case of getting stuck
- ☐ Rust protection / undercoating applied before winter season

MICHIGAN VEHICLE SPECS — KNOW BEFORE YOU OPERATE

Vehicle Year / Make / Model:

Ground Clearance (Michigan
potholes — higher is better):

**Michigan vehicle registration
expiration:**

**Michigan no-fault insurance
policy expiration:**

Last undercarriage wash date:

**Last rust prevention treatment
date:**

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