

Checking Your Window Washing Fluid

Before checking:

1. Ensure you have suitable window washing fluid. If you put water only in, during winter this can freeze, expand and rupture your window washer reservoir.
2. Ensure only clean water or fluid enters your reservoir as allowing bits in can damage the water pump.
3. Your car usually tells you when you are running low.

Each car is slightly different when it comes to checking oil. Usually, you would check the oil level using an oil dipstick which would be found under the bonnet and attached to the engine. The dipstick literally dips into the engine and measures the oil level at the bottom of the engine as gravity makes the oil rest here when the car is not running.

Some newer cars may not have a dipstick, and you may need to check the oil using your menu system inside the car.

Method

Find the bonnet release lever inside the car.

Passenger or driver footwell.



In this car, it is found in the passenger footwell under the glove compartment.



Pull this lever towards you and you should hear the bonnet click open. If this does not work, it may be that you have an issue with your lever.

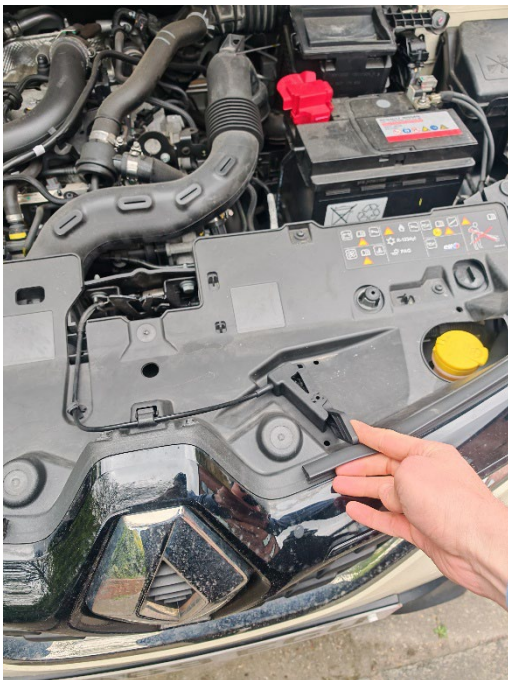
The bonnet should appear slightly open if it has unlatched successfully.

As you can see from this picture, there is a slight opening at the opening end of the bonnet compared to usual.

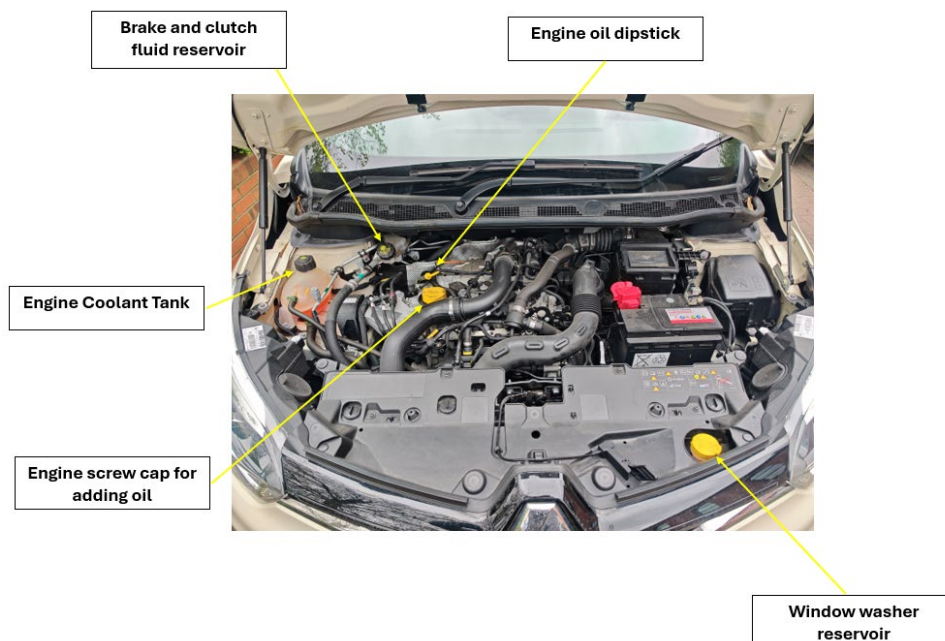
Most cars have a lever which you have to find with your fingers inside the bonnet gap and you may have to push this to the left, right or pull. Sometimes, you may have a small tab which pops out which you have to pull and then lift the bonnet.



On this Renault, the lever is here. Push it to the left and lift the bonnet. The bonnet will either stay up on its own or there will be a little prop which you will have to find and prop the bonnet up.



Under the bonnet, usually the parts which require servicing or regular checks are coloured yellow.



The window washer cap usually has a symbol of a window with water squirting either side.



Add either the washer fluid, water or mixture of both into the filler cap. There is no minimum or maximum for this. Just fill it until it is full.

There is sometimes a little filter in the cap to stop debris from entering the reservoir.

You can get a variety of window washing fluids with different colours, smells, concentrate and already diluted.

Make sure you are not buying engine coolant as they can look the same colour and come in the same bottle.

Do not just use water only during winter.

You can top up with water anytime, but just be wary of freezing temperatures.

If you have filled up the reservoir and it is still not working, you may have a blocked nozzle, pipe, broken water pump, etc. Speak to a garage, Halfords or someone you trust.