

## Battery

The battery is a low maintenance type. Check electrolyte level in each cell every 15 000 miles (24 000 km) or once a year, whichever comes first.

Remove filler caps and refill battery with distilled or tap water to full mark on inside of filler hole. Do not use a metal funnel.

Keep battery dry and clean.

The service life of the battery is dependent on its condition of charge. The battery should always **be kept sufficiently charged in order** to last an optimum length of time.

**Therefore, we strongly recommend that you have the battery charge checked frequently, and corrected if necessary, especially if you use the vehicle less than approximately 200 miles (300 km) per month, mostly for short distance trips, or if it is not used for long periods of time.**

Only charge a battery with a battery charger after the battery has been disconnected from the vehicle electrical circuit.

When removing and connecting the battery, always make sure that all electrical consumers are off and the key is in steering lock position 0.

While the engine is running the battery terminal clamps must not be loosened or detached, otherwise the generator and other electronic components would be damaged.

### Battery Recycling

Batteries contain materials that can harm the environment with improper disposal.

Large 12 Volt storage batteries contain lead.

Recycling of batteries is the preferred method of disposal.

Many states require sellers of batteries to accept old batteries for recycling.

### Warning!

**Never lean over batteries while connecting, you might get injured.**

**Battery fluid contains sulfuric acid. Do not allow this fluid to come in contact with eyes, skin or clothing. In case it does, immediately flush affected area with water and seek medical help.**

**A battery will also produce hydrogen gas, which is flammable and explosive. Keep flames or sparks away from battery, avoid improper connection of jumper cables, smoking etc..**