Fluid level checks

TOPPING UP THE BRAKE FLUID

- Brake fluid will damage painted surface.
 Soak up any spillage with an absorbent cloth immediately and wash the area with a mixture of car shampoo and water.
- Only use new fluid from an airtight container (fluid from open containers or fluid previously bled from the system, will have absorbed moisture, which will adversely affect performance, and must not be used).
- Top up the reservoir with the specified brake fluid to at least the MINIMUM mark, see 171. LUBRICANTS AND FLUIDS.
 - Do not top up the brake fluid to the maximum mark unless the brake pads have been replaced. If unsure seek qualified assistance.
- 2. Replace the cap.
- **3.** Refit the reservoir cover.

CHECKING THE POWER STEERING FLUID LEVEL

Power steering fluid is highly toxic.
Keep containers sealed and out of
reach of children. If accidental
consumption of fluid is suspected,
seek medical attention immediately.

If the fluid comes into contact with the skin or eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water.

Power steering fluid is highly inflammable. Do not allow power steering fluid to come into contact with naked flames or other sources of ignition (e.g. a hot engine).

The engine must not be started if the fluid level has dropped below the **MIN** mark.

- Seek qualified assistance immediately if there is a noticeable drop in the fluid level
- If fluid loss is slow, the reservoir may be topped-up to the upper level mark to enable the vehicle to be driven to a repair facility for examination. However, it is recommended that you seek qualified assistance before driving the vehicle.

Check and top-up the fluid with the vehicle on level ground, with the engine switched off and the system cold. Ensure that the steering wheel is not turned after stopping the engine.

The level of fluid can be seen through the translucent body of the reservoir, see 157, ENGINE COMPARTMENT OVERVIEW.

The fluid level should be between the **MIN** and the **MAX** marks.

TOPPING UP THE POWER STEERING FLUID

- It is imperative that the power steering system does not become contaminated in any way. Always use new fluid and clean the area around the filler neck both before removing the filler cap and after topping up. Never return drained fluid to the system.
- Power steering fluid will damage painted surfaces. Soak up any spillage with an absorbent cloth immediately and wash the area with a mixture of car shampoo and water.
- 1. Clean the filler cap before removing to prevent dirt from entering the reservoir.
- 2. Remove filler cap.
- Top-up the reservoir until the fluid level is between the MIN and MAX marks. See 171, LUBRICANTS AND FLUIDS for the power steering fluid specification.