




# Fluid level checks

 **Brake fluid is highly toxic - keep containers sealed and out of the 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 clean water.**

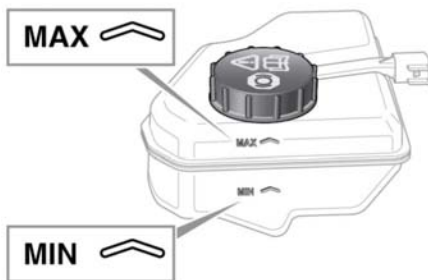
 **Brake fluid is highly flammable. Do not allow brake fluid to come into contact with naked flames or other sources of ignition (e.g., a hot engine).**

 **Do not drive the vehicle with the fluid level below the MIN mark.**

If the quantity of fluid in the brake reservoir drops below the recommended level, a red warning lamp in the Instrument panel will illuminate. See **51, BRAKE (RED)**.

**Note:** *If the warning lamp illuminates while the vehicle is being driven, stop the vehicle as soon as safety permits, by gently applying the brakes. Check and top up the fluid level, if necessary.*

With the vehicle on level ground, check the fluid level at least every week (more frequently in high mileage or arduous operating conditions).




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1. Remove the driver's side, under bonnet cover. See **203, FLUID FILLER LOCATIONS** and **187, UNDER BONNET COVERS - REMOVAL**.


2. Check the brake fluid reservoir level. The level should be between the **MIN** and the **MAX** marks.


**Note:** *The fluid level may drop slightly during normal use as a result of brake pad wear, but should not be allowed to drop below the **MIN** mark.*

## TOPPING UP THE BRAKE/CLUTCH FLUID

 Always use brake fluid which has the correct specification. See **248, LUBRICANTS AND FLUIDS**.

 Brake 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.

 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).

 Do not top up the brake fluid to the **MAX** mark unless the brake pads have been renewed. If unsure, seek qualified assistance.

1. Clean the brake fluid reservoir and the filler cap before removing, to prevent dirt from entering the reservoir.

2. Remove the brake fluid reservoir filler cap by rotating counter-clockwise.

3. Top up the brake fluid reservoir to at least the **MIN** mark.

4. Refit the brake fluid reservoir filler cap by rotating clockwise.

5. Refit the under bonnet cover. See **187, UNDER BONNET COVERS - REFITTING**.