

AllAboutBaja.com - Vehicle Preparation Check List

This list is for reference only, there will likely be other items that you will need, or want to take, depending on your particular situation and your vehicle.

Frequent Baja Failures Include:

Roof Rack Mounts - Off Road Lighting/Mounts - Battery Tray/Hold Down
Shock Absorbers - Radiator/Hoses - Exhaust System - Tires - Jack
Spare Tire Carrier - Fuel Tank - After Market Accessories

Have your vehicle serviced, even if it is not time for a scheduled service. This service should include the inspection or replacement of the following items:

Engine Oil & Filter - Fuel Filters (some vehicles have more than one)
Air Filter - Spark Plugs (& points, if applicable) - Gear Box, Transfer
Case & Differential Oils - Drive Shafts - Wheel Bearings & Hubs
Brakes (Hand Brake also) - Belts (Fan Belts, A/C Belt, etc.)
Air Conditioner - Hoses & Coolant - Lights & Battery - Tires (they should
have at least 50% of the tread left)
Carefully Check the Installation of any After Market Accessories

Spare Parts List:

(Many items can be bought locally, but that doesn't mean a thing in the middle of the desert.)

Fuel Filters - Belts - Fuses - Oil - Transmission Fluid - Keys - Coolant

Other Items To Take:

Duct Tape - Wire - Bungee Cords - Rope - HD Cord - Tow Rope/Cable
Tire Repair Kit (for tubeless tires, or a spare tube) - Slime - Good 12 volt
Compressor - Good Jack (and something to stabilize it in soft sand)
Miscellaneous Tools - Drinking Water - First Aid Kit - Good Baja Map
Portable GPS Unit (optional)