

Self Drive 4x4 Preparation Checklist

Pre-departure service and recovery kit for Himalayan convoys

SERVICE (2 WEEKS BEFORE)

- ☐ Full engine oil and filter change
- ☐ Coolant strength and level checked
- ☐ Brake pads, discs and fluid inspected
- ☐ Suspension bushes and shock absorbers checked
- ☐ Clutch condition assessed for high-altitude load
- ☐ Battery load-tested, terminals cleaned

TYRES AND WHEELS

- ☐ All-terrain tyres with 6mm+ tread
- ☐ Full-size spare, correctly inflated
- ☐ Puncture repair kit and 12V compressor
- ☐ Torque wrench or working wheel spanner
- ☐ Snow chains for winter routes

RECOVERY KIT

- ☐ Rated tow strap and two shackles
- ☐ Folding shovel
- ☐ Traction boards x2
- ☐ Jump starter pack
- ☐ Hi-lift or bottle jack plus base plate

SPARES AND FLUIDS

- ☐ 1 litre engine oil, brake fluid, coolant
- ☐ Fan belt and radiator hose
- ☐ Fuses, bulbs, hose clamps, cable ties
- ☐ Gaffer tape and self-amalgamating tape
- ☐ 20 litre jerry can plus funnel

CABIN AND SAFETY

- ☐ Fire extinguisher within reach
- ☐ First aid kit
- ☐ Headlamp and spare torch
- ☐ Offline maps downloaded
- ☐ Convoy radio or agreed hand signals