

General

This checklist can be used as a guide to prepare the Audi *TT* 8N for winter storage. It can also be used for other models and cars.

In de winter storage

Technical maintenance

- ☐ Refuel with RON 98 E5
(plastic fuel tank (TT): not necessary; fresh petrol in the spring is the best)
- ☐ Fluids
 - Windscreen washer antifreeze
 - Check oil
 - Check brake fluid
 - Check coolant
- ☐ Wheels
 - Tyre pressure (3–3.5 bar) or
 - Storage tyres if applicable (3–3.5 bar) or
 - Flat tyre stoppers if applicable
- ☐ Battery
 - Connect a trickle charger or
 - Remove the battery and charge it regularly

Paintwork and bodywork

- ☐ Wash (allow to dry thoroughly)
- ☐ Clean the wheel arches
- ☐ Apply a fresh coat of wax
- ☐ Windscreen wipers
 - Temporarily fit an old set or
 - Remove them or
 - Move them out of the way of the windscreen
- ☐ Pierce the drainage holes in the convertible top (for Roadster)
- ☐ Unlock the boot or bonnet (so you can still access the battery)
- ☐ Protect with a car cover
 - The storage area must be dry to prevent moisture build-up under the cover
 - Do not leave outside under a cover to prevent paintwork damage
- ☐ Treat the rubber seals

Interior

- ☐ Clear out the interior and boot
- ☐ Clean the interior
- ☐ Clean and condition the leather
- ☐ Remove the floor mats

Winter storage

Before storing, make sure the engine is properly warm (+40 km). Leave it undisturbed throughout the winter and do not start it! Starting it briefly causes moisture to be released into the engine block. If you do ride it, make sure it is fully warmed up again.

- ☐ Preferably a covered and dry area
- ☐ Automatic gearbox in 'P' or in gear
(to avoid putting strain on the gearbox on a slope)
- ☐ Handbrake released
- ☐ Wheels chocked to prevent the car from rolling
- ☐ Windows left slightly ajar in a covered and dry area
(otherwise, use a dehumidifier inside the car)

Out of winter storage

- ☐ Wash
- ☐ Apply a fresh coat of wax
- ☐ Wheels
 - Restore tyre pressure to normal or
 - Summer tyres fitted
- ☐ Refit windscreen wipers
- ☐ Clean and condition the leather
- ☐ Enjoy the ride again

On your first ride, ease the TT back into action gently. Check that the brakes are working properly and watch out for any warning lights on the dashboard. This way, you'll spot any issues before you get back to enjoying the TT to the full.

Preference for either before or after winter storage

- ☐ Minor service with fresh oil and MOT
 - Differing views on what is best: before or after winter
 - If storing for longer than six months, preference is for before storage
- ☐ Clean and waterproof the convertible top