ABC Quick Check

1. A is for air

- * Inflate tires to rated pressure as listed on the sidewall of the tire * Use a pressure gauge to insure
- proper pressure
- * Check for damage to tire tread and sidewall; replace if damaged

2. B is for brakes

- * Inspect pads for wear; replace is there is less than ¼" of pad left
- * Check pad adjustment; make sure they do not rub tire or dive into spokes
- * Check brake level travel; at least 1" between bar and lever when applied

3. C is for cranks, chain and cassette

- * Make sure that your crank bolts are tight; lube the threads only, nothing else
- * Check your chain for wear; 12 links should measure no more than 12 1/8 inches

* If your chain skips on your cassette, you might need a new one or just an adjustment

4. Quick is for quick releases

- * Hubs need to be tight in the frame; your quick release should engage at 90°
- * Your hub quick release should point back to insure that nothing catches on it
- * Inspect brake quick releases to insure that they have been reengaged

5. Check is for check it over

- * Take a quick ride to check if derailleurs and brakes are working properly
- * Inspect the bike for loose or broken parts; tighten, replace or fix them
- * Pay extra attention to your bike during the first few miles of the ride

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