# **OUTSIDE VEHICLE**

## **GENERAL MAINTENANCE**

Performing the following maintenance checks on the vehicle is the owner's responsibility. The owner may perform the maintenance or take the vehicle to a service center. Check the parts of the vehicle described below on a daily basis. In most cases, special tools are not required. It is recommended that the owner performs these checks. The procedures for general maintenance are as follows.

#### 1. GENERAL NOTES

- Maintenance requirements vary depending on the country.
- Check the maintenance schedule in the owner's manual supplement.
- Following the maintenance schedule is mandatory.
- Determine the appropriate time to service the vehicle using either miles driven or months elapsed, whichever reaches the specification first.
- Maintain similar intervals between periodic maintenance, unless otherwise noted.
- Failing to check each vehicle part could lead to poor engine performance and increase exhaust emissions.

#### 2. TIRES

- (a) Check the tire inflation pressure with a gauge. Make adjustments if necessary.
- (b) Check the surfaces of the tires for cuts, damage or excessive wear.

#### 3. WHEEL NUTS

(a) Check for nuts that are loose or missing. Tighten them if necessary.

#### 4. TIRE ROTATION (See page TW-3)

#### 5. WINDSHIELD WIPER BLADES

(a) Check the blades for wear or cracks whenever they are unable to wipe the windshield clean. Replace them if necessary.

#### 6. FLUID LEAKS

(a) Check under the vehicle for leaking fuel, oil, water and other fluids.

NOTICE:

If you smell gasoline fumes or notice any leaks, locate the cause and correct it.

### 7. DOORS AND ENGINE HOOD

- (a) Check that all of the doors and the hood operate smoothly and that all the latches lock securely.
- (b) When the primary latch is released, check that the engine hood secondary latch prevents the hood from opening.