

# Lincoln Mark VII Engine Oil Level



Every time I stop for gas I check my Engine oil level. With the engine off and parked on level ground, I grab a rag or three or four of the paper towels they have at a pump. I locate my Engine Oil Dipstick, located on the **driver's side** of the engine compartment as seen here. I completely remove the dipstick and wipe the last 12 inches clean. I then reinsert the dipstick until it is fully seated. I then remove the dipstick again and this time, I read the last six inches or so.

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I read my dipstick by the amount of oil that's on it starting from the tip and reading upward toward the handle. One side of the dipstick is blank and the other has arrows and indicators and hash marks and stamped lettering. I'm only concerned with the hash marks though. If the amount of oil on my dipstick is **below** the hash marks, then I'm about a "quart low" and I need to add a quart of specified engine oil. If the amount of oil on my dipstick is within the hash marks, then my engine oil level is ok. If the amount of oil on my dipstick is **above** the hash marks, then my engine oil level is high and I need to change the oil and inspect it closely! *\*Unless someone other than me did my oil change and added too much oil, then a HIGH OIL READING means that something has been added to my oil to make the dipstick read HIGH OIL LEVEL. Unfortunately, this normally means that I have a bad head gasket and my engine coolant is leaking into my oil.*

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If I need to ADD engine oil based on my engine oil level on my dipstick, I then locate my Engine Oil Fill Cap. I clean any and all debris from on top of and around this cap before removing it. I then wrap a small towel or rag around the neck of the fill tube. I insert a clean funnel, used only for my engine oil. I then add engine oil in **ONE HALF QUART INCREMENTS** and then recheck my engine oil level. Once my engine oil level has reached the middle of the hash marks on the dipstick, then my engine oil level is correct.

