







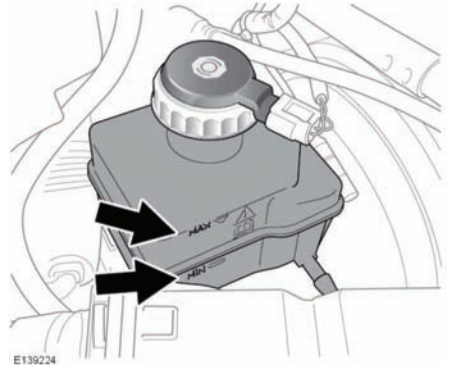
## CHECKING THE BRAKE FLUID LEVEL

-  Brake fluid is highly toxic - keep containers sealed and out of the reach of children. If accidental consumption of fluid is suspected, seek medical attention immediately.
-  If the fluid comes into contact with the skin or eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water.
-  Take care not to spill the fluid onto a hot engine - a fire may result.
-  Do not drive the vehicle with the fluid level below the MIN mark.
-  Seek qualified assistance immediately if brake pedal travel is unusually long or if there is any significant loss of brake fluid. Driving under such conditions could result in extended stopping distances or complete brake failure.

 If the quantity of fluid in the brake reservoir drops below the recommended level, a red warning lamp in the instrument pack will illuminate.

**Note:** If the warning lamp illuminates while the vehicle is being driven, stop the vehicle as soon as safety permits by gently applying the brakes. Check and top-up the fluid level if necessary.



With the vehicle on level ground, check the fluid level at least every week (more frequently in high mileage or arduous operating conditions).



The driver's side cover must be removed to check the brake fluid level. See **199, UNDER BONNET COVERS - REMOVAL**.

The brake fluid must be between the **MAX** and **MIN** marks.

## TOPPING UP THE BRAKE FLUID

-  Brake fluid will damage painted surfaces. Soak up any spillage with an absorbent cloth immediately and wash the area with a mixture of car shampoo and water.
  -  Only use new fluid from an airtight container (fluid from opened containers or fluid previously bled from the system will have absorbed moisture, which will adversely affect performance, and must not be used).
1. Clean the filler cap before removing to prevent dirt from entering the reservoir.
  2. Remove the filler cap.
  3. Top-up the reservoir to the **MAX** mark using the approved brake fluid. See **210, LUBRICANTS AND FLUIDS**.
  4. Replace the cap and reservoir cover.