

WAKING SLEEPING BEAUTY

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I'm sure many, if not all of you, have got your Miata's on the road. Here in Park City we are kind of hopeful that the snow is now gone. So "YGROWUP" is being prepared for awakening. Here's how I do it, if you have suggestions please submit and we can build an opening checklist.

1. Find Miata in stored area and remove her blankets/car cover.
2. Removed the 1 amp trickle charger from the battery (which was removed from your Miata before storage inside the non-freezing storage area or garage).
3. Install fully charged battery into the battery compartment. Remember that battery compartment is in the trunk.
4. Connect the battery vents to the vent line.
5. Connect the battery cables. Remember the plastic covered connector is the + (positive) post and the non-covered connector is the - (negative) post. Always connect the

positive post first before you connect the negative (ground) post. Tighten securely with a 10mm wrench.

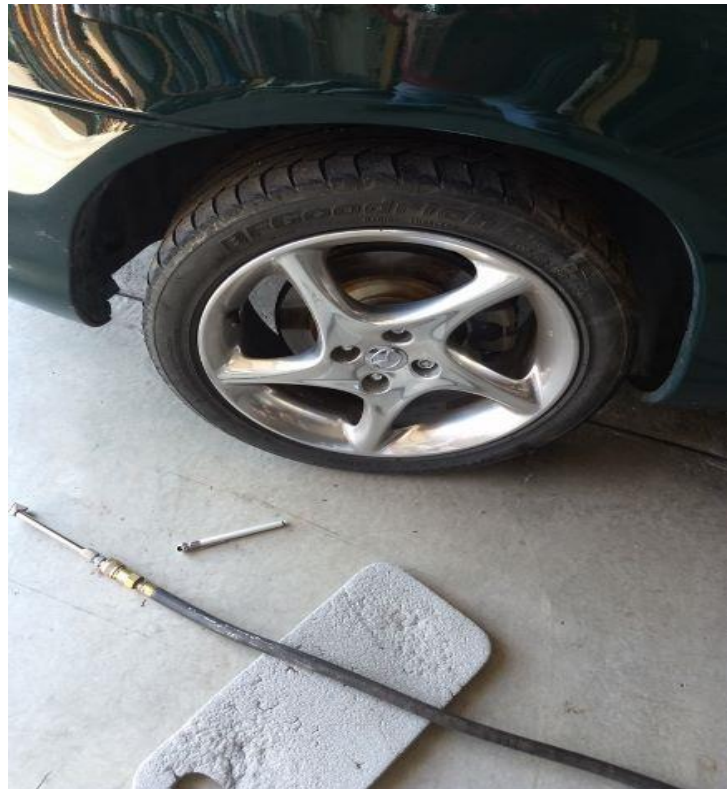
6. Place battery hold down bracket over battery. Secure using a 12mm wrench or socket.



7. Place the composite trunk cover over the secured battery and replace the trunk carpet to complete the battery installation.

8. I would like to remove the wheels and store the tires and rims in the garage, but I have no room, therefore, check the inflations of all tires to include your spare.

9. Use a good torque wrench to check your lug nuts.



10. Remember the correct tire pressure is located on a

VEHICLE CAPACITY WEIGHT		(NC74)	
CAPACITÉ PORTEUSE DU VÉHICULE		154kg (340lbs)	
SEATING CAPACITY NOMBRE DE PLACES	FRONT SEAT SIÈGE AVANT	• • • •	2
	REAR SEAT SIÈGE ARRIÈRE	• •	0
	TOTAL	• • • •	2
TIRE INFLATION PRESSURE		FRONT/AV.	REAR/AR.
PRESSION DE GONFLAGE DES PNEUS		180	180
kPa(kgf/cm ²) (p.s.i./lb/po ²)		(1.8)(26)	(1.8)(26)
TIRE SIZE		205/45R16 83W	
TAILLE DES PNEUS			

placard on the left door panel as well as in your Miata's owner's manual. Probably located in that junk box on the right side of the dash.

11. The next most import step in reawakening your Miata is to check all the fluid levels. Oil, antifreeze, brake fluid, and windshield washing fluid.



12. Once all this is done you can start the engine. Your Miata should start within 3-5 seconds of cranking. Make sure you have oil pressure. You did remember to use stabilizer when you topped off the gas tank for the winter.

13. You have to remember that the computer in your Miata has been in hibernation, too. It will require several days of starting, stopping, and driving to reset your computer.

14. Take it for a quick trip around the block.

15. My brake disks were a little rusty, therefore, I pressed my brakes several times to make sure the rust was removed and the disks would provide sure stopping power.

16. Wash it, wax it, and now the best part is DRIVE IT.

