

USED CAR BUYING CHECKLIST



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Buying a used car can be an exciting but daunting experience, especially if it's your first time. This checklist will help you check the essentials and make an informed decision. We recommend booking a professional pre-purchase inspection for complete peace of mind.

 **Get the Facts
Before You Commit!**



Test Drive Tips

Take the vehicle on a thorough test drive, ideally in conditions that reflect your usual driving style and routes. This will help you spot any issues that might only appear under specific conditions, giving you a clearer sense of the car's real performance.

- **Steering** – Ensure it feels steady without pulling to one side.
- **Transmission** – Check if the gear shifts smoothly (for both manual and automatic transmissions).
- **Acceleration and Braking** – The car should accelerate smoothly and stop without delay.

WE OFFER Pre-Purchase Inspections!

A professional pre-purchase inspection can reveal hidden issues not seen in casual checks. Our team offers a thorough inspection to ensure you make an informed decision and gain peace of mind about your purchase.

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Vehicle History

- Service Records**
Check for a regular service history; it indicates a well-maintained car.
- Ownership History**
Confirm the number of previous owners. Fewer owners may indicate the car has been looked after.
- VIN Verification**
Ensure the VIN on the car matches the registration.
- Accident History**
Ask if the seller is aware of any accident or repair history.
- Recall Notices**
Verify if there are any outstanding recalls on the vehicle.
- Car History Check**
Get an instant car history report to check a used car's history, including VIN, finance encumbrance, and written-off status.

Exterior Condition

- Paint & Bodywork**
Check for dents, scratches, & mismatched paint, which can indicate repairs.
- Rust or Corrosion**
Inspect lower doors, wheel arches, and underbody for rust. Excessive rust can mean costly repairs.
- Windscreen & Mirrors**
Look for cracks or chips, which can affect visibility and safety.
- Lights & Indicators**
Ensure all lights (headlights, brake lights, indicators) function properly.

Interior Condition

- Seats & Upholstery**
Check for tears, stains, or excessive wear on seats and interior materials.
- Odour**
Unpleasant smells could indicate water damage or past smoking inside the car.
- Electronics**
Test all buttons, including windows, locks, air conditioning, radio, and navigation systems.

Mechanical & Safety Checks

- Tyres**
Examine tyre tread depth and uniformity. Uneven wear could mean alignment issues.
- Suspension**
Listen for clunks or squeaks over bumps, signaling possible suspension problems.
- Fluid Levels**
Check the levels & condition of oil, brake fluid, coolant and transmission fluid.
- Exhaust System**
Observe for smoke or irregular knocking sounds, which could signal exhaust issues.
- Brakes**
Test the brakes for unusual noises and check if they feel responsive.
- Engine Conditionery**
Look for any unusual sounds or excessive smoke from the exhaust.
- Battery**
Check for corrosion or wear around battery terminals.
- Engine Leaks**
Look for oil or coolant leaks around the engine and under the car.



Car #1

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ownership History | <input type="checkbox"/> Windscreen & Mirrors | <input type="checkbox"/> Odour | <input type="checkbox"/> Engine Conditionery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> VIN Verification | <input type="checkbox"/> Seats & Upholstery | <input type="checkbox"/> Tyres | <input type="checkbox"/> Battery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Accident History | <input type="checkbox"/> Rust or Corrosion | <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension | <input type="checkbox"/> Engine Leaks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recall Notices | <input type="checkbox"/> Lights & Indicators | <input type="checkbox"/> Fluid Levels | <input type="checkbox"/> Exhaust System |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Car History Check | <input type="checkbox"/> Seats & Upholstery | | |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Recall Notices | <input type="checkbox"/> Lights & Indicators | <input type="checkbox"/> Fluid Levels | <input type="checkbox"/> Exhaust System |
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