

Used Car Pre-Purchase Inspection Checklist

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Bring this to any private sale or dealership before you sign anything.

PAPERWORK

- ☐ Title in the seller's name and free of liens
- ☐ VIN on the dash matches title and door jamb
- ☐ Vehicle history report reviewed
- ☐ Service records available
- ☐ Open recalls checked by VIN

EXTERIOR

- ☐ Panel gaps even and paint shade consistent
- ☐ Overspray on trim or weatherstripping
- ☐ Rust in wheel wells, rockers and under doors
- ☐ Glass free of cracks, all markings match
- ☐ Tires matched brand with even wear
- ☐ Lights all working and lenses not fogged

INTERIOR

- ☐ Musty or damp smell, a flood warning sign
- ☐ Carpet and spare tire well dry
- ☐ All electronics, windows and locks work
- ☐ Seat belts retract cleanly
- ☐ Warning lights extinguish after start
- ☐ A/C and heat both strong

MECHANICAL AND TEST DRIVE

- ☐ Cold start, listen for knock or rattle
- ☐ No blue or white smoke from the exhaust
- ☐ Steering tracks straight with hands relaxed
- ☐ Brakes stop straight with no pulsation
- ☐ Transmission shifts smoothly, no flare or clunk
- ☐ Highway speed test for vibration
- ☐ Professional pre-purchase inspection before purchase