

Used Car Inspection Checklist



Car Model:

Car Mileage:

Car Year:

Car Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) :

Brakes	Yes	No
Do the brakes make grinding noises?		
Does the car pull to one side when applying the brakes?		
Does the parking brake work properly?		

Engine	Yes	No
Do the battery terminals have signs of corrosion?		
Do the exhaust pipes emit blue or black smoke?		
Does the engine emit an odor?		
Does the engine leak oil or fluids when it is on or off?		
Does the engine make any strange noises, such as knocks, ticks or hisses?		

Exterior	Yes	No
Are there any cracks in the windshield?		
Are there any dents or scratches on the body?		
Do all doors, trunk and hood open and close properly?		
Do the headlights, brights, directional lights and tail lights work?		
Is there any rust in the door edges, hinges or trunk?		

Interior	Yes	No
Are there any dashboard warning lights illuminated?		
Can you adjust the seats?		
Do all the gauges work?		
Do all the power windows work?		
Do the hazard lights work?		
Do the locks all work from the inside and outside?		
Do the windshield wipers, blades and fluid work?		
Does the air conditioner work?		
Does the heater work?		
Does the stereo work?		

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Miscellaneous	Yes	No
Does the car alarm work?		
Does the owner have a title?		
Does the sunroof work?		
Manual: does each gear shift smoothly?		
Manual: does the car make noises when in reverse?		

Steering	Yes	No
Does the car or steering wheel shake or vibrate at any speed?		
Does the steering wheel align with the wheels?		
Is there any resistance from the steering wheel when turning?		

Tires	Yes	No
Do the tires have any cuts or cracks?		
Is the spare tire inflated?		
Is the tread unevenly worn?		
Is there a functional spare tire and jack?		

- Your rating: ★★★★★ This is the one
 ★★★★★ Shortlist
 ★★★ Need to think
 ★★ Needs work
 ★ No way

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