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USED CAR INSPECTION CHECKLIST

Vehicle Information

Model: _____

Year: _____

Mileage: _____

Vehicle Identification Number (VIN): _____





Owner Details







Name: _____

Driver License: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

		Yes	No	Notes
 ENGINE	Before you go inspect the car, make sure you ask the owner to leave the car cold. You want the car to be turned off, so when you arrive you can inspect the cold start.			
	Does the engine start easily, run quietly & have a consistent, smooth idle speed?			
	Does the engine make any strange noises, such as knocks, ticks or hisses? Do you hear any knocking noises from the engine that get faster with higher engine speed?			
	Are there any loose, dirty, or corroded battery terminals?			
	Corrosion between the battery can affect the vehicle's ability to conduct power.			
	Do the exhaust pipes emit blue, black or white smoke? Pay careful attention when you start the car up, make sure it starts instantly and look out for any smoke from the exhaust too. Is there smoke coming from the exhaust during acceleration?			
	Does the engine emit an odor? Each smell can indicate a specific problem in the engine.			
	Does the engine leak oil or fluids when it is on or off?			
 LOGISTICS	Did you check the vehicle's oil level? Pull out the dipstick and inspect the film of oil. Does it look chunky and dark colored? If so, it's likely a sign that your oil needs changed.			
	What is the lowest price the seller is willing to go?			
	When can the car be picked up by the buyer?			
	Can the car be brought to a mechanic for an inspection?			
	Does the seller have the title to the car?			
	Does the seller have proof that the car is theirs to sell?			
 OWNERSHIP & HISTORY	Is any money still owed to a bank for a loan on the car?			
	Why is the owner selling the car?			
	Do they have all maintenance records?			
	How many owners has this car had?			
	Has the odometer ever been rolled back?			
	Does the owner have a title?			
	Does the car have an extended warranty? If so, is the Extended Warranty transferable to a new owner?			
 CAR FEATURES	Is the seller acting on behalf of a dealer?			
	Does the car have an alarm and does it work? Do the locks all work from the inside and outside?			
	If the seats are electric are they working normally? Can you adjust the seats?			
	Manual: does each gear shift smoothly?			
	Manual: does the car make noises when in reverse?			

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 BRAKES	Can you hear any sounds from the brakes or the engine as you drive? A grinding noise can indicate the brake pad being worn down. A squeaking noise can indicate cheap brake pads.			
	Does the car pull to one side when applying the brakes? This might indicate that the brake linings are wearing unevenly or that there is foreign matter in the brake fluid.			
	Does the parking brake work properly?			
	What color is the brake fluid? If your brake fluid appears dark brown to black in color, then you need to have it flushed out and new brake fluid put in.			
 TIRES	How old are the tires and when were they last replaced? Be wary of a low-mileage car with new tires; the vehicle's odometer may have been rolled back.			
	Do the tires have any cuts or cracks? Is there uneven tire wear? Uneven tire wear can be the result of improper alignment.			
	Is the spare tire inflated? Is the tread unevenly worn?			
	Is there a functional spare tire and jack?			
 EXTERIOR	Are there any cracks in the windshield?			
	Are there any dents or scratches on the body? Rust, scratches, and dents in the paint and body of the car don't affect the performance of the engine, but they can affect how much you pay for the car.			
	Do all doors, trunk and hood open and close properly?			
	Do the headlights, brights, directional lights and tail lights work?			
	Are there leaks or puddles underneath the car? Leaks may indicate a larger problem, so make sure to determine the cost of repair before purchasing the vehicle.			
	Is there evidence of rust? More serious problems can occur when rust gets beneath the car's surface and within its underlying components.			
 INTERIOR	Does the car have any odor? Musty and moldy smells indicate water damage. Beware that mold and smoke odors are hard to remove.			
	Have the airbags been deployed?			
	Do the seat belts work properly?			
	Are there any dashboard warning lights illuminated? Are the gauges and warning lights flickering? Do the hazard lights work?			
	Do all the power windows work? One of the reasons power windows fail is because of a faulty window track.			
	Do the windshield wipers, blades and fluid work?			
	Does the air conditioner and heater work properly? With the engine running, turn on the heater full blast to see how hot it gets, and how quickly. Switch on the air conditioning and make sure it quickly blows cold.			
	Does the stereo work? Are all speakers working properly?			
 STEERING	Is the steering running smoothly? With the car idling, turn the steering wheel right and left to check if there is any noise. Does the steering wheel align with the wheels?			
	Is there any resistance from the steering wheel when turning?			
	Does the car drive straight or does it pull to the right or left? The steering wheel shouldn't behave shakily and require constant wheel balancing efforts.			
	When was the last time the tires were aligned?			
 PAYMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash? How can you prove that the cash was handed over? A written receipt will not help if there is a hidden issue.			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Cashiers or Personal Check? Beware that checks are easily faked and can bounce. Although you could make an appointment at the bank where both the buyer and seller attend together, this isn't always practical.			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Using a licensed Escrow Service? Using an audited, licensed escrow service reduces the risk of something going wrong in your vehicle transaction. Escrow.com's simple 5-step process ensures money transfer and vehicle delivery with every sale, ensuring both parties receive what was agreed on.			
	Escrow.com's Simple 5-step Process <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Buyer and Seller agree to terms 2. Buyer pays Escrow.com 3. Seller releases the vehicle to Buyer 4. Buyer inspects and accepts the vehicle 5. Escrow.com pays the Seller 			

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