



DIY Pre Purchase Inspection Check List

| | Good | Bad | Comments |
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| Exterior | | | |
| Windscreen free of cracks | | | |
| No obvious difference in body panel colours (under workshop lighting) | | | |
| Magnet adheres to all steel body panels | | | |
| Fresh paint job (if yes, it could be to conceal rust) | | | |
| Seams where the boot and hood close are properly aligned | | | |
| Seams where doors and panels meet are properly aligned | | | |
| Free of body scratches | | | |
| Free of body dents | | | |
| Windscreen wipers and blades fully functional | | | |
| Headlights, indicators and stop lamps are intact and fully functional | | | |

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| Tyres & Rims | | | |
| Tyres are a reputable brand name | | | |
| Rims are not obviously buckled | | | |
| Tyres are free of any cuts, bubbles or cracks | | | |
| Tread worn evenly | | | |
| Spare tyre, jack and wheel nut spanner in car | | | |
| Spare tyre inflated | | | |

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| Tyre Tread Depth | | | |
| Right-front | | | |
| Left-front | | | |
| Right-rear | | | |
| Left-rear | | | |
| Spare tyre | | | |

Engine

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| Free of fluid or oil leaks | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Oil filler neck not coated with thick, black deposits | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Battery terminals free of corrosion | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Oil dip stick free of dark, black oil | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Free of odors while engine is running | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Exhaust pipe emissions are neither blue or black | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Suspension

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| Vehicle rests levelly | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| When bouncing the vehicle's corners, no creaking noises are made | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Interior

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| Seats unworn and free of cracks | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| All doors open and close freely | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Boot opens and closes freely | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Heavy scent of air freshener (may hide something) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| All gauges work | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| No dashboard warning lights remain illuminated | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Stereo works | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Heater works | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Air conditioner works | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Windscreen wipers work | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Windscreen wiper fluid dispenses properly | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| All seats adjust properly | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Power windows operate properly | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Sunroof opens and closes properly (if applicable) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Car alarm works (if applicable) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Boot and driver-side door lock and unlock with key | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Hazard lights function properly | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Headlights work properly | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Chassis

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| No obvious rust in chassis as viewed from under vehicle | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| No obvious signs of crumpling inside the boot | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Chassis and VIN number authenticated | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

Automatic Transmission

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| Transmission fluid looks clean, not dirty or gritty | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Transmission neither slips nor delays when driving | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

Manual or Standard Transmission

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| Each gear shifts smoothly | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| No grinding noises when in reverse | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

Brakes

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| Vehicle steers straight when applying brakes | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Parking brake engages and disengages freely | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| No grinding noises when applying brakes | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| No fault codes in ABS brakes (if applicable) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

Steering

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| Vehicle does not drift to one side without prodding | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Vehicle is stable; no shaking or vibrating | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| No resistance in the steering wheel when turning | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| No clicking or clunking when turning | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

Miscellaneous

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| Car manual located in the glove compartment | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Service and repair records available | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Servicing sticker present showing where the vehicle was last serviced | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Owner asked about any accident or water damage | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Have you considered purchasing an aftermarket vehicle warranty? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Have you organised insurance for the vehicle? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Have you considered Roadside Assistance cover? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |