

Used Car Inspection Checklist

Dealer Name: _____ Price: _____

Car Manufacturer: _____ Model: _____

Year: _____ Color: _____ Mileage: _____

Vehicle Identification Number (VIN): _____

Your Rating: _____

KEY:

★★★★★ Perfect!

★★★★★ Shortlist!

★★★ To consider

★★ Needs work

★ Reject

NOTES:

Checklist

Exterior	YES	NO
Are there any scratches or dents on the bodywork?		
Is there any rust on the trunk, hinges or door edges?		
Do all the doors (including trunk and hood) open and close as they should?		
Do all the headlights, taillights, brights and directional lights work?		
Are there any cracks on the windshield?		

Interior	YES	NO
Do the locks all work from the inside and outside?		
Are the seats adjustable?		
Are there illuminated warning lights on the dashboard?		
Are all the gauges working?		
Do the hazard lights work?		
Do the air conditioner, heater and stereo work?		
Does the windshield system (blades, wipers & fluids) work?		
Do all the power windows work?		

Engine	YES	NO
Are there signs of corrosion on the battery terminals?		
Does the engine emit an odor?		
Does the exhaust pipe emit black or blue smoke?		
Are there any engine leaks (fluids or oils) when the engine is on or off?		
Are there any strange noises (hisses, ticks, knocks)?		

Brakes	YES	NO
Does the parking brake work properly?		
Is there a grinding noise when you brake?		
Is there any pulling to one side when you brake?		

Steering	YES	NO
Is there resistance when you turn the steering wheel?		
Is there any vibration or shaking at any speed?		
Does the steering wheel align with the wheels?		

Tires	YES	NO
Is there a jack and functional spare tire?		
Is the spare tire inflated?		
Is the tread on your tires unevenly worn?		
Are there any cracks or cuts on the tires?		