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## CHECKLIST FOR TEST DRIVE

Congratulations on your loan approval! Soon you will be heading out to a dealership to test drive your new vehicle. We want you to know that On The Road Lending does our best to ensure that you are purchasing a quality used vehicle from a reputable dealer, but you are purchasing a used car, and some cars may have imperfections such as small, normal wear and tear, dings or spots on the upholstery. This is fine as long as they are not drastic and don't interfere with the car's performance. If a car does not run well, and a dealer promises to fix it, we will just move on to a new car selection. Since we cannot be on location with you when you test drive your new vehicle, we have created this helpful guide below.



- Look at tire condition and tread.
- Look at the body including bumpers and paint.
- Open the trunk and lift the carpet to make sure it is clean and dry. Most cars do not come with spare tires. You can discuss options to purchase a tire with your salesperson. Many newer cars have replaced the temporary donut tire with a can of air to refill and seal a tire.
- Open the hood and check battery cables to make sure they're clean.
- Check the oil dip stick to make sure the oil is clear and not dark.
- Turn on the car to make sure it starts easily.
- Test all accessories on the dashboard—lights, wipers, windshield sprayer, heat, a/c, radio, etc.
- Test drive car with the radio off so that you can listen to the engine shift. Notice if it drives smoothly and does not hesitate when accelerated. Listen to brakes when they are applied. Squealing may indicate they need service or replacement.
- Look over the interior of car to make sure that it is clean and meets your satisfaction.

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