



Advance Pre-Delivery Inspection checklist – Used Car

MODEL	YEAR	COLOR	VIN	Date	Owner

Instructions: Use the appropriate services manual, owner’s manual, and service bulletin to do all checks listed here and mark the after each check. Remove the cell phone, watches, jewelry,..etc. from car.

Exterior	Engine	Chassis/Underbody
<input type="checkbox"/> Is there evidence of curb damage on the wheels? <input type="checkbox"/> Are the windshield wiper blades damaged? <input type="checkbox"/> Are any hubcaps missing, damaged or loose? <input type="checkbox"/> Are all the tire pressures properly set? <input type="checkbox"/> Is the paint faded or cracked? <input type="checkbox"/> Are any panels a different shade or color? <input type="checkbox"/> Are any of the panel gaps markedly different than the others? <input type="checkbox"/> Are any of the trim pieces loose or missing? <input type="checkbox"/> Does a magnet fail to adhere to the sheet metal? <input type="checkbox"/> Are any of the tires a different brand or size? <input type="checkbox"/> Is there evidence of accident damage that has been poorly repaired? <input type="checkbox"/> Are lug nuts missing? <input type="checkbox"/> Are there any small dark spots or oily film on the bumper near the exhaust pipe? <input type="checkbox"/> Are there any small rust spots? <input type="checkbox"/> Is there rust everywhere?	<input type="checkbox"/> With the engine off, squeeze the hoses (be careful, they may be hot). Do they feel stiff or brittle? <input type="checkbox"/> Are there cracks in the belt(s)? <input type="checkbox"/> Are there any loose hose clamps? <input type="checkbox"/> Are there any loose and corroded battery clamps? <input type="checkbox"/> Is the battery more than 4 years old? <input type="checkbox"/> Is there any sign of fluid leaks at the accessories (power-steering pump, brake reservoir)? <input type="checkbox"/> Any evidence of nesting mice or other animals? <input type="checkbox"/> Is the air filter dirty? <input type="checkbox"/> Are fluid levels (power steering, brake, coolant, oil and transmission) below the minimum? <input type="checkbox"/> Check for oil change stickers. Is the car long overdue? <input type="checkbox"/> Is there seepage at the bottom of the brake reservoir? <input type="checkbox"/> Is there sludge in the bottom of the coolant reservoir? <input type="checkbox"/> If the engine has a timing belt, is it older than 4 years? If unknown, answer “yes.” <input type="checkbox"/> Put a drop of oil from the dipstick on a clean, dry rag. Does it appear gooey or black? <input type="checkbox"/> Does the oil look milky or smell like gasoline? <input type="checkbox"/> Remove the oil filler cap. Are there thick, black deposits in the cylinder head? <input type="checkbox"/> Sniff the automatic transmission fluid dipstick. Does it smell burnt?	<input type="checkbox"/> Are any of the inner fender shields missing or broken? <input type="checkbox"/> Put your pressure on the bumper, bounce the car three times, then stop. Does the body move up and down more than two times? Check seat heater operation* <input type="checkbox"/> Is there uneven wear on any of the tires? <input type="checkbox"/> Does oil coat any of the shock absorbers? <input type="checkbox"/> Jack up the car and safely support it so the wheels are off the ground. Tug and push on the wheels. Is there any lateral play at the hub? <input type="checkbox"/> Pull on the tie rods and the suspension mounts. Do you detect any movement? <input type="checkbox"/> Are the brake pads and rotors worn out? <input type="checkbox"/> Is there rust on any of the underbody surfaces? <input type="checkbox"/> Check the engine bottom. Any sign of fluid leaks? <input type="checkbox"/> What about transmission and differential leaks? <input type="checkbox"/> Is there any bent or dented metal? <input type="checkbox"/> Are there shiny marks on the pinch welds? <input type="checkbox"/> Is there fluid seepage around the brake caliper or from the bottom of the brake drums? <input type="checkbox"/> Check the ground under the car. Are there any puddles of oil or fluid? <input type="checkbox"/> Look at the bottom of the radiator. Is it wet from coolant?

	<input type="checkbox"/> Wipe the dipstick on a clean, white rag. Are there a lot of black particles, or is the fluid dark? <input type="checkbox"/> Are there shiny metallic particles in the oil?	
Interior	Engine, advanced	Powertrain startup
<input type="checkbox"/> Are there any tears or wear marks in the seats? <input type="checkbox"/> Are there any cracks, blemishes or broken trim? <input type="checkbox"/> Are the spare tire, jack and tools damaged or missing? <input type="checkbox"/> Do any of the windows go down or up slower than the others? Do they make noises?	<input type="checkbox"/> Check the battery for parasitic drains. Is the standby current more than 75 milliamps? <input type="checkbox"/> Check the voltage between the coolant and battery ground. Is it higher than 250 millivolts? Engine oil <input type="checkbox"/> Plug in a scan tool. Are there any pending codes? <input type="checkbox"/> Pressure-test the cooling system. Does it leak? <input type="checkbox"/> Cylinders and connection check <input type="checkbox"/> Cylinder leak test	<input type="checkbox"/> Are there any strange noises (belt squeak, exhaust leak)? <input type="checkbox"/> Turn the key to the “on” position. Do the warning lights fail to illuminate? <input type="checkbox"/> Start the car. Do the warning lights remain on? <input type="checkbox"/> Does the airbag light stay on or blink? <input type="checkbox"/> Does the engine fail to settle into a consistent idle within a couple of minutes? <input type="checkbox"/> Automatic transmission: Put the car in drive. Does it clunk into gear? <input type="checkbox"/> Manual transmission: Depress the clutch. Does it feel stiff or jerky? <input type="checkbox"/> When the climate control is turned on, does the fan squeak or rattle or operate on only one speed setting? <input type="checkbox"/> Does the air conditioning blow warm air? <input type="checkbox"/> Turn on all the accessories (windshield wipers, radio, power mirrors, etc.). Does any fail to operate properly? <input type="checkbox"/> Is the brake pedal worn more or less than the mileage on the odometer would suggest? <input type="checkbox"/> Is there any rust or evidence of water in the spare-tire well? <input type="checkbox"/> Does the sunroof operate slowly, as if it’s struggling to move? <input type="checkbox"/> Is there a stale smell, like mildew or spoiled milk? <input type="checkbox"/> Is there evidence of water damage in the glovebox or under the rear seat?

On the Road Test

- Drive the car in tight circles in a parking lot. Does anything rub or clunk?
- Brake firmly. Does the pedal feel soft and mushy?
- Does the feel of the brake pedal change (e.g., softone stop, firm the next)?
- Does the car veer to one side while braking?
- Drive over some bumps at normal speeds. Does the car bounce up and down after hitting a bump?
- Do you hear any loud noises from the suspension, such as clunks or creaks?
- Get up to highway speeds. Is there any vibration?
- Is the steering wheel off-center when the car is going straight?
- Do you hear excessive wind noise?
- Do the interior pieces rattle over bumps?
- Does the car pull to one side?
- Accelerate briskly. Does the transmission jerk at the shift points?
- Does the car accelerate in fits and starts?
- Manual transmission: Put the car in top gear while driving at 30 mph. Floor the throttle. Do the engine revs climb quickly, as if the clutch is slipping?
- Do you hear any knocking noises from the engine that get faster with higher engine speed?
- Does the car feel tired, as if it's worn out?
- Have someone watch the headlamps and marker and brake lights as you operate them. Are any burned out?
- With your friend standing behind the car, start the engine. Is there sustained visible smoke?
- With your friend following, drive the car. Do the wheels wobble, or does the vehicle have an odd stance (e.g., it rides low in the rear)?
- Is there smoke coming from the exhaust during acceleration?

Post-Test-Drive Inspection

- Look under the hood. Do you hear a hissing noise?
- Check under the car again. Any sign of fresh fluid leaks?

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