



USED CAR INSPECTION CHECKLIST

PRINT AND TAKE A COPY OF THIS FORM WITH YOU ON YOUR USED CAR INSPECTION

INTENDED VEHICLE INFORMATION

YEAR _____

MAKE _____

MODEL _____

SUBMODEL _____

VIN _____

MILEAGE _____

CLEAN TITLE (Y/N) _____

INSPECTION (VALID/NOT VALID) _____

SELLER NAME/ NUMBER _____

VEHICLE TRADE IN PRICE _____

SELLER ASKING PRICE _____

ENGINE COMPARTMENT

ENGINE OIL COLOR? (PULL DIPSTICK)	HONEY=> CLEAN BLACK=> REPLACE ASAP
METAL FLAKES IN OIL?	YES=> NEEDS ENGINE NO=> PROCEED
REMOVE OIL CAP-MILKY?	YES=> HEADGASKET BLOWN NO=> PROCEED
TRANSMISSION OIL: (PULL DIPSTICK) COLOR	RED=> CLEAN BLACK=> REPLACE ASAP
COOLANT	CHECK WHEN VEHICLE IS COLD- NOT HOT!
TOPPED OFF?	ONLY AFTER TEST DRIVING CAR: COOLANT BUBBLING IN RESERVOIR? COULD BE BLOWN HEADGASKET OR CLOGGED RADIATOR
LOW? (Y/N)	
EMPTY? (Y/N) SIDE NOTE=>	
DIRTY? (Y/N)	
BRIGHT COLORED? (Y/N)	

BRAKE FLUID:	BLACK=> REPLACE ASAP CLEAN=> CLEAR
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CHECK FOR LEAKS: ENGINE OIL/ COOLANT/ TRANSMISSION/ FRONT AND REAR DIFF IF APPLICABLE

POWER STEERING PUMP: CLEAN=> RED/ CLEAR	
DIRTY=> BLACK/ REPLACE ASAP	
ELECTRIC STEERING (Y/N)	NO FLUID APPLICABLE

AIR FILTER: CLEAN OR DIRTY (Y/N)

BATTERY: DATE/ COROSSION ON TERMINALS

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SERPENTINE BELT: CRACKED OR FRAYED (Y/N)

BODY

PAINT: CRACKED/CHIPPED/	CLEAR COAT PEELING/ PAINT BUBBLING
BODY PANEL DENTS: (Y/N)	
SCRATCHES: DEEP OR TOP COAT	IF TOP COAT, COULD BUFF OUT
PAINT: CONSISTENT COLOR ALL AROUND	OR MISMATCHED PAINT
BODY LINES: EVEN SPACE/ DOES IT LINE UP	
WINDSHIELD: CRACKS/ CHIPS	
GAS COVER: PRESENT/ MISSING	
HEADLIGHTS: CRACKED/ FOGGED	
TAILLIGHTS: CRACKED/ MISSING	
WIPERBLADES: RUBBER INTACTED OR	CHOPPED UP?
RUST: SURFACE RUST/ HOLE	SURFACE=► EASY FIX HOLE=► EXPENSIVE

FRAME/ UNDER BODY

IS FRAME INTACT: (Y/N)	
IS FRAME CLEAN (Y/N)	
FRAME BENT (Y/N)	YES, AVOID

TIRES/ RIMS

TREAD DEPTH:	7/32 ND AND UP: GREAT
CRACKS (Y/N)	YES, NEW TIRES NEEDED!
TIRE SIZE: EXAMPLE:	265/70R17
TIRE DATE (EXAMPLE 1612)	16 TH WEEK ON 12 TH YEAR)
BUBBLE ON SIDEWALL: (Y/N)	IF YES NEW TIRES NEEDED
RIM ROAD RASH: (Y/N)	
STEEL RIMS OR ALLOY: (Y/N)	
LUG NUTS PRESENT: (Y/N)	

INTERIOR

SEATS:	DAMAGED? (Y/N)	
POWER SEATS	WORKING? (Y/N)	
HEATED SEATS	WORKING? (Y/N)	
GAUGE CLUSTER	WORKING? (Y/N)	TURN VEHICLE ON, MAKE SURE GAUGES MOVE
SUNROOF	WORKING? (Y/N)	
CARPETS:	DAMPNESS/ SMELLS.	IF YES LEAK IS PRESENT

OTHER THINGS TO CHECK FOR

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SPARE TIRE (Y/N)		
SPARE TIRE TOOLS (Y/N)		
SPARE TIRE JACK (Y/N)		
CAR MANUAL (Y/N)		
LIGHTS	INTERIOR/EXTERIOR	WORKING
ITEMS TO BRING:		
SCANNER	P1000	CODES CLEARED
FLASHLIGHT		
RAG		
MAGNET		
PEN		
TREAD DEPTH GAUGE:	VERY INEXPENSIVE	

QUESTIONS TO ASK

1. WHY ARE YOU SELLING?
2. HOW MANY OWNERS?
3. IS IT CLEAN TITLE OR SALVAGED?
4. ANY ACCIDENTS?
5. IF TIMING BELT IS PRESENT, HAS IT BEEN REPLACED?
6. DO YOU HAVE ANY SERVICE RECORD?
7. WHAT REPAIRS HAVE YOU DONE SINCE OWNING?
8. WHATS WRONG WITH THE VEHICLE?
9. HAS THE FLUIDS BEEN REPLACED ON A TIMELY FASHION?

TEST DRIVE:

VEHICLE IN IDLE:	PROPER IDLE IS 800 RPMS	▲ 800 MAY BE CAUSED BY VACCUM LEAK.
EXHAUST SMOKE:	THICK WHITE SMOKE/ HEADGASKET	BLUE SMOKE/ BURNING OIL
		BLACK SMOKE LEAKY FUEL INJECTOR, SOMETHING OF THAT NATURE
STARTUP/ ANY NOISE	TICKING. GRINDING COULD INDICATE ISSUES	
DOES ENGINE TAKE A WHILE TO START	LOW BATTERY	
WHEN DRIVING DOES TRANS SHIFT SMOOTHLY?	IF IT FEELS LIKE IT GOES INTO NEUTRAL WHILE DRIVING, TRANSMISSION IS SLIPPING (MAY NEED TRANSMISSION)	
DOES VEHICLE OVER HEAT WHILE DRIVING?	IF YES VEHICLE MAY HAVE CLOGGED RADIATOR OR THERMOSTAT IS STUCK CLOSED.	

OTHER THINGS TO CHECK FOR WHILE ON TEST DRIVE

- . **PLUG IN YOUR SCANNER INTO THE OBD2 PORT, AND RUN A FULL SCAN.**
- . FLASHING CHECK ENGINE LIGHT INDICATES MISFIRE (**SPARKPLUGS, WIRES, COILS**)
- . IF VEHICLE HAS NO POWER AND ACTS SLUGGISH CAN BE **CAUSED BY CLOGGED CATALYTIC CONVERTERS.**
- . WHEN DRIVING TEST BRAKES, MAKE SURE YOU HEAR NO GRINDING, SQUEAKING, SQUEALING OR ANY NOISES. (**MAY NEED BRAKES AND ROTORS IF YOU HEAR THAT**)
- . WHEN DRIVING ON THE HIGHWAY IF YOU HEAR A WOOING SOUND, **MAY NEED WHEEL BEARING.**
- . WHEN DRIVING AND TURNING, IF YOU HEAR CLICKING **MAY NEED CV AXLE.**
- . **IF YOU FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE, FOLLOWING YOUR GUT AND WALK AWAY!**

WHAT TO DO AFTER TEST DRIVE

- . **OPEN HOOD, CHECK TO SEE IF ANY LEAKS ARE PRESENT**
- . **LOOK UNDER THE VEHICLE MAKE SURE THERE ARE NO OIL LEAKS OR AND OIL DRIPPINGS ON THE FLOOR.**
- . **PLUG BACK IN YOUR SCANNER, RECHECK TO MAKE SURE NO CODES ARE PRESENT OR PENDING!**
- . **SOMETIMES YOU MAY HAVE TO GIVE IT A LONG TEST DRIVE TO SEE CODES (20 MILES)**
- . **LOOK THROUGH YOUR CHECK LIST, LOOK AT WHAT THE VEHICLE IS WORTH, THEN LOOK AT WHAT THE VEHICLE NEEDS.**
- . **ADD THE COST OF WHAT YOU THINK THE REPAIRS ARE WORTH AND THEN DEDUCT THAT FROM THE ASKING PRICE.**
- . **FOR EXAMPLE, IF A VEHICLE IS WORTH 5 GRAND IN GREAT WORKING CONDITION, BUT YOU SEE IT NEEDS \$2500 WORTH IN REPAIRS, THEN TRY TO KNOCK THE VEHICLE PRICE DOWN TO 2500 OR LOWER IF POSSIBLE!**
- . **NEVER OVER PAY FOR THE COST OF A VEHICLE, IT IS NEVER WORTH IT UNLESS IT IS YOUR DREAM CAR OR IT'S A PROJECT THAT YOUR WILLING TO PUT THE TIME AND ENERGY IN!**
- . **AT THE END OF THE DAY, YOU HAVE YOUR CASH IN YOUR POCKET, REMEMBER ONCE SOMEONE HAS YOUR MONEY; THEY COULDN'T CARE LESS ABOUT YOUR PROBLEMS!**
- . **IF A DEAL IS MADE, MAKE SURE TO GET A DOCUMENTATED RECIEPT OF YOUR PURCHASE. TAKE A PHOTO OF THE SELLERS LICENSE AS WELL! IF SELLER IS SELLING ON BEHALF OF SOMEONE, MAKE SURE THAT PERSON IS PRESENT!**
- . **MAKE SURE THE TITLE INFORMATION MATCHES THE INFORMATION ON THE LICENSE!**
- . **MAKE SURE THE TITLE HASN'T BEEN WRITEN ON OR CROSSED OUT, ANY ERRORS WILL VOID A TITLE. SO, EITHER GO TO THE DMV WITH THE PERSON, OR HAVE THE PERSON SIGN THEIR PART, AND TAKE YOUR PART TO THE DMV AND THEY WILL WALK YOU THROUGH IT.**
- . **GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR NEWLY PURCHASED USED CAR, HAVE FUN AND ENJOY!**

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