

Vehicle Inspection Checklist

Exterior

- ☐ Check for any signs of rust, dents, or scratches on the body panels.
- ☐ Ensure that the paint color and texture are consistent throughout the vehicle.
- ☐ Inspect the windshield and other windows for cracks, chips, or damage.
- ☐ Check the condition of the tyres, including tread depth and even wear.
- ☐ Look for signs of leakage or damage in the headlights, taillights, and indicators.
- ☐ Examine the condition of the mirrors, wipers, and other exterior accessories.

Interior

- ☐ Inspect the seats, including the driver's seat, for any tears, stains, or excessive wear.
- ☐ Check the functionality of all seat adjustments and ensure they work smoothly.
- ☐ Examine the dashboard for any warning lights and ensure all gauges and controls are functioning properly.
- ☐ Test the air conditioning, heating, and ventilation systems to verify they are working effectively.
- ☐ Check the condition of the carpeting, headliner, and door panels for any damage or signs of water intrusion.
- ☐ Inspect the condition of the steering wheel, gear shift, pedals, and other interior components.

Mechanical

- ☐ Check the engine oil level and inspect the oil for any signs of contamination or excessive darkening.
- ☐ Inspect the battery for corrosion and ensure it's securely mounted.
- ☐ Check all fluid levels, including coolant, brake fluid, transmission fluid, and power steering fluid.
- ☐ Test the brakes for responsiveness and effectiveness.
- ☐ Verify the operation of all lights, including headlights, brake lights, turn signals, and reverse lights.
- ☐ Test the suspension by pushing down on each corner of the vehicle and checking for excessive bouncing or noise.
- ☐ Listen for any unusual noises from the engine, exhaust, or suspension components.
- ☐ Test the operation of the windshield wipers, horn, and all electrical systems.

Test Drive

- ☐ Start the engine and listen for unusual sounds, such as knocking or ticking. The best time to do this is when the engine is cold.
- ☐ Test the acceleration and responsiveness of the vehicle.
- ☐ Check the functionality of the brakes, including how they respond and if there is any pulling or vibration.
- ☐ Pay attention to the transmission shifting smoothly and without hesitation.
- ☐ Test the steering response and ensure the vehicle tracks straight on a level road.
- ☐ Listen for any abnormal vibrations or noises while driving at different speeds.

Undercarriage

- ☐ Inspect the undercarriage for signs of leakage, such as oil, coolant, or brake fluid.
- ☐ Check for any visible damage or rust on the frame, exhaust system, and suspension components.
- ☐ Examine the condition of the CV boots and joints for signs of damage or leakage. (google search CV boot if you are not sure what it is)

Vehicle History

- ☐ Request the vehicle's maintenance records and service history.
- ☐ Check the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) and compare it with the registration and documentation.
- ☐ Obtain a vehicle history report to check for any accidents, previous damage, or title issues.
- ☐ Perform PPSR check for added protection. (This can be done online for a minimal fee)

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