

Pre-Purchase Vehicle Inspection Disclaimer

1. Limitation of Liability

The inspector and workshop accept no liability for any faults, defects, failures, damage, breakdowns, losses, or issues that exist before, during, or after the inspection, whether identified or not.

- The inspection is advisory only.
- No responsibility is accepted for future repairs, failures, or costs.
- No responsibility for losses, inconvenience, disputes, or consequential damages.
- The final decision to buy or sell is the buyer's responsibility.

2. No Prediction of Future Condition

A vehicle inspection cannot predict future mechanical or electrical reliability. Components that appear acceptable at inspection may fail at any time.

3. Visual & Non-Intrusive Inspection Only

The inspection is strictly visual and non-intrusive — no dismantling, fluid draining, or mechanical testing beyond normal observation.

4. Hidden, Intermittent, or Seller-Related Faults

The inspector is not responsible for:

- Hidden, concealed, or disguised faults.
- Faults temporarily masked by cleaning or topping up fluids.
- Intermittent faults not present at inspection.
- Faults only apparent under specific conditions or extended use.

Sellers may knowingly or unknowingly conceal faults.

5. Fluids, Leaks & Consumption

The inspection cannot determine:

- Long-term oil consumption or leaks.
- Long-term coolant/water loss.
- Internal leaks or engine issues.

Absence of visible leaks does not guarantee no future leaks.

Pre-Purchase Vehicle Inspection Checklist

Comprehensive Used Car Inspection Guide

Exterior Vehicle Inspection Checklist

- ☐ Body panels alignment and paint condition _____
- ☐ Rust, dents, scratches, or accident damage signs _____
- ☐ Tire tread depth and even wear patterns _____
- ☐ Headlights, taillights, and turn signals functionality _____
- ☐ Windshield chips, cracks, or star breaks _____
- ☐ Side mirrors and window operation _____
- ☐ Door handles, locks, and trunk/hatch operation _____
- ☐ Exhaust condition and mounting _____
- ☐ Undercarriage inspection for rust or damage _____
- ☐ Steering and suspension play _____

Interior Vehicle Inspection Checklist

- ☐ Seat condition, tears, and adjustment mechanisms _____
- ☐ Dashboard warning lights and gauge functionality _____
- ☐ Air conditioning and heating system operation _____
- ☐ Radio, infotainment, and charging ports _____
- ☐ Seatbelts, airbag warning lights, and safety features _____
- ☐ Floor mats, carpeting, and interior cleanliness _____
- ☐ Steering wheel condition and play _____
- ☐ Pedal responsiveness and brake feel _____
- ☐ Interior lighting and electrical components _____
- ☐ Odor detection (smoke, mold, or flood damage) _____

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Engine Bay Inspection Checklist

- ☐ Engine oil level, color, and consistency _____
- ☐ Coolant level and color in reservoir _____
- ☐ Coolant hose condition _____
- ☐ Battery terminals, corrosion _____
- ☐ Belt condition and tension _____
- ☐ Air filter cleanliness and housing condition _____
- ☐ Brake fluid level and color _____
- ☐ Power steering fluid level _____
- ☐ Engine mounting and vibration check _____

Drivetrain and Transmission Inspection

- ☐ Transmission fluid level and color _____
- ☐ Clutch operation (manual transmission) _____
- ☐ Gear shifting smoothness and responsiveness _____
- ☐ CV joint and axle boot inspection _____
- ☐ Differential fluid and operation _____
- ☐ Driveshaft and universal joint condition _____
- ☐ Transfer case operation (4WD/AWD) _____

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Brake System Inspection Checklist

- ☐ Brake pad thickness _____
- ☐ Brake rotor condition _____
- ☐ Brake line condition and fluid leaks _____
- ☐ Brake pedal travel and firmness _____
- ☐ ABS system functionality and warning lights _____
- ☐ Emergency brake cable and adjustment _____
- ☐ Brake caliper and wheel cylinder condition _____

Electrical System Inspection Guide

- ☐ Battery voltage and load test results _____
- ☐ Alternator charging system performance _____
- ☐ Starter motor operation and draw test _____
- ☐ Fuse box condition _____
- ☐ Wiring harness condition and connections _____
- ☐ Electronic control modules (ECM/PCM) _____
- ☐ OBD-II diagnostic trouble codes _____

Inspection Notes / Recommendations