

# Used Car Inspection Checklist

## Outside

- Check all body panels damage and condition of paintwork
- Check for rust inside wheel arches, at bottom of doors, around sunroof and boot lid
- Check windscreen from cracks and chips
- Check all tyres

## Interior

- Check for smells
- Check seats for tears and wear (lift seat covers)
- Check carpets (lift mats)
- Check boot for rust, leaks
- Check condition of headlining
- Check all devices work

## Under the bonnet

- Check condition of oil on dipstick and under filler cap
- Check coolant condition and for leaks
- Check automatic transmission fluid condition
- Check for oil and fluid leaks
- Check drive belts
- Check battery tray for corrosion

## Test drive

- Check warning lights before and after starting the car
- Check for cold starting problems
- Check for exhaust smoke when starting and on test drive
- Watch for idle quality problems
- On front or all-wheel drive vehicles check for clunking when making a u-turn in both directions
- Check automatic transmission changes up and down gears promptly, including reverse
- Check manual transmission and for noise when operating the clutch and for slippage at various engine speeds
- Check brakes for vibration
- Check for noise or clunking from suspension over uneven surfaces
- Check that the car does not overheat by leaving running until cooling fan turns on
- Check the air conditioning and heater work
- Check that the engine restarts easily when hot

## Other checks

- How many keys come with the car?
- Does the car come with the original handbooks?
- Does the seller have a service history and/or receipts?
- Are the original tools all present?