

3. INSIDE THE CAR

and that they are comfortable.

electronics are working.

Check that the seatbelts are in good condition, they work

Turn the car on and check for any engine or warning lights.

Ensure all windows, air conditioning, audio and other

INSPECTION & TEST DRIVING CHECKLIST

Bring t his checklist with you when you are meeting sellers. You can print this off and take with you (remember a pen or use the PDF online by clicking on the checklist boxes).*

WHAT YOU MAY NEED	NOTES
Pen (if printed) Paper towel	
Magnet A friend	
1 EXTERIOR 2 UNDER THE BONNET 4 PAPERWORK 3 INTERIOR 5 TEST DRIVE	
CHECKLIST	
1. EXTERIOR	4. PAPERWORK
Check the paint for bubbles and changes in colour. Use the magnet to check for body filler (won't stick to filler).	If it's a private sale, check the seller owns the car.
Look at the door seals and the edge of all the panels to check they fit properly. Check the tyres for uneven wear, this could indicate poor steering or suspension issues.	Compare the seller details with the registration papers. You may need a certificate of worthiness/roadworthy, so be sure to check with the road transport authority in your state.
Check under the car for oil leaks.	Match the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)date of manufacture, engine number and number plates with
Check the front/rear lights, indicators, and brake lights are all working — ask your friend to assist.	those on the registration papers. 5. TEST DRIVE
2. UNDER THE BONNET	Ensure the car is adequately insured before you drive the car.
Check the car oil level, might not be a good sign if empty. Also look for grey or milky oil it may indicate serious engine problems.	When putting the car in park/drive listen for harsh clunks. Spend 15-20 minutes on a test drive to establish how the car performs.
Check the engine space for corrosion or other damage,	Check the engine runs smoothly and that gears change

hear properly.

straight road).

should feel firm.

Check if the car pulls to one side (make sure you're on a

Check the dashboard for warning lights illuminated and

the temperature gauge needle pointing into the red.

Safely check the brakes a few times. The brake pedal

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