



Car Inspection Checklist

Use this checklist when inspecting a used car. Print it out and tick each item as you check it. This helps ensure you don't miss anything important during your viewing or test drive.

Exterior Condition

- Body panels aligned, no major dents or scratches
 - Matching paint across all panels
 - Windscreen free of cracks or chips
 - Headlights, indicators, brake lights working
 - Tyres have good tread and even wear
 - No signs of corrosion around wheel arches or underbody
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Interior Condition

- Seats clean, no tears or unusual wear
 - Dashboard lights functioning correctly
 - Air conditioning, heating, and fans working
 - Windows and mirrors operating smoothly
 - No strong smells (smoke, damp, fuel)
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Engine & Mechanical

- Engine starts easily without unusual noises
- No visible oil leaks or fluid leaks
- Battery condition appears good
- Belts and hoses show no cracks or wear
- No excessive smoke from exhaust

Test Drive Checks

- Steering feels smooth and centred
 - Brakes respond effectively without noise
 - Gearbox shifts smoothly
 - Car accelerates without hesitation
 - No vibrations or pulling to one side
 - No warning lights during drive
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Documentation

- Registration details match the vehicle
 - Chassis/VIN number matches documents
 - Service history provided and consistent
 - MOT/inspection reports available (if applicable)
 - Number of previous owners disclosed
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