

Express Auto Auction's Used Car Buyer's Checklist

1. Car Exterior

- Signs of damage, such as dents, scratches, or rust. _____
- Body panel condition: aligned, paint matches. _____
 - If you notice any discrepancies, it may indicate that the car has been in an accident.
- "Kick the tires!" Check tire condition, including tread depth and wear pattern. _____
 - Uneven wear may indicate an alignment issue or other problems.
- Check the condition of the headlights, taillights, brake lights, indicators. _____

2. Car Interior

- Inspect the seats, carpets, and dashboard for any signs of wear and tear, such as stains or tears. _____
- Test all the buttons and controls, including the stereo, air conditioning, and heating system. Note ones that don't work. _____

3. Car's Engine

- Check the oil level and look for any signs of leaks or rust. _____
- Check the transmission fluid level and inspect the belts and hoses for wear and tear. _____
 - If you notice anything that looks out of place, it may indicate an unreported problem or that the car has not been maintained properly.
- Remember to listen to the engine. How it sounds when it starts, when it's running, and when it's accelerating may reveal unseen issues. _____
 - Hint: Bring a friend! 😊

4. Undercarriage

- Check for any signs of rust or damage, including the exhaust system and suspension. _____
 - If you notice any problems, it's important to have them fixed before they become bigger issues.

5. Test Drive

- Pay attention to how the car handles, especially when accelerating, braking, and turning. Note problems. _____
- Try to take note of any unusual sounds, rattles, squeaks, clinks, or vibrations. _____

6. Vehicle History

Finally, it's essential to see a vehicle history report. These reports often show past accidents or damage. It will also provide information about the used car's maintenance and repair history. _____