



Used Car Inspection Checklist

Professional 15-point evaluation guide for intelligent buyers.

VEHICLE MAKE / MODEL: _____

SELLER PHONE: _____ SELLER ADDRESS: _____

DATE OF INSPECTION: _____

I. ENGINE & UNDER THE HOOD

- ☐ Cold Start Noise: No rattle, smoking, or excessive vibration.
- ☐ Fluids Level/Color: Oil clear, no milky residue (Head Gasket check).
- ☐ Battery/Wiring: No corrosion on terminals, belts in good condition.

II. EXTERIOR & STRUCTURE

- ☐ Panel Gaps & Paint: Uniform spacing, consistent paint texture.
- ☐ Tires & Wheels: Even tread wear, no sidewall damage or rim cracks.
- ☐ Glass & Seals: No chips in windshield, rubber trims are flexible.

III. INTERIOR & ELECTRONICS

- ☐ Infotainment & Controls: Screen pixels intact, all buttons functional.
- ☐ A/C & Heating: Blows cold/hot air within 30 seconds.
- ☐ Interior Condition: No mold smells, seat upholstery intact.

IV. TEST DRIVE (MECHANICAL)

- ☐ Transmission Shifts: Crisp engagement, no slippage or clunks.
- ☐ Braking Force: Stops straight, no steering wheel vibration.
- ☐ Suspension/Steering: No clunks over bumps, tracking is straight.

V. DOCUMENTATION

- ☐ VIN Match: Dashboard VIN matches Title/Door Jam.
- ☐ Service History: Proof of timing belt/water pump if claimed.
- ☐ Safety Recalls: Verified clear on NHTSA/KBA database.