

PreOwnedCarAdvice.co.uk/Checklist



Use this checklist as an aid during the purchase of a used car. The subjects below are explained in detail on PreOwnedCarAdvice.co.uk. The boxes may be checked after you verified the condition of the described part. You can write down your comments on page two.

Showroom

Have you found a car that meets your demands, then check:

- **Accessories.** Is the car equipped with all the accessories you need?

Is everything in working order?

- Air-conditioning
- LPG installation
- Central locking
- Sunroof

- Windows (elec.)
- Seat adjustment (elec.)
- Seat heating
- Audio/ Sat. Nav.

- **Interior.** Does the amount of wear and tear fit the age and mileage of the car?

- Upholstery seats/ doors
- Pedal rubbers/ covers
- Spare wheel present
- Gear knob
- Displays in working order

- **Bodywork.** Are there traces of damages or corrosion?

- Scratches/blisters
- Paintwork structure
- Colour differences
- Corrosion (wheel arches)
- Paint on the rubbers
- Seams of the doors/trunk

- **Maintenance.** Is the service history present?

- Is the car serviced frequently
- Timing belt, is it due for replacement?
- MOT report, are there weak points mentioned?

Test drive

Always make a test drive! Check during the test drive:

- **Gearbox.** Check the gearbox in combination with the clutch.

- Drive in a high gear with low revs, now apply full throttle. Does the car accelerate slowly, proportional to the rev-count?
- Automatic? Check when it is due for overhauling.

- **Engine.** Listen to the engine noises and check under the bonnet.

- Noises, idle and while revving the engine
- Oil accumulation around the gaskets
- Coolant around its reservoir

- **Tires.** Do the tires show even wear, if not, check the suspension.

- Sufficient thread depth
- No damages
- Even wear

- **Suspension.** You will notice the first signs of trouble via the steering wheel.

- Vibrations in the steering wheel
- Dust cover placement
- Even tire wear

