



**Bonjour mobil bil service**

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## Vehicle purchase inspection checklist

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<b>The basics</b>					
1.	Is the owner's manual missing?			<input type="checkbox"/>	
2.	Are there large gaps in the service history or no records at all?			<input type="checkbox"/>	
3.	Do you suspect the mileage isn't legitimate?			<input type="checkbox"/>	
4.	Does the title include the word "salvage"?			<input type="checkbox"/>	
5.	Warning lights or messages ?			<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="text"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Exterior</b>					
6.	Are the windshield wiper blades damaged?			<input type="checkbox"/>	
7.	Is the paint faded or cracked?			<input type="checkbox"/>	
8.	Are any panels a different shade or color?			<input type="checkbox"/>	
9.	Are any of the panel gaps markedly different than the others?			<input type="checkbox"/>	
10.	Are any of the trim pieces loose or missing?			<input type="checkbox"/>	
11.	Does a magnet fail to adhere to the sheet metal? (Try several spots.)			<input type="checkbox"/>	
12.	Is there evidence of accident damage that has been poorly repaired?			<input type="checkbox"/>	
13.	Are there any small dark spots or oily film on the bumper near the exhaust pipe?			<input type="checkbox"/>	
14.	Are there any small rust spots?			<input type="checkbox"/>	
15.	Is there rust everywhere?			<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Tires</b>					
16.	Are any hubcaps missing, damaged or loose?			<input type="checkbox"/>	
17.	Is there evidence of curb damage on the wheels?			<input type="checkbox"/>	
18.	Are lug nuts missing?			<input type="checkbox"/>	
19.	Are any of the tires a different brand or size?			<input type="checkbox"/>	
		Front L	Front R	Back L	Back R
20.	Tread depth (mm)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
21.	Wear pattern [W,F,C,O,U,S]	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
22.	Tire pressure	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Interior</b>					
23.	Are there any tears or wear marks in the seats?			<input type="checkbox"/>	
24.	Are there any cracks, blemishes or broken trim?			<input type="checkbox"/>	
25.	Are the spare tire, jack and tools damaged or missing?			<input type="checkbox"/>	

26. Do any of the windows go down or up slower than the others? Do they make noises?	<input type="checkbox"/>
27. When the climate control is turned on, does the fan squeak or rattle or operate on only one speed setting?	<input type="checkbox"/>
28. Does the air conditioning blow warm air?	<input type="checkbox"/>
29. Turn on all the accessories (windshield wipers, radio, power mirrors, etc.). Do any fail to operate properly?	<input type="checkbox"/>
30. Is the brake pedal worn more or less than the mileage on the odometer would suggest?	<input type="checkbox"/>
31. Is there any rust or evidence of water in the spare-tire well?	<input type="checkbox"/>
32. Does the sunroof operate slowly, as if it's struggling to move?	<input type="checkbox"/>
33. Is there a stale smell, like mildew or spoiled milk?	<input type="checkbox"/>
34. Is there evidence of water damage in the glovebox or under the rear seat?	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Chassis/Underbody</b>	
35. Are any of the inner fender shields missing or broken?	<input type="checkbox"/>
36. Put your knee on the bumper, bounce the car three times, then stop. Does the body move up and down more than two times?	<input type="checkbox"/>
37. Does oil coat any of the shock absorbers?	<input type="checkbox"/>
38. Jack up the car and safely support it so the wheels are off the ground. Tug and push on the wheels. Is there any lateral play at the hub?	<input type="checkbox"/>
39. Pull on the tie rods and the suspension mounts. Do you detect any movement?	<input type="checkbox"/>
40. Are the brake pads and rotors worn out?	<input type="checkbox"/>
41. Is there rust on any of the underbody surfaces?	<input type="checkbox"/>
42. Check the engine bottom. Any sign of fluid leaks?	<input type="checkbox"/>
43. What about transmission and differential leaks?	<input type="checkbox"/>
44. Is there any bent or dented metal?	<input type="checkbox"/>
45. Are there shiny marks on the pinch welds?	<input type="checkbox"/>
46. Is there fluid seepage around the brake caliper or brake drums?	<input type="checkbox"/>
47. Check the ground under the car. Are there any puddles of oil or fluid?	<input type="checkbox"/>
48. Look at the bottom of the radiator. Is it wet from coolant?	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Engine</b>	
49. With the engine off, squeeze the hoses (be careful, they may be hot). Do they feel stiff or brittle?	<input type="checkbox"/>
50. Are there cracks in the belt(s)?	<input type="checkbox"/>
51. Are there any wires not covered by sheathing?	<input type="checkbox"/>
52. Are there any loose hose clamps?	<input type="checkbox"/>

53. Are there any loose and corroded battery clamps?	<input type="checkbox"/>
54. Is the battery more than 4 years old?	<input type="checkbox"/>
55. Is there any sign of fluid leaks at the accessories (power-steering pump, brake reservoir)?	<input type="checkbox"/>
56. Any evidence of nesting mice or other animals?	<input type="checkbox"/>
57. Is the air filter dirty?	<input type="checkbox"/>
58. Are fluid levels (power steering, brake, coolant, oil and transmission) below the minimum?	<input type="checkbox"/>
59. Check for oil change stickers. Is the car long overdue?	<input type="checkbox"/>
60. Is there seepage at the bottom of the brake reservoir?	<input type="checkbox"/>
61. Is there sludge in the bottom of the coolant reservoir?	<input type="checkbox"/>
62. If the engine has a timing belt, is it older than 4 years? If unknown, answer "yes."	<input type="checkbox"/>
63. Put a drop of oil from the dipstick on a clean, dry rag. Does it appear goeey or black?	<input type="checkbox"/>
64. Are there shiny metallic particles in the oil?	<input type="checkbox"/>
65. Does the oil look milky or smell like gasoline?	<input type="checkbox"/>
66. Remove the oil filler cap. Are there thick, black deposits in the cylinder head?	<input type="checkbox"/>
67. Sniff the automatic transmission fluid dipstick. Does it smell burnt?	<input type="checkbox"/>
68. Wipe the dipstick on a clean, white rag. Are there a lot of black particles, or is the fluid dark?	<input type="checkbox"/>
69. Failed battery test	<input type="checkbox"/>
70. Failed charging system test	<input type="checkbox"/>
71. Check the battery for parasitic drains > 75 milliamps?	<input type="checkbox"/>
72. Voltage between the coolant and battery ground > 250 millivolts?	<input type="checkbox"/>
73. <b>Scan tool OBD codes</b> ( <i>severity based on code</i> )	<input type="checkbox"/>
a) <b>active</b> <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) <b>pending</b> <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) <b>incomplete results</b> <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
74. Pressure-test the cooling system. Does it leak?	<input type="checkbox"/>
75. <b>Compression test.</b> Are any of the cylinders 25 percent lower or more than the highest?	<input type="checkbox"/>
76. <b>Cylinder leak-down test.</b> Do any cylinders leak more than 15 percent?	<input type="checkbox"/>

77. Turn the key to the "on" position. Do the warning lights fail to illuminate?	<input type="checkbox"/>
78. Does the airbag light stay on or blink?	<input type="checkbox"/>
79. Start the car. Do the warning lights remain on?	<input type="checkbox"/>
80. Are there any strange noises (belt squeak, exhaust leak)?	<input type="checkbox"/>
81. Is there sustained visible smoke?	<input type="checkbox"/>
82. Is there smoke on acceleration?	<input type="checkbox"/>
83. Does the engine fail to settle into a consistent idle within a couple of minutes?	<input type="checkbox"/>
84. <i>Automatic transmission:</i> Put the car in drive. Does it clunk into gear?	<input type="checkbox"/>
85. <i>Manual transmission:</i> Depress the clutch. Does it feel stiff or jerky?	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>On the road</b>	
86. Drive the car in tight circles in a parking lot. Does anything rub or clunk?	<input type="checkbox"/>
87. Brake firmly. Does the pedal feel soft and mushy?	<input type="checkbox"/>
88. Does the feel of the brake pedal change (e.g., soft one stop, firm the next)?	<input type="checkbox"/>
89. Does the car veer to one side while braking?	<input type="checkbox"/>
90. Drive over some bumps at normal speeds. Does the car bounce up and down after hitting a bump?	<input type="checkbox"/>
91. Do you hear any loud noises from the suspension, such as clunks or creaks?	<input type="checkbox"/>
92. Get up to highway speeds. Is there any vibration?	<input type="checkbox"/>
93. Is the steering wheel off-center when the car is going straight?	<input type="checkbox"/>
94. Do the interior pieces rattle over bumps?	<input type="checkbox"/>
95. Does the car pull to one side?	<input type="checkbox"/>
96. Accelerate briskly. Does the transmission jerk at the shift points?	<input type="checkbox"/>
97. Does the car accelerate in fits and starts?	<input type="checkbox"/>
98. Manual transmission: Put the car in top gear while driving at 30 mph. Floor the throttle. Do the engine revs climb quickly, as if the clutch is slipping?	<input type="checkbox"/>
99. Do you hear any knocking noises from the engine that get faster with higher engine speed?	<input type="checkbox"/>
100. Does the car feel tired, as if it's worn out? Test Drive (with a friend)	<input type="checkbox"/>
101. Have someone watch the headlamps and marker and brake lights as you operate them. Are any burned out?	<input type="checkbox"/>
102. With your friend following, drive the car. Do the wheels wobble, or does the vehicle have an odd stance (e.g., it rides low in the rear)?	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Post-Test-Drive Inspection</b>	
103. Look under the hood. Do you hear a hissing noise?	<input type="checkbox"/>
104. Check under the car again. Any sign of fresh fluid leaks?	<input type="checkbox"/>

# Interpretation of inspection

Severity	Number of faults	Suggested decision
I	Fewer than 5	Probably a cream puff
	5 to 10	Relatively easy to fix
	More than 6	Make a lowball offer
	More than 10	Potentially a time sink, but nothing serious
II	Fewer than 5	Nothing to fret about—it's a used car
	5 to 10	Enough DIY fix-its to last a year
	More than 10	Just walk away
III	Fewer than 3	Proceed with extreme caution
	3 to 6	Abandon all hope, ye who enter here
IV	One or more	Deal breaker - Run away !!!

