



Used Car-Buying Checklist



Car make and model		Year	
Mileage		Vehicle identification number (VIN)	

ENGINE

Does the engine have an odor?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Does the engine make strange noises?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Does the exhaust emit dark smoke?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is the engine leaking fluid?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are the battery terminals corroded?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

BRAKES

Are the brakes making grinding noises?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is the parking brake working properly?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Does the car shift to one side when braking?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

STEERING

Does the steering wheel shake or vibrate when driving?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is the steering wheel aligned with the wheels?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is there resistance from the wheel when turning?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

TIRES

Are the tires cut or cracked? Yes No

Are the treads worn unevenly? Yes No

Are the spare and jack functional? Yes No

EXTERIOR

Does the windshield have cracks? Yes No

Do the doors, hood and trunk open and close securely? Yes No

Do all headlights, tail lights, brights and signal lights work? Yes No

Are there dents and scratches in the exterior? Yes No

Do the doors, hinges or trunk have rust? Yes No

Does the car lock from the outside? Yes No

INTERIOR

Does the air conditioning work? Yes No

Does the heater work? Yes No

Does the stereo work? Yes No

Do the windshield wipers work? Yes No

Do the power windows work? Yes No

Does the car lock from the inside? Yes No

Are any dashboard warning lights on? Yes No

