

# Used Vehicle Test Drive Checklist



Test driving a used vehicle before purchasing it helps assess its condition, comfort, performance, and compatibility with your lifestyle. Visually inspecting and driving the vehicle can identify potential issues before you buy it. By experiencing the vehicle firsthand on the road, you can confirm its overall reliability and make an informed and confident decision.

**NOTE:** It is recommended to inspect and test drive vehicles in the daylight, for safety and for the best visibility.

OUTSIDE	Y/N	ON THE ROAD	Y/N
Look for dents, rust, rock chips in the windshield, and any other damage.		Does the engine start right away? (ie. no cough or sputter)	
Are the tires inflated properly, and do they have good tread depth?		Is there any shaking or rattling while running?	
Is anything leaking from the vehicle? (check under the engine and drivetrain)		Does the vehicle accelerate smoothly?	
Ensure all the doors and trunk/hatch are functional.		Does it shift gears smoothly?	
Check that all the lights are functional. (eg. headlights, brake lights, and turn signals)		Do the brakes respond quickly?	
Is there a spare tire and jack? (if applicable)		Does the vehicle handle and steer smoothly?	
Has the vehicle been in any accidents? (ask the seller to show you where)		Do you hear any rattling, knocking or grinding noises while driving?	
INSIDE	Y/N	Ensure it drives in a straight line. (ie. doesn't pull to one side)	
Check that the seats, steering wheel and mirrors adjust properly.		How does the vehicle handle different road conditions? (ie. city vs highway speed, bumps)	
Do all the seatbelts function properly?		Do you notice any large blind spots while driving? How is your visibility?	
Do all the windows roll up and down? (sunroof/convertible if applicable)		Check that the cruise control works. (and the adaptive cruise control if equipped)	
Are there any dashboard indicator lights on? (eg. check engine light, low oil, faults, etc)		Are the seats comfortable?	
Does the number of kilometers on the odometer match what you were told?		Are all the gauges working correctly? (eg. fuel, temperature, speedometer, etc)	
Do the climate controls (heat & air conditioning), and heated/cooled seats work?		Does the horn work?	
Do the stereo and all electronics function properly? (eg. bluetooth, CarPlay, navigation)		Test that the vehicle can shift into reverse.	
Ensure the windshield wipers work.		Do the backup camera and parking assistance features work?	

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