



Certified Used Car 144 Point Checklist

History/Damage

- Check vehicle history to insure there are no serious accidents or lemon law judgments.
- Perform any outstanding recall campaigns on vehicle
- Check and correct vehicle computer trouble codes
- Check frame/underbody for evidence of accident repair
- Inspect panel alignment/fit for evidence of accident repair
- Inspect lower body and underbody for dents/damage
- Check bumper mounts for evidence of damage
- Check under-hood labels and decals (EPA and ARB)
- Check VIN plates on dash and door post. They should match and should be original with no alterations

Equipment

- Spare Tire is present, securely fastened, and has a minimum of 5/32" remaining tread
- Tool pack, including jack and lug wrench, are present and secured in proper position
- Two sets of keys
- Two remote entry sending units
- Owners Manual, New Vehicle Maintenance Information Guide, and New Vehicle Warranty Information booklets

Maintenance

- Perform emissions testing as required
- Change engine oil and filter, perform scheduled maintenance as required

Check:

- Fluid levels for cooling system, brakes, clutch, power steering, transmission, rear end, and window washers are within spec; fluid not discolored, burnt, or contaminated
- Air filter clean, no oil, replace(d) as per maintenance schedule
- Hoses and belts are in good condition, belts properly adjusted
- Wiring harnesses, connections in good condition
- Engine/trans mounts in good condition
- Specific gravity of coolant is within spec
- Radiator/cap holds pressure, no damage to tubes/fins
- Coolant recovery tank in good condition
- Cooling fan/clutch operational
- Water pump doesn't leak, no bearing noise
- Engine compression within specs
- Oil pressure within specs
- No water in oil
- Timing belt within spec, replace(d) as per maintenance schedule
- Fuel pump functions correctly, pressure within specs
- Fuel filter not contaminated, replace(d) as per maintenance schedule
- Fuel lines in good condition, no damage/leaks
- Battery is correct size and in good condition (levels and load test)
- Battery cables and terminals in good condition, no corrosion
- Starter within specs (draw)

- Alternator/charging system within spec (voltage and amps)
- Ignition system within spec (scope)
- Exhaust system tight, hangers in good condition, no leaks
- Catalytic converter/shielding for leaks, rattles
- Wiper blades are in good condition
- Dashboard warning lights function correctly in test mode (ignition on, engine off)
- Dashboard warning lights not alerting of any malfunction
- No leaks: engine, transmission, rear end, power steering, radiator, fuel
- Tires (including spare) have correct air pressure

Safety

- No excessive vibration or pedal pulsation during normal braking
- Brake pads and shoes have 50% or better remaining wear
- Brake discs and drums within specs, not scored
- Brake calipers and wheel cylinders move freely, no leaks, rubber in good condition
- Brake master cylinder and booster functions correctly, no fluid or vacuum leaks
- Brake lines in good condition, no leaks
- ABS functions properly in 'panic stop'
- Emergency/parking brake adjusted properly, sets and holds car
- Tires are same brand and model, undamaged, correct size, no abnormal wear patterns, and have minimum of 5/32" tread remaining
- Wheels undamaged, no run out
- No excessive wheel vibration or shimmy
- Alignment in spec, vehicle tracks and drives straight on level surface, no pulling
- Steering gear/rack and pinion operate smoothly and within spec for free play and self centering, no leaks
- Power steering pump functions correctly, no noise or leaks
- Steering and suspension components: idler arm, tie rod, control arms, ball joints, sway bar, etc. undamaged and functioning correctly
- Springs/struts in good condition, ride height normal, no leaks
- Tilt wheel mechanism operates freely and locks into position
- Steering lock operational
- Seat belts operate freely and latch securely
- Airbags intact and mounted correctly. No fault codes (SRS)
- Child safety locks operate correctly
- Headlights operate correctly including high and low beam
- Headlight aim adjusted correctly
- Tail and brake lights operate correctly
- Turn signal and four-way flasher lights operate correctly
- Turn signals self-cancel
- Side marker lights operate correctly
- Back-up lights operate correctly
- Parking lights operate correctly
- License plate lights operate correctly
- Fog/driving lights operate correctly (if equipped)
- Dash lights, including dimmer switch, operate correctly
- Mirrors adjust, don't vibrate excessively, are unbroken
- Power mirrors adjust through full range (if equipped)
- Day/night mirror operates correctly
- Warning chimes operate correctly
- Alarm functions correctly (if equipped)
- Horn works
- Wipers work at all speeds

- Washers operational, have good spray pattern

Mechanical

- No abnormal engine noise or vibration, cold or hot, low or high speed
- Engine starts easily, cold or hot
- Engine idle correct cold or hot
- Drivability good, smooth acceleration, cold or hot
- Engine reaches normal operating temperature
- Transmission/clutch operates smoothly and in spec, without slippage, chatter, or noise; cold or hot
- Shift interlock operational
- Drive axle and/or transfer case operates without excessive bearing or gear noise
- CV/U joints undamaged, don't rattle, vibrate, or leak
- CV boots undamaged
- Differential/axles don't leak, no bearing or gear noise
- Struts/shocks operate correctly, don't leak or rattle
- Dash gauges work correctly
- Seat adjustment and seatback mechanisms work correctly
- Headrests adjust correctly
- Window regulators operate correctly including power windows
- Power window controls are fully operational
- Sunroof operational, doesn't leak (if equipped)
- Door/trunk locks and keyless entry systems are operational with key, with sender, and from inside
- Door, trunk, and hood latches are adjusted correctly and operate freely from inside or outside
- Fuel filler door operational

Appearance

- Exterior is free of road residue, water spots, wax residue, swirl marks, rust, etc.
- Exterior trim, including moldings, roof rack, grille, etc. is complete, not bent, and reasonably free of dings or scratches and is firmly attached
- Paint is reasonably free of scratches and chips
- Body is free of dents, reasonably free of dings
- Paint color matches from panel to panel, little or no fading
- Paint is shiny
- Bumpers are free of cuts and gouges, reasonable free of scratches and chips
- Glass is free of cracks, stars, and large chips
- Exterior lights have no cracked or broken lenses
- Radio antenna is not bent or broken and is operational
- Tires are dressed
- Wheels are clean and free of brake dust
- Interior surfaces including door trim, quarter trim, dash, seat trim, etc. are free of holes, tears, cracks, stains, and dirt
- Stitching is tight, not pulled or separated
- Headliner is tight and clean
- Floor mats/carpeting is in place, reasonably free of wear and tear, and clean
- Dash, sun visors, trim panels, and storage bins are tight, rattle free, and clean
- Cup holders retract fully and extend fully, are sturdy and rattle free
- Luggage area is clean and free of debris
- Fiber board tire cover is not broken or warped
- Spare tire storage areas are clean

Comfort/Convenience

- A/C cools, heater heats
- All A/C and heater controls operate in normal manner without binding

- Air blows through defroster, dash, or footwell ducts as indicated by control
- Climate control (if present) functional
- A/C compressor clutch operates within spec
- There are no refrigerant leaks, A/C charged (inspection via sight glass)
- Heated seats function normally (if equipped)
- Rear window defroster has no breaks in grid, functions normally
- Cabin and trunk lights function properly
- Audio system functions normally
- CDs (if equipped) inject and eject properly
- Cassettes (if equipped) inject and eject properly
- All speakers function and don't rattle at high volume
- Cruise Control (if equipped) functions normally (including resume)
- Clock functions normally
- Lighter/Power Outlet functions normally
- Ashtray operates smoothly (if equipped)