

SPOT A LEMON USED VEHICLE INSPECTION CHECKLIST

YEAR _____ Make _____ MODEL _____

PRESENT OWNER _____

POTENTIAL DAMAGE COVER-UP:

- DISTANT PAINT APPEARANCE
- CLOSE UP PAINT CONDITION
- UNDER HOOD BOLT MOVEMENT
- UNDRHOOD PAINT EVIDENCE
- UNDERHOOD INSULATOR
- DOOR HINGE EXVIDENCE
- DOOR LOCK OPERATION
- OVERSPRAY FEELING ON GLASS
- VARIOUS BODY GAPS
- HEADLAMP CONDITION
- INSIDE TRUNK SIGNS
- UNDER TRUNK MAT
- IN SPARE TIRE COMPARTMENT
- RUST IN TRUNK RECESSES
- JACK AND TIRE TOOL RUST
- WATER AND SEDIMENT EVIDENCE
- UNDER FRONT SEAT TRACKS
- FRONT SEAT SPRINGS
- INTERIOR MILDEW ODOR
- INTERIOR WATER SIGNS
- CARPET WATER STAINS
- SEAT WATER STAINS
- INSIDE CONSOLE RUSTY SCREWS OR STAINS
- INSIDE GLOVE BOX
- OWNERS MANUAL
- MAINTENANCE RECORDS
- INSIDE DOOR POCKETS

GENERAL WEAR AND TEAR

- WINDSHIELD DAMAGE
- LF TIRE TREAD DEPTH
- LR TIRE TREAD DEPTH
- RR TIRE TREAD DEPTH
- RF TIRE TREAD DEPTH
- UNEVEN TIRE WEAR
- SMOOTHNESS AND ROUNDNESS OF TIRES
- OILY TAILPIPE RSIDUE
- OIL LEAKS
- STEERING WHEEL LOOSENESS

START ENGINE:

- ENGINE VIBRATION AT IDLE
- ENGINE RATTLES
- HEAVY ENGINE KNOCK
- TAILPIPE SMOKE AT IDLE
- TAILPIPE WATER VAPOR
- EXHAUST SMOOTHNESS
- EHAUST LEAKS
- CATALYTIC CONVERTER PRESENCE

INTERIOR INSPECTION:

- GENERAL APPEARANCE
- TOBACCO ODOR
- MILDEW ODOR
- SEAT COVER WEAR
- SEAT COVER BURN HOLES
- CARPET WEAR
- CARPET BURN HOLES
- CARPET WATER DAMAGE
- ASH TREY APPEARANCE INSIDE
- EXCESSIVE SPRAYED IN FRAGRANCE
- SPEEDOMETER GALSS CONDITION
- ODOMETER READING (MILES)
- ELECTRIC WINDOW OPERATION
- POWER LOCK OPERATION
- LIFT GATE OPERATION
- POWER MIRROR OPERATION
- DOME AND COURTESY LIGHTS
- WIPER OPERATION
- WASHER OPERATION
- CLOCK
- RADIO
- CD PLAYER OPERATION
- AIR CONDITIONER OPERATION
- HEATER OPERATION
- ALL FAN SPEEDS FUNCTIONING
- SEAT ADJUSTMENTS
- TILT WHEEL OPERATION AND LOCK
- TURN SIGNAL OPERATION

- EXHAUST FUMES IN PASSENGER COMPARTMENT
- GAS FUMES
- NAVIGATIONAL DEVICE
- SEAT WARMERS
- REARVIEW MIRROR CONTROLS
- OTHER VARIOUS EQUIPMENT

KEY ON WITH ENGINE NOT RUNNING:

- OIL LIGHT
- AMBER ENGINE LIGHT
- TEMPERATURE GAUGE OR LIGHT
- BRAKE LIGHT
- ABS LIGHT
- AIR BAG LIGHT
- START ENGINE NOW:
- CORRECT IDLE SPEED ON TACHOMETER
- ENGINE NOISE AT 1500 RPM

BEGIN ROAD DRIVING TEST:

- ENGINE SMOOTHNESS ON ACCELERATION
- SHIFTING SMOOTHNESS ON SLOW ACCELERATION
- SHIFTING SMOOTHNESS ON HARDER ACCELERATION
- BRAKE NOISE WHEN APPLYING BRAKES (Grinding)
- BRAKES PULL RIGHT OR LEFT
- BUMP IN BRAKE PEDAL (PULSATION)
- STOPPING DISTANCE
- FOOT EFFORT REQUIRED TO STOP
- ENGINE SHOWS ADEQUATE POWER (NOT SLUGGISH)
- TAILPIPE SMOKE WHEN ACCELERATING
- VIBRATION IN STEERING WHEEL AT 55MPH
- WILL CAR STAY STRAIGHT WITH HOLDING STEERING WHEEL HARD
- ENGINE IDLE STILL SMOOTH WHEN HOT

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