



Take the Wheel

Car Inspection Checklist

General Impressions	Good	Fair	Poor
Exterior - styling, finish, paint			
Interior - upholstery, color, ergonomics			

Comfort

Ease of entry to front and backseats			
Comfort of seats			
Headroom in front and backseats			
Layout of controls			
Storage space and trunk space			
Visibility out front, sides, and rear			

Engine and Handling

Acceleration			
Braking			
Cornering			
Engine noise			
Parking: easy or difficult?			
Suspension			
Tires (cost to replace? snow tires?)			
Transmission - smooth shifting			

Overall Impressions

Convenience features, cup holders			
Interior noise, rattles, squeaks			
Radio and sound system			
Used: do all accessories work? has a jack?			

Safety Features

ABS (antilock braking system)			
Air bags - driver, passenger, side			
Alarm system			
Electronic stability control			
Traction control			

Other

Owner's manual in glove box			
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Adapted from *Edmunds.com* and Federal Trade Commission, *Buying a New Car*