

MY TEST DRIVE CHECKLIST



Whether it’s a new or used car you’re looking to buy, simply checking it out on the showroom floor may not be enough to properly gauge its performance and fit. Once you’ve narrowed down your shortlist, we recommend taking each potential buy for a test drive to experience the car in action. Remember, your car is going to be your trusty steed for the next three to five years or more, so it helps to be prepared and know what you’re looking for even before you arrive for your test drive.

YES	NO	DESCRIPTION
		Did I set up a test drive appointment with the dealership?
		Did I bring along my driver’s license?
		Any noticeable damages, dents or scratches on the body of the car?
		All doors are in working condition
		Engine and battery appear clean and in good condition under the bonnet
		Does the windscreen have any significant cracks or chips
		Are the wheels in good condition?
		Is the Tyre tread in good condition?
		Fuel cap is present and seals correctly
		Antenna present and in good condition
		Is there a spare wheel?
		When starting the car, do I hear any undesirable noises?
		Ignition starts easily and car idles smoothly
		Are all the exterior lights in working condition with equal brightness?
		Are all the interior lights in working condition with equal brightness?
		Am I able to easily adjust the driver’s seat and steering wheel?
		All seatbelts are operational
		Am I able to easily adjust the side mirrors?
		Do all electronics work as they should?
		Indicators, hooter, radio, windows and windscreen wipers work as they should
		Is the car comfortable to drive?
		Does it handle well on different types of road?
		Is the engine quiet and smooth?
		Are there any rattles coming from the suspension?
		Brakes work properly during normal and hard braking
		Are all the gears easy to find and engage?
		When driving, does the car veer significantly towards a one side
		Parking brake is operational
		Ask about the car’s service history
		Ask about the warranty and service plan expiration dates