



NZ BUYING VEHICLE INSPECTION CHECKLIST

To Bring and Remember Before Inspecting:

- ☐ Paper towel for checking the oil
- ☐ Torch or headlamp
- ☐ Wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty
- ☐ An old towel or small tarp
- ☐ Test drive on cold start of engine
- ☐ Test drive for 10-15 mins
- ☐ Check for leaks after test drive

Major Items to Check:

- ☐ Current WOF?
- ☐ Current rego?
- ☐ Rust?
- ☐ Oil leaks?
- ☐ Clean oil?
- ☐ Colour of exhaust smoke?
- ☐ Ticking on hills?
- ☐ Tyre condition?
- ☐ Brakes & handbrake?
- ☐ Timing belt done or due?
- ☐ Leaks from joints under car?
- ☐ Lights all work?
- ☐ Fluid levels OK?

Minor Items to Check:

- ☐ Plastic/rubber hoses OK?
- ☐ Squeals?
- ☐ Front/back bounce test?
- ☐ Seats and seat belts OK?
- ☐ General condition of the interior/exterior

Remember: This checklist is to help indicate whether a vehicle is worthy of being inspected professionally. The [AA inspection](#) is highly recommended no matter how well your inspection is done!

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