

Car Inspection Checklist

	Good	Fair	Poor
General Impressions			
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			
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			

Adapted from *Edmunds.com* and Federal Trade Commission, *Buying a New Car*