

Used Car Inspection Checklist

A field-ready, print-and-fill checklist to inspect any used car before you pay a rupee — covering the body, engine, undercarriage, interior, test drive, and Pakistan-specific paperwork.

VEHICLE / MODEL	REGISTRATION NO.	INSPECTION DATE

1 Exterior & Body

☐ Panel gaps even on doors, bonnet & boot

☐ Paint colour matches across all panels

☐ No ripples, overspray, or masking lines

☐ Check for signs of a repaint (tape marks)

☐ Tyres: even wear, matching brand & size

☐ Windscreen free of deep cracks/chips

☐ All lights, indicators & horn working

☐ Bumpers aligned, no loose clips

2 Engine Bay

☐ No visible oil leaks or wet patches

☐ Engine oil colour: golden/brown, not black/milky

☐ Coolant level & colour normal, no oil sheen

☐ Belts & hoses free of cracks

☐ Battery terminals clean, no corrosion

☐ Engine starts smoothly, idles without shaking

☐ No unusual smoke (blue/white/black) on start

☐ Engine & chassis number match documents

3 Undercarriage

☐ No rust, corrosion, or flaking underbody

☐ Exhaust intact, no black soot around joints

☐ No fresh weld marks or repaired frame sections

☐ Suspension components dry, not leaking

☐ No signs of flood-water staining or silt

4 Interior & Electricals

☐ Seats, dashboard & door trims undamaged

☐ AC blows cold within 2-3 minutes

☐ Power windows, locks & mirrors all work

☐ Odometer reading matches wear-and-tear level

☐ Warning lights clear after engine start

☐ Infotainment/reverse camera (if fitted) works

☐ Spare tyre, jack & toolkit present

5 Test Drive

☐ No pulling to one side while braking

☐ Smooth gear shifts, clutch bites correctly

☐ No knocking/clunking over bumps

☐ Steering straight, no vibration at speed

☐ No burning or fuel smell in cabin

☐ Brakes firm, not spongy or delayed

6 Documents & Legal Status

☐ Original registration book (not just a photocopy)

☐ Chassis & engine number match registration book

☐ CNIC of seller matches ownership record

☐ Token tax paid and up to date

☐ No pending / unpaid e-challans on the vehicle

☐ No open loan/leasing (bank hypothecation) on file

☐ Transfer letter / seller ID verified before payment

! Red Flags — Walk Away If You See These

Mismatched paint shade between adjacent panels

Musty smell, water stains, or rusted seat rails (flood damage)

Milky/foamy engine oil (possible head gasket failure)

Odometer reading inconsistent with pedal/seat wear

Seller reluctant to allow a mechanic's inspection

Chassis number partially scratched, re-stamped, or unclear

Registration book photocopy only, original "misplaced"

Price significantly below market average for the model/year

☐ PASSED — Proceed with purchase	☐ NEEDS NEGOTIATION — Issues found	☐ REJECTED — Major red flags
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