



## Outside the car

1. Start at the bottom looking for rust and leaks. A little liquid on the ground could be a big repair job later.
2. Do an inspection of everything from the engine to the door locks to make sure everything is working properly.
3. Get underneath the car to inspect the structure of the vehicle and for signs that it may have been in an accident.
4. Tyres tell a story. If they are worn unevenly then the car might be out of alignment. Tyres are illegal if less than 1.5mm deep over 75% of the tread.
5. Check the shock absorbers – push down on each corner of the car – it's a bad sign if it bounces more than twice.
6. Open the doors and check for rust.
7. Check for signs of accident damage. Are there colour variations in the paintwork, or bumps and ripples along the panels?
8. Look for rust, dents and dings.



## Inside the car

1. Is the car tidy inside? This is a good indication of how the vehicle was cared for overall.
2. Sit in the drivers seat – is it easy to adjust, with enough leg room?
3. Is the steering wheel adjustable or at a good height?
4. Are all the gauges working, indicators/lights? over 75% of the tread.
5. Do the mirrors adjust easily?
6. Does it smell of cigarette smoke (hard to get rid off)?
7. Check that the registration label (rego) and Warrant of Fitness (WOF) are current. They should both be clearly visible on the inside of the front windscreen. Be wary of buying a car without a current WOF.



## Under the bonnet

1. Check the engine, belts, fluids, and battery.
2. Is the oil low on dipstick? (Could be an oil burner or a leak.)
3. Oil milky looking? (Water in oil might indicate a blown head gasket.)
4. Is there rusty water in radiator or over low tank?
5. Is the radiator rusty?
6. Is there any corrosion?
7. Are there any leaks?