

QUESTIONS

- Are there any 'bad' records in the VIN history report?
- Does the car have a Full Service History?
- Were there any accidents that required major repairs?
- Odometer reading
- How many previous owners?
- Why is the seller selling?
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EXTERIOR CHECK

- Are the exterior lines straight?
- Are there any ripples in the paintwork?
- Are there any misaligned panels?
- Are there any gaps between panels? (*Too narrow / wide on one side?*)
- Do the doors open and close easily?
- Is there any rust?
- Do the paint colours match on all the panels?
- Does the steering have notable free play?
- Is there bounce when you push down on one of the corners? (*Suspension problems*)
- Does the car sit level?
- Are the tyres and rims in good condition?
- Do the tyres show irregular wear? (*Alignment problem*)

ENGINE

- Are there any oil or coolant leaks from the engine?
- Is the engine dirty or oily?
- Is the oil level very low?
- Is the oil on the dipstick too dark?
- Are the battery terminals badly corroded?
- Is there any smoke? (*Slight water steam is acceptable*)
- Do any warning lights come on?
- Is there any hesitation when revving?
- Is there a smell of burnt oil under the hood?
- Has the engine been rebuilt?
- Are there any loud noises or strong jerks?
- Has the engine number been tampered with?
- Are there any signs of fresh paint under the bonnet?

THE INTERIOR

- Is there wear and tear on the driver's seat or steering wheel?
- Is there dampness under the carpet or in the boot?
- Does the radio / CD player work?
- Does the odometer show any evidence of tampering?
- Does the air conditioner work?
- Do the heater and rear window defogger (*if applicable*) work?
- Does the central locking work?
- Do the electric windows work?
- Do you feel comfortable in driver's seat?
- Do the seats move backwards and forwards easily?
- Are all the seat belts functional? (*Back and front*)
- Is there a spare tyre, jack, tools etc.?
- Is there a functional immobiliser / alarm / gear lock?

TEST DRIVE

- Is there any difficulty changing gears?
- Does the car shudder at all?
- Does the transmission slip or jerk?
- Does the gear change seem to be delayed?
- Does the clutch slip?
- Are there any noises while driving on a flat road?
- Are there any noises when driving over bumps?
- Does the car pull to one side?
- Is there wind noise while driving?
- Is the steering wheel off-centre?
- Does the vehicle feel unstable on the highway?
- Is there brake pedal or steering pulsation when braking?
- Does the vehicle pull to one side when braking?
- Are there any grinding noises?
- Do any warning lights come on while driving?
- Is there any vibration at high speed?
- Is there a humming noise? (*Uneven tyre wear*)
- Do the brakes respond quickly during an emergency stop?

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