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## PREVIOUS ACCIDENT INSPECTION





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-  Check all rubber and trim where it meets the paint. Make sure there is no overspray.
-  Check the headlights and make sure they are the same age (oxidation).
-  Inspect the front and rear bumpers. Check to see if they were ever repainted by looking for overspray on head and tail light lenses - also check for paint mismatch (see below).
-  Inspect each body panel for color mismatch or shade differences that would indicate a repaint.
-  Check the VIN stickers on each panel and door. Make sure they are all the same and not missing.
-  Open and shut all doors to check if they fit properly.
-  Pull the inside latch and watch for the hood to "jump" open. It should.
-  Carefully inspect the bolts on the top of each side of the fenders (hood open) to see if they've been removed or replaced.
-  Frame damage inspection – check the frame flairs on each side of the car for “paw marks”



## HIGHWAY MILE INSPECTION







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-  Check the driver's seat fabric wear and tear near door. Is it worn or new looking?
-  Check brake pedal for unusual heavy wear generally located on bottom right of brake pedal
-  Check radiator located behind front grill for road grit and bugs deeply imbedded in radiator fins - good sign
-  Check the very front of the hood for micro chipping from highway driving – good sign



## MAINTENANCE INSPECTION





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-  Check for dealer maintenance by checking the service records
-  Look for proof of regular oil changes between 3,000-5,000 miles
-  Check for recent oil change by looking at paperwork or windshield sticker
-  Check for proof of major services that are to be done at 30,000 mile intervals
-  Review all service records
-  Check for proof of timing belt replacement, if applicable (some cars have timing chains which need no replacing)




## GARAGE KEPT INSPECTION

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-  Check plastic headlight lenses for oxidation and yellowing
-  Check all rubber trim for matte finish, cracking and brittleness
-  Check paint on top of car and hood for signs of clear coat damage
-  Check dashboard for excessive sun damage and cracking

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## ENGINE COMPARTMENT INSPECTION














-  Notice when lifting the hood if the hydraulic lifts keep the hood open

**With a cold engine check the following:**



-  Check that there is no accumulated oil leakage from anywhere in the engine compartment
-  Check the areas around the fluid reservoirs for fluid **leakage**.
-  Check all fluids below for **color** and **levels** and make sure they are not below the minimum fill lines.

**Leakage      Levels      Color**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Radiator Fluid</b> – should be bright pink or green   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Engine Oil</b> – should be clear amber (  if frothing is present)            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Automatic Transmission Fluid</b> – should be pink (  if frothing is present) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Brake Fluid</b> – should be clear amber   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Power Steering Fluid</b> – should be clear amber  |

-  Remove oil fill cap and look for excessive build-up of black carbon deposits (shows lack of oil changes)
-  Check oil filler cap for milky substance (looks like chocolate milk). This would be the dreaded water and oil mixing. Serious problem when present
-  While oil cap is off look inside the oil fill throat. Look for excessive carbon inside the throat
-  Inspect the rubber drive belts for oldness and cracks
-  Engine air filter check
-  Inspect the CV boots for tears or cracks (front drive only)
-  Check the big rubber hoses by feeling the curved areas for unusual softness
-  Inspect the battery and see if it is less than 4-5 years (typical life of a battery)
-  Inspect the battery area for corrosion on the top or side terminals
-  Look for rodent droppings in engine compartment for possible previous rat/mouse infestation
-  Inspect the brake rotors for smoothness with no deep scrapes or grooves
-  Inspect the engine bottom for major oil leaks (use flashlight)
-  Sweep your finger inside the cooled exhaust pipe to check for heavy black carbon deposits

**Now start the engine and check the following:**

-  When starting the engine take notice of any exhaust smoke. There should be no black or bright white smoke especially when revving the engine. This is different than steam, which is normal at start up.
-  Listen for any unusual squeaks, rattle or knocking noises coming from engine while running



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## EXTERIOR INSPECTION

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- Look for curb damage on rims and tires.
- Check that all tires are the same brand and worn equally especially the front tires. This could be a critical alignment issue.
- Check the body panels around the wheel housing for possible rust cover up
- Check windshield wipers for rubber integrity (if it is an SUV or hatch check the rear as well)
- Check the 17 digit VIN plate (located on the driver's side lower portion of the windshield) for tampering
- Push down on all 4 sides of the car bumpers to see if the car "bounces". Body should not bounce at all



## INTERIOR INSPECTION

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Window controls (check all windows as well as main unit on driver's door) | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Sunroof              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Glove box   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Door locks           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Rear view mirrors   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Power seats          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Windshield wiper  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Power side mirrors   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Cruise control  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Seat memory function |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Gas cap release   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Air conditioner      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Trunk release   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Heater controls      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Interior lights   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Fan blower           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Alarm system  | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Power outlets        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Spare tire and trunk area   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Stereo/ CD player    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Check Key remotes for operation   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Bluetooth            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Navigation unit   | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Back up camera       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency brake feel (should not be loose).                               |  |