QUESTIONS TO SELLER



Here are the specific questions you need when you contact a private party seller:

- 1. Are you the original owner, and if not: How long have you owned the car and do you have records from the previous owner?
- 2. Is the Title in your name?
- 3. Does the car have a clear title? (meaning no loans or other encumbrances).
- 4. Has the car ever been in an accident? If so inquire about the extent of the damage and how it was repaired.
- 5. What is the current mileage?
- 6. Are the miles mostly highway miles or city miles?
- 7. How was the car maintained? (Dealer versus corner garage or uncle Joe)
- 8. Do you have maintenance records?
- 9. Was the car garage kept?
- 10. Why are you selling the car?

If you are satisfied with the answers, make sure you set up an immediate appointment to see the car.

11. When is the earliest I can see the car?

AFTER setting the appointment ask:

- 12. Can you give me the car's VIN? This is the Vehicle Identification Number. It is 17 digits long and can be found on the title and insurance certificates.
- 13. If it does not show up in the ad, ask for the license plate# (for Carfax history check).