

Buy Safe – Checklist

- Organise a **full independent vehicle inspection** or take the vehicle to your own mechanic. Buy subject to a satisfactory full inspection.
- **Rust check** underneath the vehicle/underneath the bonnet. If buying out of town, request pictures.
- Not able to physically check your purchase? **Confirm if there are any bad smells like animal smell or cigarette smell** in the vehicle.
- **Check tyres.** 1.5 millimetres passes a warrant of fitness, that level will not give you much time before the tyres will need to be changed. Cracked tyres & cracked side walls also pass warrants.
- If purchasing an imported vehicle, check it can get **NZ radio stations.**
- If **two keys** are important to you. Ask the dealer to purchase you one at a wholesale price. Japanese cars for example are bought at an auction, they most likely have one key. They are a second-hand vehicle.
- If buying a vehicle freshly imported from Japan (unregistered) **Check the auction grade.** Check if the vehicle is an accident grade (A) or a repaired accident grade (RA) If the seller/dealer cannot supply an auction sheet. Our advice is to not purchase from that seller/dealer.
- If buying an imported vehicle, stipulate you **require a speedo certificate.**
- **Do not sign a VOSA (Vehicle Offer & Sale Agreement) if you are uncomfortable,** feel pressured, if all your concerns are not written down on the VOSA. Your deposit is nonrefundable if there is no conditions.
- If purchasing an Electric vehicle (EV) make sure the vehicle comes with a **NZ spec charging cable.**
- When purchasing an EV, enquire about the **state of health (SOH)** along with the number of quick & long charges. If you do not get specialist advice from the seller about this information & what it means. We recommend you seek specialist advice before purchasing an EV.
- **Mechanical & Electrical Breakdown Insurance (Warranty)** Take the time to review, not all policies are the same re-claim limit values or what they cover. Is the policy fit for purpose? Mechanical Breakdown Insurance can provide a superior level of cover. The dealers' responsibility under the CGA does run out.
- Remember, you are **not covered by the Consumer Guarantees Act when buying privately.**

Congratulations – You have bought safe 😊