

Buy Safe – Checklist

- Organise your own **full mechanical check**, or take the vehicle to your own mechanic. Buying subject to your satisfactory full inspection.
- Physically check underneath the vehicle and under the bonnet for **rust**, if buying out of town request pictures from underneath the vehicle.
- **Check tyres** for depth and cracks, confirm the vehicle is not fitted with Japanese snow tyres. 1.5 millimeters passes a warrant of fitness but won't give you much time before they need to be changed. Even cracked tyres pass warrants.
- If buying an imported vehicle check it can get **NZ radio stations**.
- If **two keys** are important to you, ask the question prior to signing up for the car.
- If buying a vehicle that is imported from Japan do not buy without sighting or receiving the **Japanese auction sheet**. Ask if the vehicle was an accident grade or repaired accident grade vehicle in Japan. If a dealer says they don't have one, we advise not to buy from that dealer.
- If buying a vehicle imported from Japan, stipulate you require a **speedo certificate**.
- Ask for the **spare wheel** or **puncture repair kit** to be explained how they work if you are unsure. Many dealers don't supply the puncture repair kit.
- Buying out of town, ask if there is any **animal smell**, or **cigarette smell** in the vehicle. Do not sign a vehicle offer and sale agreement unless your terms are written on the VOSA.
- Do not **sign a VOSA** if you are uncomfortable or all of your concerns are not written on it. Your deposit is non refundable if there is no conditions.
- If purchasing an Electric Vehicle (EV) make sure the vehicle comes with a **NZ Spec charging cable**, lots of dealers are providing adapted Japanese units which are not safe in NZ.
- Electric Vehicles (EVs) are all about the **State of Health (SOH)**, if buying one make sure the dealer can provide confirmation of the SOH.
- Only buy from a dealer that can offer reputable **extended warranties**. At some point the consumer will own the car, the CGA does run out, we believe in buying extended warranties for long term peace of mind.
- Remember, you are **not covered** by the Consumer Guarantees Act when buying privately.

Congratulations – You have bought safe 😊