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Essential Used Car Buying Guide

Free preparation checklist | Check each item as you complete it.

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Inspection & Drive

- ☐ Prioritize an independent mechanic inspection to identify hidden flaws.
- ☐ Conduct a proper test drive to check handling, braking, and transmission shifts.
- ☐ Listen for rattles and feel for vibrations on various road surfaces.
- ☐ Ensure the vehicle starts smoothly and the engine temperature remains stable during the entire drive.

Condition Check

- ☐ Scan for rust on the chassis and door edges.
- ☐ Look for mismatched paint or uneven body gaps that signal past impacts.
- ☐ Verify all exterior lighting works correctly.
- ☐ Check that the tire tread is deep and wearing evenly, as strange patterns suggest poor alignment or suspension trouble.

Function & Comfort

- ☐ Run the HVAC system to test cooling and heating speed.
- ☐ Sniff for mildew or stale odors indicative of water damage.
- ☐ Confirm the odometer aligns with the service log.
- ☐ Test every electronic feature, including the infotainment system, power windows, and safety sensors.

Finalizing the Deal

- ☐ Confirm the total price and all sale terms in writing before you agree.
- ☐ Cross-reference the VIN on the car with the title.
- ☐ Review the full maintenance log and verify the seller’s ID against the registration.
- ☐ Ensure no liens remain on the vehicle history report.

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