

## Don't be taken for a ride – used car buyer's checklist

<b>Car 1</b>	Make	Model
	Seller name	VIN#*
	Phone number	Address
<b>Car 2</b>	Make	Model
	Seller name	VIN#*
	Phone number	Address
*Vehicle Identification Number (VIN#) location can be found in the owners' handbook		
<b>IMPORTANT:</b> Australian Consumer Law protections only apply when buying a car through a licensed dealer, not through private sale. This checklist will help you with the basics in buying a car. Please visit <a href="http://dmirs.wa.gov.au/buyingacar">dmirs.wa.gov.au/buyingacar</a> to learn more.		
<b>Pre-purchase</b>		
	Perform a \$2 Personal Property and Securities Register (PPSR) search at <a href="http://ppsr.gov.au">ppsr.gov.au</a> to check if the car is stolen, has finance owing, is registered or written-off. Cars 15 years or older will not have accurate results.	
	Check vehicle rego and account lookup at <a href="http://transport.wa.gov.au/dotdirect">transport.wa.gov.au/dotdirect</a> for outstanding payments or fines using the car's registration number. Outstanding fines or payments could delay the registration transfer.	
	Check the service history logbook to see if the car has been regularly serviced, if there are any ongoing repairs and compare the odometer from the services against the car's reading.	
<b>Take car for a test drive</b>		
	Check tyres for worn or cracked tread and ask whether they are less than 10 years old.	
	Check headlights, indicators, brakes and internal lights work.	
	Check seatbelts, wipers and horn work.	
	Check windows and mirrors work and do not have cracks.	
	Check paintwork and body for dents, scratches and overall wear and tear.	
	Check the engine and transmission run smoothly and the brakes work well.	
	Check the interior systems work, including air con/heating, reversing cameras, navigation and media/stereos.	
	Check under the vehicle and bonnet for signs of oil and coolant leaks, corrosion and loose wires.	
<b>Final inspections</b>		
	A pre-purchase inspection by an independent mechanic including evidence of odometer tampering is recommended before purchasing the car. Get all findings in writing.	
	Check if the car is under any warranties and what any new owner must do to keep the warranty intact.	
	If anything needs fixing by the seller, get an agreement in writing before agreeing to purchase.	