

Fact Sheet 10

Points to Consider When Buying a Used Car

Know what type of vehicle is allowed. The **prohibited vehicle** condition restricts provisional (P1 and P2) drivers from driving certain high performance vehicles.

Prohibited vehicles are those with:

- Eight or more cylinders (except diesel).
- A turbocharged engine (diesel exempt).
- A supercharged engine (diesel exempt).
- Engine performance modifications that require an engineer's certificate.
- Certain high performance six cylinder engines. Visit the P1/P2 – High performance vehicle restrictions page on www.rta.com.au

Know what you want. Do your research, consider what type of car will suit, whether manual or automatic, what the car will be used for, running costs (including maintenance and repairs) and level of safety.

Know what to check. Check the vehicle's identity; its VIN (vehicle identification number), engine number, compliance number plate, and check to see whether the vehicle has money owing on it. REVS (www.revs.nsw.gov.au) can also tell if the car's been stolen, re-registered or classified as a write-off.

Know how it drives. Take the vehicle for a test drive, but before you do, make sure the seller has an insurance policy that will cover it if there is a crash. Listen for odd noises and rattles, check the engine and how it runs, and check the brakes and the steering.

Is your car worthy? When deciding between cars, choose the one with the highest Used Car Safety Rating. Visit www.mynrma.com.au

A comprehensive pre-purchase safety inspection and an authorised inspection (pink slip) will ensure your car is in good enough shape to be driven on the road. Ensure that all faults are repaired before you take possession of the vehicle.

Helpful Websites:

Roads & Traffic Authority	www.rta.nsw.gov.au
NRMA	www.mynrma.com.au
NSW Office of Fair Trading	www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au
REVS	www.revs.nsw.gov.au
Motor Traders Authority	www.mtansw.com.au
The Red Book	www.redbook.com.au
ANCAP Vehicle Safety Review	www.ancap.com.au

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