

EXTERIOR CHECKLIST

OUTSIDE LIGHTS

- Headlights adjustment is correct
- High beams working
- Turn signals work - front and rear (and sometimes on outside mirrors)
- All running lights working
- Fog lights function properly
- Brake lights function properly
- Backup lights work (put car in reverse)
- License plate light works
- Brake lights function properly

DOORS, WINDOWS & TIRES

- Hood opens and closes smoothly
- Trunk/rear hatch opens and closes smoothly
- Doors open and close smoothly - check fit and alignment
- Weatherstripping around windows - check fit and fastening
- Open and close all windows - check for full range and listen for any noises
- Check sunroof/moonroof for fit and function
- Check door locks from outside with key and remote
- Check door locks from inside
- Check child door/window lock controls
- Body side molding - check fit and functionality
- Door edge guards - check fit and functionality
- Tire manufacturer - check for quality of tire (watch out for problem tire brands)
- Tire pressure is correct
- Tire valve stems capped
- Wheel covers - test removable rim/hubcaps for looseness
- Wheel lug nuts - check tightness

ACCESSORIES

- Antenna - check mounting and retraction function (if applicable)
- Spare tire - check tire pressure and storage mount (make sure jack & lug wrench are secured)

EXTERIOR OVERVIEW

- Bumpers mounted correctly
- Bumper moldings attached firmly
- Body panels meet smoothly
- No ripples or waviness in any smooth surface
- No dents or dings on doors, quarter panels, bumpers, etc.
- Check body panels for smoothness of fit
- Check body panels for complete paint along all connecting seams
- Check paint job for any imperfections - bubbling, surface mar, etc.
- Check paint for any spots where primer coat is visible

CONVERTIBLE

- Power top operation - run through 2 or 3 cycles, listen for noises, check smoothness
- Manual top operation - put up and take down by hand (if possible)
- Top latch operation - check latches, connection tight, top snug, etc.
- Top boot present (check storage area)
- Top boot fit - check fastenings
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