

Test Drive Checklist

Circle your overall rating 1=worst, 5=best

Exterior Form & Function

	Ranking				
Does the color appeal to you?	1	2	3	4	5
Are there other vehicles of this make/model on the lot that look better?	1	2	3	4	5
Are there any blemishes, chips or other defects?	1	2	3	4	5
Does the vehicle have clearcoat? (A protective varnish-sealer.)	1	2	3	4	5
Does the exterior design appeal to you aesthetically?	1	2	3	4	5
Is the exterior design practical?	1	2	3	4	5
Does the exterior show manufacturing attention to detail?	1	2	3	4	5
Do the doors, trunk, and hood operate easily?	1	2	3	4	5
Do they stay open properly on an incline)? Are they heavy?	1	2	3	4	5
Tires and wheels: Are they what you want?	1	2	3	4	5
Are there other tire/wheel combinations that you like instead of these?	1	2	3	4	5
Does the exterior of the vehicle fit your needs and wants?	1	2	3	4	5
Are there other special features that you like?	1	2	3	4	5

Subtotal _____

Engine Compartment

	Ranking				
Does the hood release and opening mechanism work easily?	1	2	3	4	5
Does the layout of the engine compartment make sense?	1	2	3	4	5
Is it easy to find, check levels and adjust the mechanical basics?	1	2	3	4	5
Is there a light under the hood?	1	2	3	4	5
Can you check the battery easily? Jump it easily?	1	2	3	4	5
Does the engine and transmission match what you want to test drive?	1	2	3	4	5
Does shop repair look impossible? (everything's too crowded)	1	2	3	4	5
Are there special engine features that you like (ie. turbo)?	1	2	3	4	5

Engine Type _____ # of Cylinders: _____

Transmission Type: _____ (Standard or Automatic?)

Drive Type: _____ (Front Wheel Drive, Rear Drive, All Wheel, etc.)

Subtotal _____

Trunk & Storage

	Ranking				
Is there enough space - does it fit your needs?	1	2	3	4	5
Is it lighted?	1	2	3	4	5
Spare & Jack location?	1	2	3	4	5
Do the storage features appear well designed, manufactured to last?	1	2	3	4	5
Are there any special storage features you like?	1	2	3	4	5

Subtotal _____

Interior Look, Feel, & Function**Ranking**

Is the interior upholstery type (leather/cloth) what you want?	1	2	3	4	5
Is the carpet fabric what you want?	1	2	3	4	5
Does it have a protective coating?	1	2	3	4	5
Do you like the fabric color?	1	2	3	4	5
Do you like the other interior colors?	1	2	3	4	5
Does the overall color scheme appeal to you?	1	2	3	4	5
Do the interior and exterior color match?	1	2	3	4	5
Does the vehicle have good leg and head room - front and rear?	1	2	3	4	5
Do the seat have good fit and functionality?	1	2	3	4	5
Seats adjustment range? Workability of adjustments?	1	2	3	4	5
Do you feel comfortable sitting in the vehicle?	1	2	3	4	5
What type of seat does the vehicle have? (Bucket, bench, split, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5
Are the seats exactly what you want?	1	2	3	4	5
How many people will the vehicle hold? _____	1	2	3	4	5
Can you easily adjust the seat to a comfortable position?	1	2	3	4	5
Are the pedals reachable, back from wheel, with a good line of sight?	1	2	3	4	5
Are the pedals positioned well?	1	2	3	4	5
Does the steering wheel feel "right" in your hands?	1	2	3	4	5
Does it adjust/ tilt?	1	2	3	4	5
Does it have a airbag installed in it?	1	2	3	4	5
Is the horn easy to find?	1	2	3	4	5
Can you easily find and get to all the controls that you need?	1	2	3	4	5
Are these easy to understand and use?	1	2	3	4	5
Is the driver's line of sight good?	1	2	3	4	5
Are there other special interior features that you like?	1	2	3	4	5

Subtotal _____**Driving Performance****Ranking**

Does it have the power you need to enter the freeway?	1	2	3	4	5
Does the vehicle feel right to you at all speeds?	1	2	3	4	5
Is overdrive or gear selection important?	1	2	3	4	5
Does it have enough power going uphill?	1	2	3	4	5
Would hauling a big load around be a performance issue?	1	2	3	4	5
Does it clink, tick, ping, or make any other strange noises?	1	2	3	4	5
Are there other special features that you like?	1	2	3	4	5

Subtotal _____**Braking & Safety****Ranking**

Does the brake pedal movement smooth and even?	1	2	3	4	5
Do the brakes work well under various conditions?	1	2	3	4	5
Do they make any abnormal squeaking noises or groans?	1	2	3	4	5
Is the vehicle equipped with ABS (Anti-Lock Braking Systems)?	1	2	3	4	5
Does the vehicle have traction control?	1	2	3	4	5
Are there other special safety features that you like?	1	2	3	4	5

Subtotal _____

Road Handling

	Ranking				
Does the vehicle respond to steering wheel smoothly & easily?	1	2	3	4	5
Is the turning radius tight enough?	1	2	3	4	5
How does acceleration and braking affect steering?	1	2	3	4	5
Does the steering/handling systems make any noises?	1	2	3	4	5
Does the vehicle feel "comfortable" when turning right or left?	1	2	3	4	5
Does the vehicle have power steering?	1	2	3	4	5
Does it have speed sensitive steering?	1	2	3	4	5
Are there other special steering features that you like?	1	2	3	4	5

Subtotal _____**Ride Comfort**

	Ranking				
Overall, do you like the ride?	1	2	3	4	5
Does the ride fit your needs and wants?	1	2	3	4	5
Does the vehicle bounce over bumps or smooth them out?	1	2	3	4	5
Does the vehicle have special ride adjustment features?	1	2	3	4	5
Is the vehicle equipped with struts, shocks, leaf springs?	1	2	3	4	5
When changing speeds or braking does the vehicle lean heavily?	1	2	3	4	5
Are there other special ride comfort features that you like?	1	2	3	4	5

Subtotal _____**Interior Noise Level**

	Ranking				
Can you hear engine noise? Idle to freeway speeds?	1	2	3	4	5
Can you hear road and tire noise?	1	2	3	4	5
Can you hear a lot of wind noise?	1	2	3	4	5
Any detectable buzz, squeaks and rattles?	1	2	3	4	5
Any detectable noise, vibration and harshness?	1	2	3	4	5
Are there other special noise dampening features that you like?	1	2	3	4	5

Subtotal _____**Overall Driveability**

	Ranking				
Does the vehicle seem too BIG, too SMALL, or JUST RIGHT ?	1	2	3	4	5
Is it easy to drive or a real beast?	1	2	3	4	5
Can you get comfortable in the driver's seat?	1	2	3	4	5
Can you see well in all directions?	1	2	3	4	5
Does the vehicle have the creature comforts that you want?	1	2	3	4	5
Are there other special driveability features that you like?	1	2	3	4	5

Subtotal _____**Overall Ranking** _____

