

After you place a deposit, and before you are committed to buying, an independent mechanic travels to the car, inspects it, drives it, and sends you a written report with photographs. The mechanic is independent of the seller and of us.

Damage and condition

Scratches, dents and interior damage are recorded by the mechanic.

Diagnostic scan

Where possible, the mechanic plugs into the car's ECU.

Service history

If requested, the mechanic will ask for documents such as the service history.

Phone call

The mechanic will call to discuss the vehicle. You can take that call yourself, or we can take it - whichever suits.

Cost: €395. The inspection is optional and is not included in the prices shown on our listings. If you take the inspection and then decide against the car, your deposit is refunded minus the €395. If you do not take an inspection and decide against the car, your deposit is refunded in full.

What gets checked

Seven areas. Each item is rated Poor, Fair, Good or Excellent, with the mechanic's comment beside it.

Interior compartment

- Door locking and boot/tailgate lock
- Door seals, hinges and trim panels
- Dash panel condition
- Interior sills
- Illuminating lights
- Seat upholstery and seat mechanisms
- Steering wheel adjustment
- Rear-view and door mirrors
- Headlining, visors and carpets
- Sunroof condition and operation
- Parcel shelf and luggage area
- Tool kit and spare equipment

Engine compartment

- Oil, coolant and fluid levels
- Leaks - engine, gearbox, cooling system
- Drive belts, hoses and pipework
- Fuel pump and fuel pipe condition
- Exhaust and emissions equipment
- Air filtration
- Evidence of previous repair or neglect
- Electric and hybrid: high-voltage system checks

Electrical and controls

- Headlights, side and running lights
- Indicators and hazard lights
- Rear lights and number plate lights
- Stop, reverse and fog lights
- Auxiliary and panel lighting
- Switches and controls (condition and operation)
- Instruments and warning lights
- Horn
- Windows and sunroof operation
- Wipers, washers and headlamp washers
- Infotainment and driver displays
- Battery condition and charging

Wheels and tyres

- All four tyres - tread depth, age and condition
- Uneven or abnormal wear patterns
- Wheel rims and trims
- Alloy wheel condition
- Spare wheel or tyre inflation kit
- Locking wheel nut key present

Bodywork and exterior

- Panel condition and alignment
- Body damage - dents, scratches, scuffs
- Evidence of past repairs
- Corrosion
- Paintwork and imperfections
- Glass and windscreen condition
- Bumpers and number plates
- Door locks, fuel filler and cap operation

Road test

- Cold start and idle behaviour
- Engine performance under load
- Gear selection, clutch and transmission
- Braking, pulling and ABS operation
- Steering, tracking and alignment
- Suspension behaviour over real roads
- Warning lights during driving
- Unusual noises, vibration or smells

Suspension, brakes and steering

- Brake pads and discs (visual check)
- Brake pipes and hoses where visible
- Road springs and shock absorbers
- Air suspension operation where fitted
- Bump stops, gaiters and bushes
- Suspension arms, mountings and fixings
- Anti-roll bars and location rods
- Steering joints, rack and power steering
- Wheel hubs and bearings
- Front and rear assemblies checked separately

Each item carries a rating and the mechanic's comment. Faults are reported as found, before you are committed to buying.

ITEM	RATING	MECHANIC'S NOTE
Door trim panels	Excellent	Like new condition
Interior sills	Good	Minor marks and scuffs, driver's side
Front tyres	Good	5mm tread, very slight scrubbing - alignment worth checking
Brake discs (visual)	Excellent	Even wear, no lipping
Paintwork	Good	Small stone chips to bonnet leading edge - photographed
Diagnostic scan	Excellent	No stored fault codes
Road test	Excellent	Drives well, no unusual noises, brakes pull true

Sample entries shown for illustration only. Your report covers your car, in the inspecting mechanic's own words, with photographs attached.

What happens next

After the report reaches you.

If you proceed

- Your deposit goes toward the purchase
- We buy the car and handle the UK VAT reclaim
- Customs clearance and transport to Dublin
- VRT appointment, payment and Irish plates
- Delivered to your address in Ireland

If you do not proceed

- You are under no obligation to buy
- Deposit refunded minus the €395 inspection
- If no inspection was taken, refunded in full
- We can look for another car if you want

The inspection is an independent professional evaluation of the vehicle at the time of inspection. It is not an offer of warranty, and it is not a recommendation for or against the purchase of the inspected vehicle - it is the information you need in order to make that decision yourself.