Test Drive Checklist

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# Tasks:

☐ **Before a Test Drive**

☐ **Walk around the car.**

☐ **Inspect car's lines, quality of assembly, body panel alignment, paint and door handles.**

☐ **Check if the doors, trunk, and hood are easy to operate.**

☐ **Check if the windows are UV-protected.**

☐ **Check for any special features.**

☐ **Try it on for size, get in and out, get comfortable.**

☐ **Adjust the seats**

*Sit in the back seat.*

☐ **Check if the car interior is well-lighted.**

☐ **Try the accessories before going on the test drive.**

☐ **Make sure the controls are easy to reach and operate.**

☐ **Open and close the tailgate/trunk.**

☐ **Ask yourself if you would be comfortable driving it every day.**

☐ **Let the salesperson give the pitch before hitting the road.**

☐ **A Test Drive**

☐ **Drive the exact model of car you're interested in buying.**

☐ **Choose your own route.**

☐ **Drive on a number of different road surfaces: winding roads, city streets, hills and freeways.**

☐ **Test the power in real-world situations: highway merging, passing, city driving.**

☐ **Try driving with the air conditioner on to see if it results in too much power drain.**

☐ **Transmission**

*Look for smooth operation and ease of use.*

☐ **Check out steering responsiveness.**

☐ **Practice long turns and short turns, sudden swerves and smooth transitions.**

☐ **Use the breaks: brake softly, then aggressively to test the car's reaction to sudden braking.**

☐ **Listen for excessive engine, interior, road and wind noise**

*Do this with the windows up and down.*

☐ **See how comfortable you are in the driver seat.**

☐ **Parallel park the car to check for blind spots or any difficulty identifying the corners of the car.**