



Buying A Taxi

THE TAXI INSPECTION GUIDE

CAB TRADER

" If you buy a used taxi privately you don't have the same legal protection as when buying from a dealer. "

Cab Trader's Inspection List

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

- Always check the engine before starting the car
- Make sure the engine is cold when you are testing.
- Check oil level before starting the car.
- Look for any spillage or oil leaks.
- Rev the car and check the exhaust emissions.
- Test the clutch, raise slightly and the car should turn off.
- Ask for recent work been carried out on the car.
- Documentation
 - Does the seller have the V5C registration document?
 - If Private Hire Taxi, does the driver have the licensing documentation?
 - The registered keeper should match the person selling the taxi. (unless taxi trader)
 - Match the Vehicle identification number (VIN), the number on the engine and V5C.
 - Do the license Taxi plates match the documentation from the council.
 - Is the paperwork tampered?
 - Check the M.O.T history before hand and see if it matches the paperwork.
 - Again do the same and check if car is financed or been in an accident.

HISTORY

- Look at the M.O.T history, is there any paperwork missing or any gaps.
- Check out the service handbook and see if it has been serviced on time.
- Car gaps and alignment for damaged panels or rust in awkward spots.
- Make an online history check.
- Traces of paint spray or mismatch in color panels
- Welding in unusual places.

SAFETY

- Inspect the tyre sizes, dimensions and tread.
- Wheel locking nuts available or not with special key lock?
- Spare wheel
- Tyre jack and other tools
- Seat belts tests, make sure they all work
- Airbag and other lights on the dashboard
- Lights, wipers, washers and indicators. Make sure everything works.
- Do all the windows and locks work.
- How many keys with the car.
- Test center console, heaters, AC and ventilation.

The 30 point inspection lists. There are many other factors to consider such as suspension and gearbox. These can be tested on the go when you are test driving the car.

Make sure you have insurance covered when you are on a test drive.