

my first car safety checklist



Use this checklist as a guide when shopping around for your car and add your own features to the list to reflect your own preferences or travel needs.



Intended use

Does the car meet your intended use?

Off-road use	<input type="checkbox"/>	Towing a boat/trailer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Long distance travel	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sufficient storage space to secure items	<input type="checkbox"/>
General family motoring	<input type="checkbox"/>	Everyday commuting	<input type="checkbox"/>
Your requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>



Safety features

How many stars does the car have under a safety rating system?

The more stars the safer the car. Visit www.ancap.com.au for new or near new cars.

Visit www.myllicence.sa.gov.au/safervehicles/safety-ratings/ucsr.pdf for older cars.

Does the car have the following safety features?

Crash protection	Crash avoidance
Seat belt pretensioners	Anti-lock braking system (ABS)
Load limiter seat belts	Electronic stability control (ESC)
Adjustable head restraints	Emergency brake assist (EBA)
Cargo barrier	Traction control
Crumple zones	Cruise control
Airbags	Active cruise control
Dual front airbags	Reverse camera and/or sensors
Curtain airbags and side impact protection	Automated daytime running lights
Side airbags	Light coloured car which is highly visible
Knee airbags	Intelligent speed adaptation (ISA) system

More safety feature questions next page...



Safety features continued

Driver Comfort

Adjustable seating position	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adjustable seatbelt height	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adjustable steering wheel	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sufficient head and leg room	<input type="checkbox"/>
Good all round visibility with no obstructions/ blind spots from the driver seat	<input type="checkbox"/>
Easy to use instruments/controls e.g. cruise control, wipers	<input type="checkbox"/>

Features to avoid

Consider other drivers and road users (pedestrians/
cyclists) when you buy your car and avoid features that
can cause unnecessary injury in the event of a crash.

High powered vehicles	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bull bars (non Australian Standard)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unnecessary attachments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Modifications (not to standard)	<input type="checkbox"/>

Driveability

During the inspection and test drive, did the car operate
to your satisfaction? Consider this in terms of:

Steering	<input type="checkbox"/>
Braking	<input type="checkbox"/>
Suspension	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reversing	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ease of parking	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cooling and heating	<input type="checkbox"/>
Turning circle	<input type="checkbox"/>

Pedestrian Safety

See www.ancap.com.au for further information.

Poor	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marginal	<input type="checkbox"/>
Acceptable	<input type="checkbox"/>
Good	<input type="checkbox"/>

Under the age of 25?

Restrictions on high powered vehicles

If you are a P plater under the age of 25 you must not drive a high-powered vehicle
until you get a full driver's licence.

A high powered vehicle includes a:

- Vehicle with an engine of eight or more cylinders
- Vehicle with a turbocharged or supercharged engine
- Vehicle that has been modified to increase engine performance
- Other nominated high performance vehicles

Visit www.myllicence.com.au to read more information about the
allowed and prohibited modifications.



You've done your research, you've shortlisted your cars and you're
aware of the safety features when you test drive a car.

The only thing left to do is negotiate your price.

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