

A SAFE Checklist For Your Ride

THE SAFE CHECKLIST

Buying a car is a significant financial decision. Consumers purchasing a pre-owned car must understand that the quality and condition of the car will depend on its age.

The Standard and Functional Evaluation (SAFE) Checklist was developed by the Consumers Association of Singapore (CASE) in consultation with multiple stakeholders to guide consumers in their purchase of a pre-owned car. It comprises of *Part A: Checks by Car Dealer* and *Part B: Checks by Professional Evaluation Centre*.

USING THE SAFE CHECKLIST

Use the SAFE Checklist to guide you through your car purchase. Here are five easy steps to a SAFE purchase!



STEP 1

Interested in a car?



STEP 2

Get the SAFE Checklist!*



STEP 3

Dealer will complete Part A of the Checklist. Endorse and keep a copy of it.



STEP 4

Dealer to send the car to a Professional Evaluation Centre for third-party evaluation. Use Part B of the Checklist to understand the evaluation report.



STEP 5

Compare the evaluation report with Part A. If there are no inconsistencies, you may proceed with your purchase.





Part A: Checks by the Car Dealer

Consumers should request that the car dealer complete Part A of the Checklist for the car.

Part A of the Checklist records:

- Car details
- Functional checks
- Visual checks
- Warranty coverage (where applicable)

Both the consumer and dealer should endorse and keep a copy of the Checklist.

Sample: Part A of the Checklist

Description	Details
Car Brand and Model	
Registration Number	
Import Details of Car	Authorised Dealer / Parallel Importer / Self-Imported / Dealer is unaware <i>*(delete as applicable)</i>
Name of Dealer	Part III of the Consumer Protection (Fair Trading) Act (Lemon Law) only applies to a consumer's purchase(s) from a business. Hence, if you are purchasing the car on consignment or direct from another individual/consumer, you will not be covered under Lemon Law.
Projected Delivery Date	

Part B: Checks by the Professional Evaluation Centre

Part B allows consumers to better understand the key parts of the Professional Evaluation Report and allow consumers to make an informed choice on their purchase. A VICOM FIT Evaluation, STA Evaluation, and AAS Car Evaluation Service Check consists of the minimum checks set out in the SAFE Checklist.

Where possible, consumers are encouraged to test drive the pre-owned car before committing to a purchase as defects may sometimes surface during the test drive.

Consumers with queries on their Professional Evaluation Report should contact the applicable centres.

Sample: Part B of the Checklist

Description	Details
Engine	Includes visual inspection to identify oil seepage, overheating and abnormal engine noise and condition of the drive belt <i>Note: A Professional Evaluation Centre may not perform checks on the following engine types: Electric, LPG, CNG or Hybrid system engine.</i>
Engine Mounting	Includes checks to identify abnormal vibrations resulting from the defective engine mounting
Fluid Level	Includes various dipstick and/or visual checks (where possible) to ensure that there is sufficient engine oil, power steering fluid, transmission oil, brake fluid, cooling system water level, clutch fluid and a visual inspection for potential contamination of the fluids
Transmission Box (Gearbox)	Includes road tests and checks to identify abnormal noises during engine operation, including the gear transmissions



* The full copy of the SAFE Checklist can be downloaded at https://www.case.org.sg/consumer_guides.aspx, or obtained from your dealer.