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Condition rating in 10 steps - the classic-analytics check list

The value of a vehicle hinges on the condition. Our check list will help you determine the overall condition rating of the vehicle.

It is split into 10 different assemblies from body to interior to engine bay. Under each assembly you will find a detailed definition for each condition rating. Print out the check list and compare these definitions with the condition of the car, then enter the rating determined for this assembly in the check list.

Of course you can also enter half-grades such as „3+“ or „1-“ to specify which direction it is leaning towards.

Then enter the ratings in the online form and the overall condition rating will then automatically be calculated.

Summary:

1. Print out check list
2. Determine condition ratings for the car
3. Enter condition ratings in the online form

Bodywork

- Condition 1** Shut lines absolutely uniform and narrow (4-8 mm), perfect closure and precise movement of doors etc, no rust, no dents.
- Condition 2** Shut lines mostly uniform and narrow (4-8 mm), good closure and smooth movement of doors etc, no rust, very minor dents.
- Condition 3** Shut lines have slight irregularities, good closure and fair movement of doors etc, lighter surface rust, minor dents.
- Condition 4** Shutlines irregular, closure and mechanism of doors etc in need of improvement, significant rust, significant dents.
- Condition 5** Shut lines completely inconsistently, doors etc do not close properly without undue effort, rust holes, serious dents.

Rating

Paint

- Condition 1** Mirror-like finish, very little filler, no dust imperfections, no stone chips, no orange peel, panel finish is consistent and perfect at edges.
- Condition 2** Glossy paint with some swirls/ micro scratches, some filler, hardly any dust inclusions, very small number of stone chips, no orange peel, panel finish mostly consistent at edges.
- Condition 3** Good paint, minor swirls/ scratches some dust inclusions, some filler, small number of stone chips, minimal orange peel, panel finish ok at edges, with some "funneling"
- Condition 4** Paint crazed or worn, lacking shine, obvious areas of filler, significant stone chips and orange peel, slight cracks and flaking, significant "funneling" at panel edges.
- Condition 5** Significantly weathered paint, discoloured or with lacquer removed. Significant chips, flaking, scratches or cracking. Large areas of filler obvious. Bare metal respray unavoidable.

Rating

Chrome/Trim

- Condition 1** Brightwork is perfect; no corrosion, scratches, sanding marks, dents, etc. Mirror-like reflection from polished surfaces. All trim original and present in perfect condition.
- Condition 2** Brightwork is good; slight scratches, scoring and very minor dents. Reflects well. All trim present and in good condition.
- Condition 3** Brightwork fair; some deeper scratches, some evidence of corrosion or some dents that would require professional repair. Reflects well. Trim mostly present and in fair condition.
- Condition 4** Brightwork present; chrome plating flaking in areas, significant scratches, dents and areas of corrosion that would need replating. Trim mostly present, but requiring replacement or repair.
- Condition 5** Brightwork poor; chrome plating flaking all over, deep scratches or dents and corrosion that would require welding and replating. Significant parts of trim or brightwork missing or damaged beyond repair.

Rating

Seals/Rubber Parts

- Condition 1** As new; soft and flexible, sealing perfectly, precisely installed, without cracks or tears.
- Condition 2** Well-kept older condition; soft and flexible, sealing well, precisely installed, without cracks or tears.
- Condition 3** Slight cracks and tears, hardening, sealing ability possibly failing under pressure, some slight damage.
- Condition 4** Worn condition; cracking, split and generally hard. Sealing function seriously affected.
- Condition 5** Missing or seriously damaged, not properly fitted or not sealing properly. Sometimes only fragments exist.

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Glass

- Condition 1** Glass is like new, polished with no scratches or cracks, pitting or clouding, precisely installed.
- Condition 2** Glass in good condition, very minor scratches, no cracks, pitting or clouding, precisely installed.
- Condition 3** Glass in fair condition, no cracks, some scratches or stone chips, possibly slight clouding to outside edges.
- Condition 4** Glass in worn condition, slight cracks, significant scratches and stone chips, clouding and delamination in laminated glass.
- Condition 5** Glass in poor condition; panes missing, significant cracks, scratches and stone chips, clouding and delamination.

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Tyres

- Condition 1** Tyres as new, 7-8 mm tread depth, age max. 1 year
- Condition 2** Tyres in good condition, min. 5-6 mm tread depth, age max. 3 years
- Condition 3** Tyre in used condition, min. 1.6-5 mm tread depth, no sidewall cracking, age max. 5 years
- Condition 4** Tyres in worn condition, tread depth under 1.6mm, sidewall cracking, not MOT compliant
- Condition 5** Tyres unusable; flat, sidewall cracking or delaminating, tread depth under 1.6 mm, not MOT compliant

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Passenger Compartment

- Condition 1** Interior in mint, original condition, clean without imperfections, technically perfect.
- Condition 2** Interior in near mint, original, slightly used condition, very low wear and imperfections.
- Condition 3** Interior in used condition, mostly original, showing slight wear and abrasion, small imperfections, but all major parts working.
- Condition 4** Interiors in heavily used condition, non-original, showing significant wear and tear, some parts not working or broken, not clean.
- Condition 5** Interior in extremely worn condition, missing or significantly non-original parts, significant wear tear, dirty, most parts not working or broken.

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Engine Compartment

- Condition 1** Very good visual impression, all original, parts plated, painted or polished to a high standard rubber and electrical items perfect, totally rust free and very clean.
- Condition 2** Near mint, lightly used condition; original, parts plated, painted or polished to a good standard or clean original condition, rubber and electrical items clean and working, totally rust free and clean.
- Condition 3** Used condition, mostly original, older plating or painting of parts, some rust present, mostly clean.
- Condition 4** Heavily used condition, obvious non-originality, plating or painting showing corrosion, rust on exposed steel, significant oil and grease residues.
- Condition 5** Worn condition, missing parts, very heavy contamination, significant rust and corrosion, significant grease residues or evidence of major oil leaks.

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Engine

- Condition 1** Engine in new or fully overhauled condition, cylinders with full compression, cooling system perfect, oil pressure perfect, all bearings and wearing parts replaced, no fluid leaks.
- Condition 2** Engine in slightly used condition, overhaul or replacement recently done, with full cylinder compression, good oil pressure and effective cooling systems, minor signs of use.
- Condition 3** Engine in used but fully functional condition, older overhaul or replacement, or original unrestored, fair oil pressure and cooling, minor fluid leaks.
- Condition 4** Engine in heavily used condition, requiring repair, fluid loss, loss of compression, low oil pressure, insufficient cooling, smoky exhaust.
- Condition 5** Engine in very worn condition, missing parts, complete overhaul required, non-running or running very badly with significant top-end or bottom-end noise. Poor oil pressure or cooling, significant smoke from exhaust, not firing on all cylinders.

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Luggage Compartment

- Condition 1** Mint, clean condition, covers/ mats original and immaculate, loading sill has no scratches, hand tools and spares complete and in perfect condition, no fuel or other odours.
- Condition 2** Almost mint condition, minimum wear on the loading edge and mats, no fuel or other odours, hand tools and spare wheel present, original and in good condition.
- Condition 3** Used condition, wear on the loading edge, rust on the floor, mats worn or missing, no fuel or other odours. Spare wheel and tools (non original) present but in used condition.
- Condition 4** Heavily used condition, significant wear of mats (or missing) and loading edge, rust on floor, poor odours, (e.g. fuel or damp). Tools and spare wheel missing or defective.
- Condition 5** Worn condition, corroded, damaged panels, missing parts, no mats, no tools or spare wheel, strong odors.

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