



1 Engine

The engine is like the 'heart' of a car.

Make sure the engine doesn't make strange rattling or rough sounds.

No smoke coming from the engine when driving.

2 Transmission

Listen for weird noises.

Check if the engine light is blinking.

Listen for grinding sounds when shifting gears.

Look for leaks of transmission fluid.

Ask dealer when was the car last serviced.



3 Clutch

Signs of a bad clutch:

It's tough to shift gears.

It feels either too soft or hard when you press on it.

Makes strange noises when you press on it.

4 Battery

Check the battery for:

No broken terminals.

No bumps or bulges in the case.

No cracks or breaks in the plastic.

No leaks or strange colours.



5 Alternator

Signs of a bad alternator:

Warning light on the dash.

Lights look dim or flicker.

Weird smells or sounds.

The battery is dead.

6 Radiator

Signs of a bad radiator unit:

Coolant leaking under the car.

Passenger heater not working.

Temperature gauge shows signs of overheating when driving the car.



7 Brakes

Signs of a brake problem:

Brake light on the dashboard.

Grinding or squealing when braking.

Feeling wobbly when you brake.

Car drives or pulls to one side while braking.

8 Exhaust

Signs of a bad exhaust:

Car is too loud.

Does not accelerate well.

Constant rattling noise.

Smoke from the exhaust.

Weird smell in the car.



9 Ignition

Signs of a bad ignition system:

Check engine light is on.

Takes longer than usual to start car.

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