



CHECKLIST - On the Road

For The Road			
Car Buying Checklist Items		Check	Comments
1.	Is the steering wheel comfortable? Adjustable - scope version or up and down?	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2.	Evaluate steering and handling at low speeds and high speeds.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3.	Do you feel like the road is inside the car with you? Does the car have a stiff feel to it, or do you have considerable movement when steering?	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4.	If manual transmission, do the clutch and gas have an even, smooth flow to them? Are you jerking from a stopped position because the gears aren't meshing or simply because you are inexperienced in the method of smoothly accelerating a stick shift vehicle?	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5.	Is it ABS equipped (Anti-Lock Braking System?)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
6.	Is the acceleration from a complete stop powerful or lackluster?	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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7.	Does the car actually go 0-60 miles per hour in 10 seconds? Is it enough power for what you need the car for?	<input type="checkbox"/>	
8.	Check the suspension by taking on a few speed bumps in parking lots.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
9.	Heater and A/C - Try both no matter the season. Extreme cold climates and equally extreme hot climates need to be cooled and warmed up quickly. Estimate the time it takes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
10.	Check windshield wipers and washer fluid spray. Your new car should come filled with fluids. If you are testing an SUV or Crossover or VAN there may be wipers in the rear as well.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
11.	Check the emergency brake on an incline if possible. If you are on flat ground you need to see how easy or difficult it might be to release the brake and/or press down to lock it.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
12.	Is there a sunglass holder or small mirror above the rearview mirror? I call them backseat monitors. If you have small children you can watch who hit who by looking in the mirror: if you have teens you can see any faces they make when you tell them to shut off their electronics.	<input type="checkbox"/>	

