

# Volkswagen

## Test driving checklist

Take a test drive checklist with you to examine important characteristics of the car. Seeing as you'll be test driving a Volkswagen, we're confident that any of our cars will pass with flying colours!

- Visibility**  
Can you see the end of the bonnet and boot?  
Does any part of the car block your vision?  
Can you easily see all the mirrors?
- Steering-wheel placement**  
Are you comfortable behind the wheel? Is it easy to adjust the steering-wheel, the seat and mirrors?
- Seating**  
Does each passenger have plenty of head and leg room? Check rear seats, too. Fasten the safety belt in each position. Each belt should fit snugly across the hips; shoulder harnesses should ride comfortably across the shoulder.
- Boot**  
Is there enough space in the boot or cargo area?  
Is it easy to get to the spare tyre?
- Exterior**  
Is the car's finish glossy and even? Check for evenly aligned body panels and secure trim.
- Transmission**  
If the car has an automatic transmission, does it shift smoothly between speeds, without jolting? If it is a manual, check the feel of the clutch, and the ease of shifting gears.
- Parking**  
Does your car maneuver easily into a parking space? Does the steering wheel turn easily? Parallel park the car. Does any part of the car obstruct your view?
- Steering/handling**  
When your grip is relaxed on the steering wheel, does the car drift? At highway speeds, does the steering-wheel provide a firm feel of the road? Is the car stable when you turn corners?
- Safety features**  
Check for manual or automatic seat belts, air bags, anti-lock brakes, and child safety locks.
- Entry/exit**  
Is it easy to get in and out of the car from each position?
- Instrument panel/controls**  
While driving, can you quickly and easily check the speedometer and fuel gauge? Try the windshield wipers, lights, turn signals and other functions to see how easy they are to operate.  
Check the climate controls.
- Engine**  
Does it accelerate smoothly? Does it have enough "passing power?" Slow down and speed up a few times to check out the responsiveness of the engine. Does the engine idle smoothly, or does it appear to race?
- Ride**  
Is the ride smooth? Does it offer responsive handling that makes you feel comfortable in all road conditions?
- Braking**  
Take the car out to a stretch of empty road, accelerate to about 60 km/hr and make an emergency stop. Does the car stop in a straight line without pulling to one side?
- Noise levels**  
With windows closed, listen to the noise level. Listen for engine noises when accelerating. At lower speeds, listen for road noises and tire sounds. At highway speeds, listen for wind whistling outside the windows.

