WHATCAR? CHECKLIST

HOW TO TAKE A TEST DRIVE

Before buying a new or used car, it's crucial that you take the time to properly assess it meets your needs – both on and off the road. Below is a checklist of things you should put to the test on every car you try out.

- ❑ Is it easy to get in and out of the car?
- ❑ Are the seats comfortable?
- ❑ Is there enough adjustment in the seat and steering wheel? Do you find it easy to see out and judge the size of the car?
- ❑ Is there enough space and storage in the cabin for you and your belongings?
- ❑ Will it be easy for your passengers to get in and out, or for you to get your children in and out? Will they be comfortable, and is there enough space for all of their things?
- ❑ Is the boot big enough? Is it wide enough for items you transport often (for example, a pram or a bicycle)?
- ❑ Do you like the way the car drives? Depending on what you want it for, is it smooth enough, sporty enough or quiet enough, for example?
- ❑ What's the car like:
  - ❑ in town;
  - ❑ in faster roads;
  - ❑ on the motorway?
- ❑ Will the car suit the journeys you typically have to make? For instance, do you drive mostly on motorways, or down country lanes?
- ❑ Can you park it easily? Is it easy to manoeuvre?
- ❑ Will the car fit on your driveway or in your garage?
- ❑ Can you afford the fuel bills, tax and insurance?

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