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Shortest Car Ownership Stories Worst Celebrity Cars On The Planet 11 European Cars You've Never Heard Of Defunct Car Brands And Why They Died 12 Car Names And What They Actually Mean 7 Outstanding Rotary Engine Swaps Everything You Need To Know About The Koenigsegg Jesko Attack The Loudest Cars We've Heard In Recent Years In New Jersey, anyone getting a license for a first time must pass vision, knowledge and road tests. New residents of the state who have a valid driver's license from another state can opt out of the knowledge and road tests when applying for a New Jersey license. The State of New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission, which oversees the licensing process, offers resources to help drivers pass the tests. Knowledge TestThe knowledge test consists of 50 multiple-choice questions answered on a computer at a New Jersey MVC driver testing center. You must score at least 80 percent and you'll receive your score immediately after finishing the test. To prepare for the knowledge test, MVC suggests: The New Jersey MVC gives the knowledge test in English, Arabic, Chinese, French, Spanish, Korean, Polish, Portuguese, Russian and Japanese, as well as offering oral versions in English and Spanish. Road TestIf you're under the age of 21, you must hold your driver's permit for at least six months before taking the road test. Permit holders over the age of 21 must wait three months. When you're ready to take the road test, call 609-292-6500 or visit a driver testing center to schedule your test. The test, which takes 10 to 15 minutes, covers: Driving in reverse Stopping and starting Navigating corners and intersections Using proper steering techniques Parallel parking Yielding and right-of-way To prep, review the information in the New Jersey driving manual and practice the driving skills the test covers with a licensed driver. If you fail the driving test, you must wait two weeks to take it again. When you visit the driver testing center for your test, bring along: Whatever identification you used when getting your permit Valid examination permit A licensed driver, who must stay in the vehicle at all times Graduated Driver's License plate decals Registered vehicle with current inspection sticker, auto insurance and a foot or parking brake accessible from the passenger seat You can't put it off any longer—a trip to the car dealership is in your near future. But how can you be sure that hunk of metal, plastic, and rubber you're eyeing is right for you? How can you best acquaint yourself with what will be not only one of your largest investments but also a trusted, long-term companion in your everyday life? A test drive, of course. Making the most of it is a simple matter of common sense, careful observation, and knowing what to look for. Read on for how to prepare yourself for this all-important experience and what to keep track of when taking a new car out for the first time.Do Your HomeworkDon't wander onto the lot to see what cars are available. By the time you show up at a dealership, you should already know what model(s) you want and what options you are interested in. Do your research ahead of time—our online buyer's guide is a handy tool—and make the initial trip solely for the purpose of getting behind the wheel. Additionally:• Drive your potential candidates back-to-back on the same day so you can make a proper comparison.• Consider bringing a friend along to keep the salesperson occupied and point out things you might overlook.• Although you should press to take the vehicle home overnight—as many dealers now allow—to get comfortable with it and see if it fits in your garage, at least make an attempt to come back at night to observe how well the headlights perform and how well the interior is illuminated.Getting AcquaintedOnce you're at the dealership, let the salesperson know you want to drive the vehicle(s) you have in mind and then you'll be comparing models and prices at other showrooms. Doing this should allow you to better focus on your prospective ride while communicating to the dealer that you're prepared to take your business elsewhere if an attractive offer can't be made.• Because certain options and powertrains can greatly alter the feel of a vehicle, it's important to drive the particular model and trim level you intend to purchase. If your dealer doesn't have the powertrain you are looking for, wait, or find one that does. Take your time, and thoroughly go over the car, taking notes and analyzing how the vehicle looks in the metal versus in photographs.• Although turning the key and mashing the throttle might be your first inclination on a test drive, instead walk around the vehicle and inspect it thoroughly.• Observe how certain features might become irritating in day-to-day use, such as inadequate storage cubbies and cup holders, as well as a trunk that is difficult to operate or has an opening that is too small or too high. (Are the running boards necessary, or are they just going to dirty your pant leg for more money?)• The driver's and front passenger's doors may be large and easy to open and close, but also examine the ease of entry and exit for rear-seat occupants, including ingress and egress to the third row of seats, if applicable, and how difficult it is to install a child seat.• Are the rear seats adjustable, comfortable, and sufficient in size, and do they fold down for greater cargo capacity?• Remember to review the vehicle's safety features, such as the number of airbags, active-safety electronics, and adjustable seatbelts.• If children will be riding in the vehicle, bring them along and let them evaluate the separate controls and amenities in the back seat (if they're old enough to drive themselves—and you'll actually let them—you probably should get them behind the wheel, too).• Take note of the vehicle's fit, finish, and general build quality. Examine certain items that serve as bellwethers for overall craftsmanship, including the quality of the sun visors, glove box, and seat upholstery, as well as the operation of the shifter and how soundly the doors close. • Find out if the vehicle takes premium or unleaded gasoline—or if it's a diesel and requires unique maintenance procedures. • If it's a convertible, how easy is it to raise and lower the top, and how much storage room is sacrificed when the top is stowed?• For larger vehicles, you'll probably want to review towing features and capacities and trailer-hitch type and height, as well as ensure that the proper trailer-electrical connectors are preinstalled at the factory or can be handled by the dealer. • For pickup trucks, how heavy is the tailgate, and what options are available to improve the usability of the bed?Going for a SpinNow you're ready to climb behind the wheel. Get situated, and take stock of how well the primary controls are laid out. Ergonomics can make or break a good car, and because we spend most of the time inside our vehicles, automakers are putting ever-more effort into differentiating interiors with more style, the latest technologies, and unique layouts. • Are the primary controls easy to use (is the clutch too hard or the steering too heavy?) and adjustable enough for you and other potential drivers to be comfortable? A telescoping steering wheel and adjustable pedals can be a big benefit in this regard, as driving position is determined by not only the driver's physique but also things such as the height of the dash and seats, the driver's distance from the steering wheel—which should be about 12 or more inches—and the ease with which the infotainment system can be operated. • Are the front seats comfortable and supportive (not too soft or hard)?• Are there sufficient gauges, readouts, and display screens that are easy to view and operate?• Don't forget to check the climate-control system and how effectively it pumps out hot and cold air. • As electronic gadgets play an increasingly important role in our daily lives, the vehicle's human-machine interface should be scrutinized. Bring your iPod along to check how good the stereo sounds, along with how easy it is to control the device once it is in sync with the entertainment system. • Are Bluetooth wireless, Wi-Fi connectivity, and voice activation offered, and how well do they function with your mobile device?• Is there ample room to conveniently place your gadgets while driving?• Is the navigation system intuitive to operate and accurate in its directions?• If the dealership won't let you borrow the car for the night, tell the salesperson you'll get a better feel for it if you go out alone, without any distractions. If he insists on coming, make it clear that you want to drive the vehicle on your terms and experience it on multiple road surfaces and at varying speeds—don't be coerced into a quick jaunt around the dealership on ultra-smooth roads. • See if the vehicle has enough power to safely merge with highway traffic and if the brakes have a solid, reassuring feel to their operation—but forget about doing your Sebastian Vettel impression for the salesperson. • Take several corners to evaluate the vehicle's composure when abruptly changing direction over rough surfaces as well as how smoothly the transmission operates when driving spiritedly. • Take the time to learn how to park the vehicle. Can you exit with the doors only partly open? How tight is the turning radius? Is the front end so low it scrapes on parking curbs? How difficult is it to parallel-park?• Visibility, or lack thereof, is another factor to consider when behind the wheel. High-style sheetmetal often means a higher beltline with small, gun-slit windows and compromised outward visibility. Observe how well you can see out in all directions, particularly through the rear window. Does the vehicle have dangerously large blind spots, and if so, does it have blind-spot monitors for assistance?• How much road noise protrudes into the cabin? Do the tires drone so much they could lull you to sleep on a long road trip? How much wind noise is there, and does the air buffet and rush into the cabin with the windows open?Reflect On Your DriveThe salesperson knows the best time to make a deal with you is when you return from a test drive, when the new-car smell is still fresh in your nose. But don't be swayed. Kindly avoid the salesperson's attempts to lure you back to his or her desk, and instead go see what the rest of the dealership experience is like. As you'll eventually have to return for service and/or parts, see how well these departments work with you and what the prices are for basic services. At this time you also should review your prospective vehicle's maintenance schedule. • How long are the recommended oil change intervals?• What are the terms of the warranty, and what parts are covered?• Is replacing expensive performance parts something you'll have to deal with while you still own the car? Many cars now come standard with upgraded performance brakes and high-performance or run-flat tires. Although these features may be a critical element to a vehicle's dynamic personality, they are expensive to replace and might require frequent maintenance. Make sure you know what you're getting yourself into.Once you've finished the test drive, go through the process with the other vehicles on your list, leaving time afterward to reflect on each vehicle and which one suits you best. Only after this should you return to the showroom and start the buying process. This level of preparation does not guarantee that you'll love your new car forever, but it is due diligence for a major purchase and will likely make you more confident in your final decision.Check out our Buyer's Guide for More Advice This content is created and maintained by a third party, and imported onto this page to help users provide their email addresses. You may be able to find more information about this and similar content at piano.ioEric Raptosh Photography/Blend Images/Getty Images The most important thing to remember when test driving a used car is you are the customer, and the customer is always right. You set the agenda when it comes to your test drive — not the sales rep or the owner if it's a private sale. If any aspect of the test drive makes you feel uncomfortable, walk away. Preparation is key. Make sure you're an informed used-car shopper before taking the test drive. A little homework will put you in a used car that exceeds your expectations. Also, this isn't the time to diagnose problems. That's not your goal during a test drive. You want to identify problems for your mechanic to inspect and offer solutions, including price. Don't try to solve a car's problems during the test drive. Claus Christensen / Getty Images Before you go to look at a used car, map out a driving route: Don't drive haphazardly and, certainly, don't let the owner direct the trip. Use Google Maps and Mapquest to help you plan your route. Make the test route a mixture of local streets, highways, and a big empty parking lot. Also, pack a notepad or recorder. They'll help you remember what you liked and disliked. Plus it can remind you what you want your mechanic to inspect. Don't bring the family along: They'll be too distracting. Do bring along a spouse or partner who is sharing in the decision-making process. If you have young kids, bring along car or booster seats to check their fit. Just don't bring the kids. You need to devote 100 percent of your attention to the test drive. Negotiate how long the test drive can be. Shoot for at least a half-hour. It's unlikely the owner will let you drive alone, but it's worth a shot. Also, ask for all the records of the car, including the owner's manual and maintenance records, and make sure the basic tire-changing tools are still with the vehicle. Westend61 / Getty Images Walk around the car. Look for chips in the windshield or excessive body wear. (There will be some chips and scratches on almost all used vehicles.) Lots of chips and scratches along the wheelbase could indicate that the vehicle was driven in less-than-ideal conditions. Ensure that the tires are properly inflated. Pop the trunk: Does it fulfill your storage needs? Open a grocery bag to see if it fits. Check if the trunk meets your recreational needs, too. Don't drag along your golf clubs, but a tape measure will come in handy. Also, look for signs of leaks. Ask if the back seat folds down for more space — and then make sure that it does. Take down the air freshener if it's hanging from the rearview mirror, and put it in the glove compartment. (Once you've finished driving, give the vehicle a good sniff test.) Don't be afraid to put your nose to the seats to see if any odors have sunk in. Look over the interior for any spots or stains. Odds are they're set for life if the owner hasn't cleaned them up. Elizabeth Fernandez / Getty Images Hop in and out a few times. Get a feel for how comfortable this is for you, how well the doors open and shut, and how heavy they are. Check if it's easy to reach the door handle. Climb in the backseat, too. Check whether the vehicle's going to be a good people hauler if that's important to you. Set the seat to your comfort. Are power seat buttons easy to operate when the door is closed? Don't compromise. You'll be spending tens of thousands of miles behind the wheel. Nothing short of perfect will do. Adjust the mirrors. See if the radio and air conditioning controls are within easy reach. Adjust the steering wheel. Does it tilt and telescope? Does the position fit you comfortably? Do the audio and cruise control buttons work? Test the A/C and heat to ensure that they blow cold and hot. Test the cold before heat because it takes awhile for an engine to warm up. Cold air should blow in less than a minute. Bring the temperatures to their extremes. Check the vents to see if they close and open smoothly. Hop in the backseat to ensure that the systems work back there, too. Get a feel for the transmission. Does the car shift easily from park to drive if it's an automatic? A loud clunk doesn't mean there's a problem per se, but make a note so your mechanic can check it out. A manual transmission should shift easily among the gears. The clutch should also engage the transmission easily. Turn the key: It's something you'll do at least twice a day for as long as you own the car. See if the car starts easily: not just how it turns over, but how much effort is needed to turn the key. Also, check how easy it is to remove the key. Finally, make sure the seller has two sets of keys and even a valet key. Keys can be expensive to replace. Gail Shotlander / Getty Images Drive responsibly: Avoid "jackrabbitting," where you press hard on the accelerator when you start to drive. You'll make the owner nervous and probably scotch the sale. However, don't hesitate to do it once you're comfortable with the vehicle. Just warn the owner. Look for how well the car merges onto the highway. Check what the visibility is like on local streets. See how easy it is to view traffic signals. When you turn the steering wheel does it respond promptly? Or, is there some delay in response? There should be no play in the steering wheel. Find a quiet area, get the car up to the maximum legal speed, and jam on the brakes. Check if the car pulls to the left or right. The brake pedal should have a firm feel. Soft or squishy brake response should be checked out. Check the alignment. When safe to do so, take your hand off the wheel and see if the car pulls in one direction. Do this a couple of times on different road surfaces. This test indicates potential front-end alignment issues. Then, find a bumpy surface: It could be an unsmooth road or a parking lot with speed bumps. See how the car responds after hitting bumps. It shouldn't wiggle like a bowl of Jell-O. Keep your mouth shut: This is an old trick that works with used car buying. People hate silence. It makes them want to talk. You'd be surprised how often owners will start talking about problems with the vehicle when a squeak or rattle presents itself. Play the stereo briefly and crank it all the way up to see if there is any distortion in the speakers. Go parking: Take the car into a parking lot. See how easy it is to park. (Urban dwellers should also parallel park the vehicle.) Parking lots can be a good low-speed indicator of a vehicle's visibility. Problems at 5 mph multiply exponentially on a busy highway. Westend61 / Getty Images If you're still interested after your test drive, ask the owner when you can bring the car to a mechanic. Never buy a vehicle that has not been independently inspected. You're opening yourself up to a lot of headaches. Make your notes right away with questions and concerns for your mechanic. Also, take a moment to rate the car. Use this evaluation system to help you out. If you have any doubts, walk away. There are plenty of other used cars for sale. Don't settle and get stuck with a lemon or a car you dislike.

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