



Buying a used EV checklist

Take this to the inspection. Battery health matters more than kilometres.

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Car, year and variant

Seller

Asking price

1. Before you see it

- ☐ **Run a PPSR check** (ppsr.gov.au) for finance owing, write-offs and theft.
- ☐ **Check for recalls** at vehiclerecalls.gov.au and ask if they've been done.
- ☐ **Look up the battery warranty:** years from first registration and kilometres, and whether it transfers to you.
- ☐ **Check the original battery size:** some models came with more than one.
- ☐ **Compare the price** with the same model new: big discounts on new cars hit used prices hard.

2. Battery health the most important check

- ☐ **Ask for a battery health (state of health) report** from a dealer, or use an OBD app and adapter for that model.
- ☐ **Charge to 100% and compare the shown range** with the car's range when new.
- ☐ **Ask how it was charged:** mostly home AC charging is gentler than daily fast charging.
- ☐ **Check for battery warnings or reduced-power messages** on the dash.
- ☐ **Ask whether the battery or modules have ever been replaced**, with paperwork.

3. Inspect the car

- ☐ **Test the charge port:** plug in to AC and, if you can, a fast charger. Check the port flap and latch.
- ☐ **Check the 12-volt battery age:** a weak 12 V battery causes many EV faults.
- ☐ **Tyres:** EV tyres wear fast, and replacement can be costly.
- ☐ **Look underneath for damage to the battery case** from speed bumps or kerbs.
- ☐ **Check the software is up to date** and the app account can be transferred.
- ☐ **Test the heating and air conditioning:** heat pumps can be expensive to repair.
- ☐ **Get a pre-purchase inspection** from a mechanic who works on EVs.

4. What should come with it

- ☐ **Portable charging cable** for a power point, and any type 2 cable.
- ☐ **Both keys or key cards**, and the app transferred to you.

- ☐ **Service history** and any battery or recall paperwork.
- ☐ **Home charger** if it's being sold with the house or car.

Tip: a battery at 90% of its original capacity loses about 10% of its range. Know what range you actually need before deciding what's acceptable.

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