



# SEVEN EXPERT TIPS FOR BUYING A PRE-OWNED VEHICLE

According to a recent Inrix traffic data report, motorists in metro Atlanta have the fourth longest commute in the U.S., behind only San Francisco, New York and Los Angeles. With such long commutes for Atlanta motorists, having a reliable vehicle is very important. Georgia's Clean Air Force, a partnership with the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD), offers six key tips to help motorists purchase a pre-owned vehicle.



## GET A FREE VEHICLE INSPECTION REPORT

See if the vehicle has a recent passing vehicle inspection report (VIR). Motorists can view a summary of the most recent reports for free at [www.cleanairforce.com](http://www.cleanairforce.com).



## BRING A MECHANIC TO A PRIVATE SALE

Private sellers are less obligated to work with you if there are any issues after the sale is made, so be sure to take a trusted mechanic with you to make sure you're not getting a lemon.



## RESEARCH THE DEALER

Read reviews for any dealerships from which you are interested in purchasing a vehicle. This can eliminate dealers that are untrustworthy or have negative comments about the vehicles they sell.



## REQUEST A CARFAX REPORT

Carfax reports give you the history of a vehicle, letting you know if the vehicle has been in an accident or any other negative events. Some dealerships will run this report for you, or you can easily run a report yourself.



## GET A PRE-PURCHASE INSPECTION

Have a pre-purchase inspection performed by a trusted third party. Most new vehicle dealers offer this service for about \$100.



## PERFORM AN ON BOARD DIAGNOSTIC (OBD) TEST

This test can let you know if the vehicle has had certain repairs or has undergone preventative maintenance. The device can be used manually or purchased as a Bluetooth OBD unit and app.



## CHOOSE YOUR SELLER WISELY

Sellers located outside of Atlanta's 13 metropolitan counties are not required to provide a passing emissions test at the time of sale. If you reside in one of the 13 metro Atlanta counties where passing an annual emissions test is required, you should take into consideration the location of your seller.