

What To Keep in Mind When Purchasing a Used Car

There always comes a time when we realise that our old cars are no longer working as they should be. This may be realised when you're trying to accelerate on the motorway and the car doesn't move as sharply as it once did. Or, it can be realised when you have sent your car in for a service and MOT and it fails its MOT with a long list of failures that are extremely pricey to repair.

Although you may be tempted to pay the price and restore for use for another year, in the long run this is not a good investment. To make better use of your money, it is recommended that purchasing a new car instead of trying to fix up your old one is a much better route to go down. This is easier said than done though, as you will most likely be paying more for a new car as opposed to paying the repairs on your old one. Whilst it cannot be denied that purchasing a new vehicle is expensive, there are ways in which you can cut down the costs involved. One of the main ways of doing so is by purchasing a second hand car.

How buying used cars can cut down costs

When some people think of purchasing a new car, the idea of purchasing one that is used does not often cross their mind. Without a doubt, having a brand new car all to yourself provides a great feeling of luxury and happiness. Nothing inside has been touched and the exterior has no scratches.

Yet the price tag that comes with having this feeling of luxury is high. Instead, it is worth considering buying a second hand car instead. Sure, there may be some scratches on the outside and a few bumps on the inside too but something you won't get with these cars as opposed to new cars is the negative effects of depreciation.

Depreciation is the difference in a vehicle's value when you first buy it and the value that it is when you come to sell it. Typically, this value decreases up to 50% after three years of the car's purchase. Yet this depreciation actually starts occurring as soon as you purchase it and have brought it home for the first time. Even if you haven't scratched anything it will still cost less than it did just a few hours before. To avoid such a frustrating situation, you can purchase a second hand car.

These [UK used cars](#) would have already experienced depreciation, especially so after their third year of use. This means that this discount gets passed onto you - the buyer! Not only does this mean that you will save money when you purchase the car, but you will also be able to avoid experiencing depreciation costs yourself when you go on to sell it in the future.

How to get the most for your money

Where you shop for the car influences the cost that you will have to pay. For a safe option, a branded dealership such as Vauxhall or Ford dealer will offer you cars that have been checked over and given a complimentary MOT and service. They may also offer an additional warranty for a certain amount of time on these cars as well. You can also shop at independent dealerships that sell a wide variety of car makes and models. Since these are smaller companies they may not invest as much money into each of their cars such as offering additional warranties and service, but they do have to abide by particular sets of rules and regulations.

If you really want to save some money on a car purchase, then you can try looking at private car owners who are selling their car themselves. As well as being more pushed for time to sell their car, they also don't have to follow as many regulations regarding the selling of their car. These limited rights of ensuring that the car is transferred properly and is as advertised help them to cut down on overhead costs and therefore sell the car to you for a lower price than the dealerships.

Resources:

- [Used Cars - Boosty](#)
- [Used Cars That Are for Sale - Central European Initiative](#)
- [Used Car Dealerships - Drupal](#)
- [Buy Used Cars - Muslim Association of Canada](#)
- [Used Vans - Notion](#)
- [Used Van for Sale - Populr](#)