**My first car safety checklist**

Use this checklist as a guide when shopping around for your car and add your own features to the list to reflect your own preferences or travel needs.

**Does the car meet your intended use?**

**Your requirements**

How many stars does the car have under a safety rating system?

The more stars the safer the car. Visit [**www.ancap.com.au**](http://www.ancap.com.au/) for new or near new cars. Visit [**www.mylicence.sa.gov.au/safe-driving-tips/safer-vehicles**](http://www.mylicence.sa.gov.au/safe-driving-tips/safer-vehicles) for older cars.

**Does the car have the following safety features?**

 Crash protection

 Crash avoidance

 Airbags

**More safety feature questions next page...**

Intelligent speed adaptation (ISA) system

Light coloured car which is highly visible

Automated daytime running lights

Curtain airbags and side impact protection

Reverse camera and/or sensors

Active cruise control

Cruise control

Traction control

Emergency brake assist (EBA)

Electronic stability control (ESC)

Load limiter seat belts

Anti-lock braking system (ABS)

Everyday commuting

Sufficient storage space to secure items

Long distance travel

Towing a boat/trailer

Side airbags

Knee airbags

Dual front airbags

Adjustable head restraints

Cargo barrier

Crumple zones

Seat belt pretensions

**Safety features**

General family motoring

Off-road use

**Intended use**



 Driver Comfort

 Driveability

*During the inspection and test drive, did the car operate to your satisfaction? Consider this in terms of:*

 Features to avoid

*Consider other drivers and road users (pedestrians/ cyclists) when you buy your car and avoid features that can cause unnecessary injury in the event of a crash.*

 Pedestrian Safety

*See* [***www.ancap.com.au***](http://www.ancap.com.au/) *for further information.*

You’ve done your research, you’ve shortlisted your cars and you’re aware of the safety features when you test drive a car.

The only thing left to do is negotiate your price.

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Good

Modifications (not to standard)

Acceptable

Unnecessary attachments

Marginal

Bull bars (non Australian Standard)

Poor

High powered vehicles

Turning circle

Cooling and heating

Ease of parking

Easy to use instruments/controls e.g. cruise control, wipers

Reversing

Good all round visibility with no obstructions/ blind spots from the driver seat

Suspension

Sufficient head and leg room

Braking

Adjustable steering wheel

Steering

Adjustable seatbelt height

Adjustable seating position

**High powered vehicle restrictions apply in For vehicles manufactured before 2010; vehicles with**

**South Australia to help protect young drivers.** - 8 or more cylinders

**High powered vehicles include:** - A turbocharged or supercharged engine (except diesel powered vehicles)

**For vehicles manufactured in or after 2010:** - Modifications to increase engine performance

* Any vehicle with a power-to-weight ratio greater than 130 kW/t - Nominated high performance vehicles
* Vehicles with any modification to its engine performance

**Fine and demerit point penalties apply.**

Visit **mylicence.sa.gov.au** to read more information about the allowed and prohibited modifications.

**Safety features continued**