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47-POINT TRUCK INSPECTION

CHECKLIST

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EXTERIOR – First 60 seconds

1. Truck sits perfectly level? (springs/frame)
2. Tire wear even all four corners? (cupping = alignment issues)
3. All four tires same brand & tread depth
4. Rust bubbles – cab corners, rockers, bed floor
5. Door/hood/tailgate gaps even both sides
6. Signs of repaint or overspray
7. Frame rails freshly undercoated (hiding rust?)
8. Bed bolts ever removed/replaced?
9. Evidence of front-end collision repair
10. Windshield cracks in driver's line of sight

UNDER THE HOOD

11. Oil cap – milky/chocolate milk = blown head gasket
12. Coolant correct color, no oil floating
13. Belts cracked or squealing
14. Tensioner/idler pulley bouncing
15. Radiator fins bent or clogged

16. Air filter filthy ("black death")
17. Battery terminals corroded / date code >5 yrs
18. Signs of EGR/DPF delete
19. Turbo oil lines weeping
20. Transmission cooler lines leaking

INTERIOR & ELECTRONICS

21. Odor – mold, smoke, pets
22. Seats torn or bolsters collapsed
23. Any warning lights on cold start?
24. A/C ice-cold within 60 seconds
25. Heater hot instantly
26. All power windows/locks/mirrors/seats work
27. Radio & all speakers work

TEST DRIVE

28. Cold start – how many cranks?
29. Excessive smoke on startup
30. Idle smooth or rough/lopey?
31. Transmission shifts firm & smooth (no slam/flare)
32. 4x4 engages cleanly
33. Brakes pull or pulsate?
34. Death wobble above 50 mph
35. Steering play or wandering
36. Suspension noises over bumps
37. Engine power strong for the model

UNDERNEATH & FINAL RED FLAGS

- 38. Frame rust-through or previous welds
- 39. Exhaust rust holes or missing cats/DPF
- 40. Fuel tank straps rusted
- 41. Rear diff or transfer case leaking
- 42. Fresh oil drips underneath
- 43. Mismatched VIN tags
- 44. Salvage/rebuilt title not disclosed
- 45. Seller refuses scan or lift inspection
- 46. Extremely low miles vs pedal wear
- 47. Seller mentions any “minor” leak

INSTANT WALK-AWAY TRIGGERS (see even ONE → RUN)

Frame patches • Milky oil • Fresh oil change right before you arrived • Hidden salvage title • Won’t let you scan or lift it

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Proverbs 22:1 – “A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches.”