

Peter Morgan Consulting Vehicle inspections

We use best efforts to identify problem areas on a subject car, but please note the inspection report is not a warranty or an insurance policy. In any event our maximum liability to you is limited to the cost of the inspection fee. Your attention is drawn in particular to clause 28 below, regarding our liability subsequent to the inspection.

In instructing us to perform an inspection you accept the following terms and conditions.

Terms and conditions

The following terms and conditions apply to any inspection performed by Peter Morgan Consulting (subsequently referred to as 'we', 'us' or 'our' here) for its private customers (referred to as 'you' or 'yours' subsequently)

The inspection

1. The vehicle inspection is based on a visual (non-intrusive) check of the external parts of the car and the presented documents.
2. We are not responsible for any latent defects that are not identified at the inspection, but which may be discovered afterwards. This particularly applies to cars that have been used (or are subsequently found to have been used) for motorsport of any kind, trackdays, cars that are more than three years old or have covered more than 20,000 miles.
3. The inspection is performed in good faith and we cannot be held responsible for non-disclosure or concealment of information about the vehicle's use, mileage or defects by the vendor (or representative). We also are not able to advise of faults if they are not visible or are concealed during the inspection.
4. The inspection only covers the areas indicated in the checklist and where defects are found, these will be indicated. We make every attempt to identify faults that might reasonably be found by a visual inspection.
5. The inspection will not include any major form of vehicle dis-assembly, but if considered appropriate may include the use of passive electronic diagnostic equipment.
6. The inspection will not include appraisal of the following items:
 - Oil and/or fuel consumption
 - Brake fluid condition or brake system condition
 - Engine cylinder condition or compression
 - The exact source of oil leaks
 - Exhaust emissions (other than visual)
 - The function of in-car entertainment systems, telephones, GPS and other driver aids
 - The function of alarm and immobiliser systems
7. We are unable to advise on the circumstances or suitability of certain defects giving rise to a claim against the vehicle supplier, vendor or any third-party warranty company. Such claims fall outside the scope of our inspection reports, which are accepted by you on this understanding
8. The comments on the condition of the car's consumable items (brakes, clutch, exhaust, shock absorbers, tyres, etc.), are based only on the visual inspection. Any predictions we give of remaining life expectancy are given on the basis that you accept this estimate can be variable.
9. If an item is not recorded as defective at the time of the inspection, this doesn't imply that it may not fail after the inspection.
10. If items are identified as needing repair, you may be given an approximate repair or replacement cost by us as a matter of goodwill. You should obtain an estimate for the item from a reliable specialist before using such repairs in negotiation with the vendor.

11. The inspection will only be performed in daylight hours, and we ask the seller to allow us to inspect the car safely on a hard standing, preferably sheltered and with enough space around the car to open all the doors, tail-gate and bonnet. It may be necessary to inspect the car in conditions of rain or snow. In such situations we will advise you of the areas of the car we have been unable to inspect satisfactorily. Please note detail defects (particularly paint finish) can be obscured by both weather conditions and vehicle dirtiness.
12. It is not always possible to perform an underbody inspection (for example, the seller may not permit it or the location may render it impossible). If this is not possible then we will indicate those areas of the inspection we have not been able to perform
13. We are not able to diagnose or identify certain types of faults or latent faults that may reside within the car's engine management system, its control software or hardware and any part of the electrical distribution hardware.
14. The inspection may, with the seller's permission, include a short road test. The road test will only be performed on vehicles with current road fund licence and MoT. If, due to circumstances beyond our control, a road test is not possible, the full fee will be payable. Any subsequent road test will be chargeable at an additional fee.
15. This road test will normally be no more than 5 miles in distance and will not evaluate the speed, cornering or ultimate braking performance of the vehicle. Road tests will be conducted within the limits of the prevailing road regulations. In some cases, this will restrict test speeds to 30 or 40mph. The road test will check the vehicle's driving behaviour is normal, and that its braking, steering, engine and transmission performance is typical for the age of the car. Where the vehicle is road tested in an urban environment, with urban speed or distance limitations, this will be indicated. Such restricted conditions can prevent full assessment of some operating behaviour defects (such as wheel or suspension vibrations, wind noise, etc).
16. You are advised to wait until the written report is made available before using the information to assist you on a decision about the car's purchase. The initial post-inspection verbal report is advisory only and should not be taken as a complete assessment. This is to allow us to properly consider the checklist results and photographic evidence before presenting the written report.

Scope

17. We will only perform inspections on cars manufactured by Porsche after 1965. Inspections on earlier Porsche models and different makes are considered on a vehicle by vehicle basis. We will not inspect specials, kit cars or cars that have been heavily-customised (beyond simple and recognised proprietary bodykits)
18. We are not able to diagnose or identify certain types of latent faults that may reside within the car's engine and engine management system, its control software or hardware and any part of the electrical distribution hardware. This inspection does not include any kind of internal engine internal examination and cannot predict such latent failure modes (see below).
19. A very small number of water-cooled Boxster, Cayman and 911 engines are believed to have suffered unpredictable engine failure with problems affecting cylinder liners, crankcase castings and the intermediate shaft and its support bearings. Other longer term and progressive failure modes include internal 'bore scoring', occasionally from quite low mileages. These and other failure modes will often not show themselves in a way that is identifiable during a non intrusive pre-purchase inspection performed away from the workshop. The bore scoring problem can already be established, with the symptoms totally invisible until the bores are sufficiently worn to cause noise, oil loss and/or smoking from the exhaust (or a combination of any or all of these). In these circumstances the true extent of internal engine condition can only be established within the workshop environment by using an optical probe and is outside the scope of this inspection. The procedure is involved and requires removal of heat shielding, the coil packs and spark plugs. The engine has to be turned over manually and the probe inserted into each cylinder in turn to establish the exact condition of the bores. If you require further peace of mind on this issue, we suggest such a workshop examination of the engine before any purchase.
20. Inspections on the early 911s and special models are made only on the car's condition and our acceptance of your instructions to view the car is made on the basis that in the case of

high value or collectible models, you will perform wider due diligence to establish the authenticity of the specific example.

21. The inspection does not replace servicing or maintenance requirements or the annual VOSA test. The car will not be checked for compliance with Construction and Use Regulations and the inspection does not include stress or weight tests on any part of the car including, without limit: seats or their fittings, seat belts or their mountings, seat harnesses or other adaptations, or their security. The contents of first aid kits are not examined and we are unable to assess the condition of collapsible emergency wheels.
22. Please note that we are unable to verify the accuracy of the odometer reading, but will report on this and the back-up documentation to support the reading (if available).

Timing

23. We will perform the inspections as soon as it is reasonably possible to do so (and accepting the seller may impose access conditions). We will not be liable for any delay in or failure to perform the inspection.
24. Once you instruct us to perform the inspection, we will arrange the appointment with the seller at the earliest mutually acceptable date.
25. The inspection will take place during daylight hours. If the inspection takes place outside, poor weather may restrict the scope of the examination.

Complaints

- 26 In the event of complaint about our service, please contact us before any relevant remedial work is attempted by a third party. We ask to be given reasonable opportunity and time to consider your complaint and, if necessary to re-inspect the vehicle at a convenient location (to be agreed by both parties). The costs for delivering the vehicle to that agreed location will be yours.

Legal

- 27 The car inspection is performed solely for your use and should not be used by any third party for any purpose.
- 28 Neither we, our directors, employees, agents or sub-contractors (if any) shall be liable for any costs or expenses associated or connected with any repair bills arising in connection with the inspected vehicle (whether for problems identified or otherwise during the course of the inspection or subsequently discovered), direct or indirect damages, direct or indirect loss of business, direct or indirect loss of profits, direct or indirect loss of goodwill, direct or indirect loss of capital, consequential damages or economic loss of any kind arising directly or indirectly from or in connection with this inspection, whether resulting directly or indirectly from a breach of contract, negligence, or breach of statutory duty.
Nothing in this clause is intended to limit or exclude our liability or that of our directors, employees, agents or sub-contractors (if any) for death or personal injury caused by negligence.
29. Under no circumstances will we be liable to any third party in contract, tort (including negligence) or otherwise for any loss (direct or indirect or consequential) that any third party may incur as a result of any information supplied by this inspection.
30. These Terms and Conditions are governed by the laws of England.

Fees

31. All fees are chargeable on the day of the inspection (from 05.00) and orders are accepted on the basis that you have read and agreed with these Terms and Conditions.
32. There will be no charge if you cancel by close of business (18.00) on the day before the planned inspection.
33. If we arrive at the location and, due to circumstances outside of our reasonable control, we are unable to perform the inspection, we will charge 50% of the fee to cover our costs and expenses. This includes the situation where you have made the arrangements with the seller to allow the inspection to take place and then the car is unavailable.

34. Once we arrive at the inspection location and begin the inspection, you will be liable for the full fee.
35. All amendment or cancellation fees and charges shall, if applicable and at our discretion, be deductible from the pre-booked inspection fee, or shall be payable by you upon receipt of a request for such fees.
36. Should a fault or faults be discovered on a vehicle by the inspection, and you request subsequent re-inspection to check fault resolution, an additional fee will be chargeable.

Copyright

37. The inspection document and results are copyright to Peter Morgan Consulting Ltd. It shall not be copied, transmitted or shared with any third party without our written permission.

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