

BASIC INFORMATION

OBO: "or best offer"

At: automatic transmission

4spd: transmission with 4 speeds

Stick or 5spd: manual transmission

Ac: air conditioning

Fwd: front wheel drive

Pw: power

Pdl: power door lock

Sunrf: sunroof

Mpg: miles per gallon

Check for cars: www.cars.com

Check for prices: www.kbb.com

Verify the title: www.carfax.com

ASK THE SELLER

How many people have owned this car?

Are you the last owner?

Are you a dealer?

Has this car been involved in any accidents?

Is there anything wrong with the car?

Why do you want to sell the car?

What is the VIN number? (for title verification)

BEFORE YOU GO AND BUY THE CAR

- Get your driver's license
- Get your car insurance

Driver's License:

- You can buy a car without a driver's license
- You cannot get insurance without a driver's license
- You may be able to get insurance with your home country's license or your international license, if you already have one
- You can get a driver's license without a social security number but not all DMV office staff may know this is possible

INSPECT/CHECK OUT THE VEHICLE

Look at the:

- Tires
- Exhaust
- Radiator
- Engine
- Engine light
- Transmission
- Windshield
- Exterior lights
- Odometer – compare with title
- Color – compare with seat/interior color

CHECK OUT THE TITLE

Make sure the title is signed in the correct place. If there is anything wrong with the title, don't buy the car yet. You will be the one with the problem.

The seller needs to give you:

- Title
- Safety & odometer inspection proof
- Lien release (notarized)
- Bill of Sale (signed by seller)
- Keys (original and all copies)

Make sure you have received everything before turning over the check.

When YOU sell the car, also make sure you remove the license plates, if you have purchased/will be purchasing another vehicle.

AFTER YOU BUY THE CAR

Get the car inspected

Call the insurance and give them the VIN (vehicle identification number)

Go to the DMV (Department of Motor Vehicles) within 30 days of purchase and get the tags, for which you need:

- Everything the seller gave you (from the list above)
- Application form (also signed by dealer if purchase is not from a private seller)
- Proof of insurance
- Property tax receipt or tax clearance form (from Kansas City or Raytown City Hall)
- Money (don't forget about sales tax, local sales tax, fees, etc.)

USEFUL LINKS:

Licensing your car: www.dor.mo.gov/mvdl/motorv/

Title information: www.dor.mo.gov/mvdl/motorv/titling.hrm

Selling a vehicle: www.dor.mo.gov/mvdl/motorv/selling.htm

A FEW DMV OFFICES:

615 East 13th Street, suite 11

Kansas city, MO 64106

816-842-4100

6138 Raytown Trafficway

Raytown, MO 64133

816-737-1100