



## What secrets could a used car be hiding?

### Free from debt?

If the car still has money owing it could be repossessed by a finance company without warning.

### Written off?

If the car has previously been reported as written off it could be damaged and dangerous.

### **Recalled?**

If the car is on the Takata airbag recall list it could be faulty and dangerous.

### Stolen?

If the car has been reported as stolen it could be reclaimed by police.

Be confident. Do a \$2 PPSR used car search.

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# Buying a used car? It could be hiding secrets.

Be confident. Do a used car check.

Buying a car is an exciting prospect – it gives you independence and freedom!

It's important to check if a used car is hiding any secrets. Before you buy a used car privately you should check its history for any problems that could put you and your money at risk.

It's easy to be confident when purchasing a used car with the Australian Government's PPSR check.

There are other things you should also consider before buying – such as getting an inspection and insurance.

Different services have different costs – do a \$2 PPSR search at ppsr.gov.au/check-my-car to learn more.



#### Step 1:

#### Have your mobile and a credit/debit card ready

The 'Quick Motor Vehicle Search' is an easy online tool — have it ready with your debit/credit card when you go to inspect a car.

#### Step 2:

#### Find the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)

The VIN is a car's unique identifier. It has 17 numbers and is usually stamped on a small metal plate which is attached to the car.

#### Step 3:

#### Fill in the key information, and results appear instantly.

Search results will be available immediately on-screen, and a copy will be emailed to you.

#### Where is the VIN?

Check the car boot lid or under the spare tyre



Check front and rear doors and inner door frames

Check under your front or rear wheel arches

Check under the bonnet at the front or rear of the engine



**Example VIN** 

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