



Tips for Buying a Used Car

Most used car sales are “as is”. This means you are buying a car in the condition it is in at the time of purchase.

For cars with *more than 75,000 miles*:

- Dealers must inspect the motor and drive train.
- Dealers are required to provide a written disclosure of any problems they know of (or should know of) based on that inspection.
- It is the responsibility of the buyer to read the written disclosure before purchasing the car.
- See [NRS 482.36661](#).

If you purchased a car with more than 75,000 miles, and the car is having mechanical problems almost immediately after the sale:

- Take the car back to the dealer for an inspection and repairs.

If you purchased an extended warranty/protection plan:

- Generally, warranty and protection plans do not cover costs for common services like fluid flushes, oil changes, or replacement of small parts.
- Review the terms to see whether the repairs are covered.
- Be sure to understand what services/parts are covered and what services/parts are excluded before purchasing an extended warranty or protection plan.
- The dealer should take care of repairs covered by your warranty/protection plan.

If you did not purchase a warranty/protection plan, and the dealer will not cover the repairs:

- Take the car to a licensed mechanic to get a written estimate of the needed repairs.
- If major repairs are required which were not included in the written inspection disclosure from the sale, and the dealer knew about the problem, or should have known about it, you can file a complaint with the Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).
- DMV complaints must be made within 30 days after purchase ([NAC 482.266](#)).
- If you make a complaint after the 30 days, generally the DMV will not investigate the claim.
- You also have the option of pursuing monetary damages in small claims court.