

A Car Buyer's Checklist

What are you going to use the car or truck for?

(Check as many as apply.)

- Going to and from work
- Transporting kids
- Hauling equipment
- Long-distance travel
- Going to and from activities (biking, skiing, etc.)
- Other: _____

Based on that, what type of car makes sense?

(Check one or more to research.)

- Sporty two-door coupe
- Four-door sedan
- Hatchback
- Wagon
- Minivan
- Full-sized van
- Truck (small, medium or full-sized pickup)
- Sport utility vehicles (four-wheel drive*)
- Two-wheel or four-wheel-drive car
- Luxury car

**Four-wheel-drive vehicles get better traction on snow and ice than two-wheel drive cars, but they cost more.*

What standard features and options do you want?

Engine:

(Write choices in spaces provided.)

How many cylinders and valves? _____

A four-cylinder engine will get better fuel economy than a six-cylinder engine. Three valves per cylinder is common in older cars; most new cars have four valves per cylinder to increase acceleration with no fuel economy loss.

Carburetor vs. fuel injection. _____

Fuel injection is standard in newer cars and improves fuel economy and acceleration.

Automatic or manual transmission. _____

If you buy an automatic, having an overdrive option will save on fuel costs.

