

Suburban Inspection Checklist

Initial Inspection - Exterior

- Body straight – left, right, rear, front
- Body panels color match and no orange peel paint – left, right, rear
- Panel spacing – left, right, rear, front
- Uneven gaps – hood – left, right, front
- Uneven gaps – liftgate
- Body dents & scratches - left, right, rear, front
- Under hood straight & original – left, right, front
- Trunk space straight & original – left right, rear
- Tire condition, date, and match
- Wheel condition
- Signs of rust or body repair – knock on panels or use magnet
- Other exterior damage
- Rear window pops open
- Rear hatch stays up
- Doors shut tight
- No cracks or pits in windshield or windows

Initial Inspection - Interior

- Smell – smoke or pets?
- Seats & roof liner – rips, tears, wear spots
- Dash cracks or peeling
- Carpet - stains, rips, wear spots

Initial Inspection - Engine

- Oil leaks – top & bottom of engine
- Oil leaks – transmission, rear main seal, rear differential, transfer case
- Oil level
- Coolant level
- Oil sheen in coolant
- Sludge under filler cap
- Power steering & brake fluid level
- Start-up smoke from tailpipe
- Start-up noises – lifter tick?
- Dash warning lights not illuminated
- Rev engine sound
- Rev engine smoke from tailpipe

Functionality - Interior

- Heater
- AC
- Fan speed and modes
- Heated seats – high and low
- Windows up and down
- Driver window auto up and down
- Rear view mirror adjust – driver & passenger
- Lock and unlock with switch & key
- Stereo & speakers
- Front wipers & wash
- Rear wipers & wash
- Rear defrost stays illuminated
- Dash lights
- Interior lights
- Dash lights
- Rear climate control
- Sunroof open and close and no sign of leaks
- All seat adjustments work

Functionality - Exterior

- Headlights – low and high beam
- Turn signals – front and back
- Brake lights – left, right, and 3rd
- Reverse lights
- Fog lights
- Hazard lights

Functionality - transmission

- Shift park to drive smooth
- Shift park to reverse smooth
- Switch 2H to Auto 4WD engages
- Shift to neutral then switch to 4High engages
- Shift to neutral then switch to 4Low engages
- Shift to neutral then switch to Auto4WD engages
- Switch to 2H engages

Test Drive

- Acceleration strong and no smoke out back
- No vibrations or whining noises at highway speed
- Transmission shifts smoothly up and down through all gears
- Quick stop with no pull left or right
- No noise when braking
- Start out in first gear, manually shift up to 2nd and 3rd gear and D to assure smooth shifting
- Speed appropriate manual downshift to 3rd smooth
- Speed appropriate manual downshift to 2nd smooth
- Tow/haul engages
- Vehicle tracks straight when hands briefly and safely off steering wheel
- Turns are smooth and easy, minimal slop in steering, and no whining sound
- Vehicle at operating temperature
- Oil pressure good and reacts to RPMs
- Volts 14+
- Fuel gage works
- No squeaks when going slowly over bumps
- No squeaks or clunks when going quickly over bumps
- No clunks when slowly cornering right & left
- No clunks when slowly reversing right & left

Post Test Drive Inspection

- Leave running and check trans. fluid level
- Burning smells or smoke in engine bay
- Idle consistent
- Cooling fan turns on
- Belt & hose condition
- Parking brake holds
- Scan for codes and resets
- VIN matches Title
- Owner's Manual

Vehicle info

- Year _____
- 1500 or 2500
- Model: Base LS LT
- Miles _____
- Accessories noted in ad:

Asking price _____

Retail value _____

Wholesale value _____

VIN _____

VIN check

Maintenance records

Items to bring

- Flashlight
- Blanket or towel to lie on
- Gloves
- Paper towels
- OBD II reader
- Cash