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## Must-Do Checks Before Buying a Used Audi

### Step 1: Inspect the Service History

The very first thing you should request is the vehicle's complete service history. A well-maintained Audi will have detailed records, often from authorized dealers or specialty shops that understand the brand's specific requirements. Service records offer strong reassurance, confirming that what you see isn't just surface-deep.



### Step 2: Visually Inspect the Exterior and Interior

The exterior of the car can reveal a lot about how it was maintained. Look for even paint quality, consistent panel gaps, and properly aligned doors and trunk lids. Minor chips and scratches are normal, but signs of mismatched paint, excessive dents, or poorly repaired collision damage suggest a rougher past.

### Step 3: Look for Signs of Good Mechanical Health

Even if you aren't a mechanic, you can spot some vital signs under the hood. Open it and look for clean, leak-free surfaces. Fluids should be at proper levels, and there shouldn't be any signs of dried coolant, oil seepage, or loose wires.



### Step 4: Take It for a Test Drive

A test drive reveals things that even the cleanest service records and sharpest appearance can't hide. Pay attention to how the car accelerates, brakes, and handles. A well-cared-for Audi will respond immediately and smoothly to throttle inputs. The steering should feel precise and balanced, with no vibrations or pulling to one side.

### Step 5: Pay Attention to Technology Features

Modern Audis come packed with advanced technology like adaptive cruise control, lane assist, virtual cockpits, and infotainment systems. These features need to work perfectly to deliver the premium experience you expect. Before you buy, thoroughly check the operation of all tech features.



### Step 6: Avoid Common Pitfalls

Not every issue is obvious at first glance, but there are specific red flags that you should look out for, like musty smells, rust in odd places, mismatched tires, cheap brake parts, or off-brand sensors suggesting corners were cut during maintenance.

### Step 7: Invest in a Pre-Purchase Inspection

Even after a thorough personal inspection, you should always invest in a professional pre-purchase inspection (PPI) before finalizing your decision. Look for a certified technician or trusted specialty shop that offers Audi pre-purchase inspections in Salt Lake City or your nearest area. A qualified tech can uncover hidden problems you might miss.

