

Pajero Pre Purchase Inspection Checklist

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Print both pages. Take a torch, a magnet, a rag and a friend. Tick every line before you make an offer.

VEHICLE AND SELLER

- ☐ Year and model
- ☐ Variant and engine
- ☐ Odometer reading
- ☐ Asking price R
- ☐ Seller name
- ☐ Seller phone
- ☐ Viewing address
- ☐ Date and time

DOCUMENTS SEEN BEFORE VIEWING

- ☐ NaTIS registration certificate photographed
- ☐ Title holder field read and recorded
- ☐ Seller ID matches registered owner
- ☐ Service book photographed, every page
- ☐ One service stamp confirmed by phone with the workshop
- ☐ Roadworthy certificate date checked
- ☐ Microdot certificate present
- ☐ Vehicle status code confirmed as Code 2
- ☐ Free write off check run at the SAIA VIN Lookup site
- ☐ Paid history report run for finance and stolen status

NUMBERS VERIFIED AT THE CAR

- ☐ VIN on engine bay plate
- ☐ VIN on dashboard through windscreen matches
- ☐ VIN on driver door pillar matches
- ☐ VIN matches the registration certificate
- ☐ Engine number on the block
- ☐ Engine number matches the registration certificate
- ☐ VIN plate rivets undisturbed, no fresh paint

COLD START, ENGINE STONE COLD

- ☐ Engine confirmed cold on arrival
- ☐ No rattle from the front of the engine in the first five seconds
- ☐ No rattle that continues after oil pressure builds
- ☐ No blue smoke at idle
- ☐ No white smoke lingering after warm up
- ☐ No squeal or wobble at the crank pulley
- ☐ Dipstick oil level correct
- ☐ No diesel smell in the engine oil
- ☐ No glitter in the engine oil
- ☐ Coolant is the correct HOAT type, not green or orange
- ☐ No oil film or mayonnaise under the oil cap
- ☐ Idle steady, no hunting

BODY AND RUST

- ☐ Rear wheel arches, outside and inner tubs
- ☐ Tailgate lower edge and seal
- ☐ Sunroof drains clear, no staining at the pillars
- ☐ Sills and seams under all four door rubbers
- ☐ Panel gaps even down both sides
- ☐ No overspray on rubbers, glass or trim
- ☐ Paint depth consistent, no colour mismatch in daylight
- ☐ All lights, lenses and indicators intact

UNDERBODY AND CHASSIS

- ☐ Frame rails checked with a torch, both sides
- ☐ Rear crossmember solid, probed for rot
- ☐ Body mounts sound, bushes not crushed
- ☐ No fresh underseal hiding repairs
- ☐ No welded plates or filler on structure
- ☐ Front differential dry
- ☐ Rear differential nose dry
- ☐ Rear sideshaft seals dry
- ☐ Propshaft universal joints free of play
- ☐ Constant velocity boots intact, no thrown grease
- ☐ Tow bar condition and ball wear noted
- ☐ Tyre inside edges free of feathering
- ☐ All five tyres same brand, date codes under five years
- ☐ Spare wheel present and inflated

DRIVETRAIN AND SUPER SELECT

- ☐ 2H engages, dash indicator correct
- ☐ 4H engages, indicator stops flashing and goes solid
- ☐ 4HLc engages, indicator solid
- ☐ Stopped and in Neutral, 4LLc engages within a few seconds
- ☐ No grinding on any transfer case change
- ☐ Drives cleanly in 4LLc for fifty metres
- ☐ Releases from 4LLc back to 2H without a fight
- ☐ Rear differential lock engages and disengages, if fitted
- ☐ No clicking at full lock in either direction
- ☐ No driveline clunk on take up

INTERIOR AND ELECTRICS

- ☐ All windows up and down, both directions
- ☐ Climate control cold on every mode
- ☐ Carpets dry in all three rows
- ☐ Third row seats fold, latch and belt correctly
- ☐ All seat belts extend and retract
- ☐ Every warning lamp lights on ignition then goes out
- ☐ No stored fault codes on a scan tool
- ☐ Cruise control, wipers, mirrors and lights work
- ☐ Two keys supplied and both start the car
- ☐ Seat, pedal and steering wheel wear matches the odometer

TEST DRIVE

- ☐ Brakes only for the first 200 metres, no pedal pulsing
- ☐ Clean take up from standstill
- ☐ No flare between second and third
- ☐ No delayed or harsh engagement
- ☐ Tracks dead straight at 100 to 120 km/h
- ☐ No suspension knock at 60 to 80 km/h on gravel
- ☐ No differential whine on a coast down from 80 km/h
- ☐ Temperature gauge steady on a long hill under load
- ☐ No black smoke under sustained load
- ☐ No power loss or warning lamp after a hard run
- ☐ Idles two minutes after the drive with no new drips underneath

WALK AWAY TRIGGERS

- ☐ Code 3 or built up status
- ☐ VIN or engine number does not match the papers
- ☐ Outstanding finance the seller will not disclose
- ☐ Seller is not the registered owner and cannot explain why
- ☐ Timing chain rattle that does not clear
- ☐ Refusal of an independent inspection
- ☐ Engine already warm on arrival, twice
- ☐ Pressure to pay a deposit before viewing

BEFORE YOU PAY

- ☐ Independent inspection booked and report received
- ☐ Written quotes obtained for every fault found
- ☐ Offer calculated as asking price minus quoted repairs
- ☐ Settlement letter obtained direct from the finance house, if financed
- ☐ Payment made to the bank, not the seller, if financed
- ☐ Banking details verified by phoning the bank on a number you looked up
- ☐ Meeting arranged at a bank branch or police station
- ☐ Funds confirmed reflected before keys change hands
- ☐ Notification of Change of Ownership signed and original NaTIS handed over
- ☐ Registration and licensing application submitted within 21 days

FAULTS FOUND AND QUOTED

Fault	Quoted repair cost
Total off the asking price	R

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