

Auto Salvage Fraud

Don't get stuck with a flood car.



- Select a reputable car dealer.
- Inspect the vehicle for water stains, mildew, sand or silt under the carpets, floor mats, headliner cloth and behind the dashboard.
- Inspect the interior upholstery and door panels for fading.
- Check for rust on screws in console or areas water normally doesn't reach.
- Check for mud or grit in the spare tire compartment, alternator crevices, behind wiring harnesses, around the small recesses of starter motors, power steering pumps and relays.
- Check for moisture, mildew or grime inside the seatbelt retractors.
- Check door speakers as they will often be damaged due to flooding.
- Have a certified mechanic inspect the vehicle prior to purchasing it.
- Inspect the title and ownership papers for any potential salvage fraud.
- Look under the hood for signs of oxidation.
- Aluminum and alloys will have a white powder and pitting.
- Check to see if a vehicle may have been flooded using VINCheckSM at www.nicb.org.
- Trust your instincts. If it sounds too good to be true, walk away.



Text "Fraud" and your tip to TIP411 (847411)

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