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Check before you buy. Is that used car...

- ✓ free from debt?
- ✓ safe from repossession?
- ✓ not reported written off?
- ✓ not reported stolen?



Available online, 24/7

It costs just \$3.40

www.ppsr.gov.au



Personal Property
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Why check the PPSR?

If you're buying a used car from someone who isn't a licenced motor dealer – the car may still have finance owing on it.

If the previous owner stops making payments, a finance company might be able to repossess it without paying you a cent!

Check it's debt-free **just before** you buy to give you peace of mind.

The PPSR is also handy to check other second-hand goods, such as motorbikes, caravans, boats, tractors and more.

What will you need to do an online search?

- credit card (\$3.40)
- vehicle identification number (VIN)
- your email address

Click on the [quick motor vehicle search at www.ppsr.gov.au](http://www.ppsr.gov.au)

What is the VIN?

The VIN (vehicle identification number) is the unique identifier of the car you want to buy. It's usually stamped on a small metal plate which is attached to the car. The plate can vary in size and shape. Some have a lot of information, some don't.

The VIN is usually found under the car bonnet, the side door frame, the front wheel arch or the driver's side dashboard close to the windscreen.

A VIN has 17 numbers and it could look like this:

