

PORSCHE 944 BUYING CHECKLIST

CAR: _____ VIN: _____ DATE: _____

ENGINE AND TIMING BELT SYSTEM	✓	NOTES
Verify timing belt replacement history - should be changed every 30k–40k miles		
Check oil leaks front crankshaft seal, balance shaft seals, cam housing, oil pan		
Look for coolant leaks from water pump, thermostat housing, and hoses		
Look for blue smoke from the exhaust - could be worn valve seals or piston rings		
Even / smooth idle - rough idling could be vacuum leaks or fuel injection issues		
For 944 Turbo, check boost pressure issues or excessive turbo lag		
TRANSMISSION AND CLUTCH	✓	NOTES
Check for smooth gear shifts - 2nd or 3rd grinding gear suggests synchro wear		
Clutch engages smoothly - stiff/high-biting clutch could be worn clutch disc/plate		
Look for clutch master/slave cylinder leaks - can cause soft/sinking clutch pedal		
Listen for whining/droning noises at speed - could be torque tube bearing issue		
SUSPENSION AND STEERING	✓	NOTES
Control arm bushings & ball joints - if worn can cause clunks/uneven tire wear		
Look for sagging rear suspension - could be tired torsion bars or worn shocks		
Check for loose steering feel - may mean worn tie rods or steering rack bushings		
Inspect power steering system for leaks - pay close attention to the pump		
BRAKING SYSTEM	✓	NOTES
Firm brake pedal feel - spongy pedal could be air in lines or bad master cylinder		

Check for brake fluid leaks around calipers and brake lines	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Look for warped rotors, which cause vibration during braking	<input type="checkbox"/>	
If equipped with ABS (944 S2, Turbo S models), verify that it functions properly	<input type="checkbox"/>	
ELECTRICAL SYSTEM & ELECTRONIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NOTES
Test lights, wipers, horn, and power windows—slow window motors are common	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Inspect fuse & relay panel for corrosion - weak grounds cause failiures	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Check that the pop-up headlights work - sticking or slow motors are common	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ensure instrument gauges function, especially the fuel and oil pressure gauges	<input type="checkbox"/>	
INTERIOR AND UPHOLSTERY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NOTES
Look for cracked dashboards, a common issue due to sun exposure	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Inspect seat bolsters for tears or excessive wear, particularly on sport seats	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Check for sagging headliners, especially in 944s with sunroofs	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Feel under carpet for damp - could be leaks from failed sunroof or window seals	<input type="checkbox"/>	
FUEL SYSTEM AND EXHAUST	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NOTES
Smell for fuel in the engine bay or cabin - could be leaking fuel injectors/hoses	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Listen for excessive exhaust noise - may be leaking exhaust manifold or cat issue	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Inspect fuel pump and filter for leaks or signs of clogging	<input type="checkbox"/>	
BODY AND RUST INSPECTION	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Check rust - battery tray, lower fenders, wheel arches, rocker panels, floor pans	<input type="checkbox"/>	