

AutoShack Weekly Tip



- In last week's tip, we talked about salvage vehicles, what they are and some of the things to look out for when buying one.
- **Here is a recap from last week about how vehicles become salvage.**
 - Collision
 - Theft
 - Weather damage (hail, flood)
 - Fire
 - Vandalism
 - Biohazard
- In this week's tip, we discuss the other lookout factors and draw the curtain on this topic.

There are thousands of cars for sale at auctions...but how can I navigate through the chaff?



- **SAFETY!!! (First things first)**

- Don't take this for granted.
- A large number of import 'accident' vehicles have serious safety concerns.
- Airbags may have already been deployed.
- Instead of performing the necessary repair to ensure customer safety, some dealers just remove the deployed airbag and cover the airbag location(s).
- Ensure your family's safety. Make sure new airbags are installed. A life may depend on it.
- Seat belts may not be working properly.
- Make sure you have the seat belts tested or do it yourself as soon as you get the vehicle and take necessary steps as needed.

Instead of installing new airbags, some dealers just remove the deployed air bags and cover up the installation areas. You may not be adequately protected in a crash.



- **Consider a pre purchase inspection**

- If the vehicle you're buying is being imported, the sale is pretty much final and you'll have to deal with the outcome of your purchase, good or bad.
- Prior to forking out any cash to purchase the vehicle, consider having the vehicle inspected by a reputable shop with no ties to the vehicle seller.
- It will surely give you peace of mind and help you make an informed decision regarding the vehicle's purchase.
- If you need assistance with vehicle purchase/inspection click the link below to check out the AutoShack Vehicle Inspection service on our website

http://m.autoshackghana.com/site/?page_id=285&imz_st

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- **Collision**

- Most of the vehicles imported are collision vehicles.
- Your best bet is a vehicle with rear collision and damage above the bumper if possible.
- Purchasing a vehicle with frontal collision may be okay. We recommend you use an expert not just a car dealer to make an assessment. Most dealers are not car experts; they are business men.
- As mentioned in last week's tip, avoid vehicles with frame damage.

- **Biohazard**

- In auction jargon, biohazard means there are blood stains in the vehicle.
- Biohazard tags don't say if bleeding was minor or major.
- So if you're queasy about blood, biohazard vehicles may not be for you.

- **Theft**

- A vehicle is considered a theft salvage if it's been lost for more than 30 days. After 30 days the insurance company writes it off.
- If it's found after 30 days it's taken to the salvage yard and new documents are made for it.
- Theft cars usually have little damage and are great buying options.

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