6 TIPS FOR BUYING A USED VEHICLE IN GEORGIA'S 13-COUNTY EMISSIONS TESTING AREA

Did you know? 13 COUNTIES

Georgia law requires that all sellers of gasoline-powered cars and light-duty trucks located within metro Atlanta's 13-county testing area (Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding, and Rockdale) have a current, valid passing vehicle inspection report (VIR) if the buyer plans to register the vehicle in the 13-county testing area.

TIPS TO CONSIDER WHEN BUYING A USED VEHICLE:

1 First confirm that the vehicle you may purchase has a current, valid passing VIR before purchasing it.

How to look up a VIR: Vehicle inspection reports (VIRs) can be obtained on the Georgia's Clean Air Force website at www.cleanairforce.com using the vehicle identification number (VIN). A guide entitled "Buyer Beware: What To Do Before Buying A Used Vehicle" is available (in both English and Spanish) from the website as well.

2 Have your mechanic perform a pre-purchase inspection of the vehicle.

3 Ask to see service records for the vehicle.

4 Determine if the vehicle is offered with a warranty, and if so, what is covered and what actions invalidate it.

5 Ask the seller to provide the CARFAX or other vehicle history report. If the seller is unable or unwilling to do so, consider obtaining a vehicle history report on your own using the VIN.

6 Research any recalls, technical service bulletins, and manufacturer warranties for the vehicle.

To learn more, visit **www.cleanairforce.com.**

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