

6 THINGS YOU MUST DO

ON YOUR NEXT TEST DRIVE

A long, thorough test drive can be the difference between car ownership bliss or constant headaches, so the experts at Autotrader named six things shoppers should add to their test drive to-do list.

1. Bring along people and stuff

Your test drive should mimic the way you use your car day-to-day, so you need to bring the people and items that typically ride with you.



2. Request a longer test drive

Make sure you test the road in your typical driving conditions— through neighborhoods, on the highway, and in rush hour traffic if your daily commute has you in tenuous stop-and-go traffic.



3. Drive on rough roads

One of the most important places to go on a test drive is on rough roads. You don't want to buy a car and discover later that the ride is too jarring.



5. Park the car in various scenarios

We strongly suggest attempting to park the car in some real-life situations, like in a crowded parking lot and even a parallel parking space.



4. Drive on curvy roads

You'll want to try a road with some curves in order to feel the physics of the car and see if the steering and handling is adequate for your needs.



6. Test the infotainment system and connect your phone

Make sure that pairing your phone is easy, that the system is user friendly and that the graphics on screen are large enough to read at a glance.

