

Discovery 4 & 5 | Quick 40-point check

Before travelling, paperwork, engine and maintenance

Registration: _____

Model / engine: _____

Mileage: _____

Viewing date: _____

Seller: _____

Price £: _____

Tick one result per applicable check. Investigate = evidence or specialist advice needed. Attention required = a fault or work to assess before buying. Leave untested items blank; note N/A where not fitted.

A | BEFORE YOU TRAVEL & PAPERWORK

CHECK / WHAT TO LOOK FOR	SATISFACTORY	INVESTIGATE BEFORE BUYING	ATTENTION REQUIRED
01. MOT history: mileage consistent; review failures and advisories	☐	☐	☐
02. Current MOT: expiry checked; unresolved advisories explained	☐	☐	☐
03. History check: finance, theft and write-off status checked	☐	☐	☐
04. VIN / registration / seller details match the vehicle and documents	☐	☐	☐
05. Outstanding recalls checked; completion evidence where available	☐	☐	☐
06. Service invoices: dates, mileage and model-specific schedule	☐	☐	☐
07. Timing belts / chains: confirm requirements for this engine	☐	☐	☐
08. Two keys work; service and repair claims supported by evidence	☐	☐	☐

B | ENGINE, COLD START & FLUIDS

CHECK / WHAT TO LOOK FOR	SATISFACTORY	INVESTIGATE BEFORE BUYING	ATTENTION REQUIRED
09. Cold start: starts readily; listen for unusual knocks or rattles	☐	☐	☐
10. Running: smooth idle; no persistent smoke or warning messages	☐	☐	☐
11. Engine / intake: look for leaks, damaged hoses and oily mist	☐	☐	☐
12. Coolant: correct cold level; visible leaks or dried residue?	☐	☐	☐
13. Engine oil: check level using the correct model procedure	☐	☐	☐
14. Belts / hoses: inspect visible condition without touching moving parts	☐	☐	☐
15. Brake fluid / coolant: ask for service or test evidence	☐	☐	☐
16. Diesel emissions / AdBlue, if fitted: warnings or countdown?	☐	☐	☐

C | SUSPENSION, BRAKES, TYRES & UNDERBODY

CHECK / WHAT TO LOOK FOR	SATISFACTORY	INVESTIGATE BEFORE BUYING	ATTENTION REQUIRED
17. Ride height: sits level; air suspension raises / lowers if fitted	☐	☐	☐
18. Suspension / steering: knocks, creaks or looseness on road test?	☐	☐	☐
19. Brakes: visible wear; smooth braking without pull or judder	☐	☐	☐
20. Parking brake: applies, releases and holds correctly	☐	☐	☐
21. Tyres: tread, damage, uneven wear, sizes and spare checked	☐	☐	☐
22. Visible underside: corrosion, damaged parts or fluid leaks?	☐	☐	☐
23. Exhaust / brake pipes: visible damage, leaks or corrosion?	☐	☐	☐

Safety: inspect from a safe position. Never go underneath an unsupported vehicle or open a hot coolant cap. Test drive only with permission, suitable insurance and when safe.

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Electrics, test drive and your buying decision

Applies to Discovery 4 and 5, subject to engine, equipment and specification. A viewing cannot confirm every fault; ask a specialist to assess uncertain findings.

D | ELECTRICS, INTERIOR & WATER INGRESS

CHECK / WHAT TO LOOK FOR	SATISFACTORY	INVESTIGATE BEFORE BUYING	ATTENTION REQUIRED
24. Carpets / headlining: damp, stains, musty smells or water ingress?	☐	☐	☐
25. Battery / starting: starts strongly; no low-battery warning	☐	☐	☐
26. Air conditioning: cooling works; check heating and fan controls	☐	☐	☐
27. Windows, mirrors, seats, locks and sunroof: test fitted functions	☐	☐	☐
28. Screen, cameras and parking sensors: work without freezing	☐	☐	☐
29. Tailgate: opens, closes and locks; D5 powered panel if fitted	☐	☐	☐
30. Seats / belts: condition and operation; powered folding if fitted	☐	☐	☐
31. Towbar / socket, if fitted: security and operation checked	☐	☐	☐
32. Exterior lights: headlamps, brake lights and indicators work	☐	☐	☐

E | TEST DRIVE & AFTERWARDS

CHECK / WHAT TO LOOK FOR	SATISFACTORY	INVESTIGATE BEFORE BUYING	ATTENTION REQUIRED
33. Gearbox: smooth cold / warm changes; no slip, thumps or flare	☐	☐	☐
34. Acceleration: pulls smoothly; no hesitation or reduced-power mode	☐	☐	☐
35. Drivetrain: unusual vibration, humming or knocking?	☐	☐	☐
36. Steering: tracks straight; no abnormal noise on gentle turns	☐	☐	☐
37. Brakes: consistent stopping; no pulling, vibration or warning	☐	☐	☐
38. Low range / Terrain Response: check only where fitted and safe	☐	☐	☐
39. Warning lights: no new engine, gearbox or suspension warnings	☐	☐	☐
40. After driving: look for fresh leaks, unusual smells or new faults	☐	☐	☐

F | EVIDENCE & NEXT STEPS

Ask for a diagnostic report; a clear scan is not a guarantee. Consider gearbox / drivetrain servicing evidence and future costs. Get written repair quotes without counting jobs twice. Arrange an independent inspection where condition or history is uncertain.

NOTES / QUESTIONS / WORK TO BUDGET FOR (REFER TO CHECK NUMBER)

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