



## ***Deal with Someone You Can Trust***

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## **Press Release**

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### **Pre-Purchase Inspection Benefits**

Buying a vehicle privately carries a real safety risk because the seller does not have to make sure the car is safe. A licensed dealer on the other hand must ensure the vehicle they sell is roadworthy.

For a small price of \$275.00 (including GST) a buyer can have the vehicle inspected to identify anything that may require attention. Buyers are far better off finding out if a car requires expensive repairs before handing over money.

All MTA inspection stations have been rigorously checked to ensure that every inspection is done professionally and competently. One of the advantages of the MTA's service is that once the report is done, it can be emailed to the customer and there no need to wait for a posted hardcopy.

The MTA service is not just for buyers. If a person is selling a car they can have an inspection completed and prospective purchasers can view the report when deciding if they want to buy the car.

More Facts;

- MTA pre-purchase inspections use a system from Axis Universal capable of bookings, allocation, storage, and dissemination of inspection reports.
- Prospective purchasers can book an inspection by phoning 1300 MTA 123 (1300 682 123)
- The booking/allocation system will then electronically transfer data to the inspection stations' PDA (computer) including vehicle details and customer's details.
- The inspection will be performed by the independent authorised user and upon completion data from the completed inspection will be transferred back to the management system, held by MTA NSW.

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- The inspection report, held in electronic form, can then be emailed to the client, placed on a website (portal), printed and posted or printed by the operator and given to the client at the time of inspection.

### **How will the Pre-Purchase Service Operate?**

The MTA will license independent businesses to conduct the inspections. These businesses will be required to ensure that employees examining vehicles attend face to face training by an authorised user conducted by the MTA and themselves.

Accredited inspectors must abide by specific rules. Any breach of these rules could result in their approval to conduct inspections being terminated permanently.

### **Peace of mind for car buyers**

#### **MTA Approved Inspection**

The Motor Traders' Association of NSW is now ready to provide peace of mind for car buyers with a pre-purchase car inspection service. A similar service was previously provided by a motoring association but discontinued twelve months ago.

It left a big hole that required 12 months of planning and testing by the MTA to gear up in readiness for the new service.

The Motor Traders' Association (MTA) is the peak industry body for the motor industry in NSW. Its members are governed by a "Code of Ethics" in their dealings with consumers.

The MTA's new pre-purchase inspection service provides purchasers of used motor vehicles an inspection report on a vehicle they are interested in buying.

A report delivered in hard copy and electronically will inform purchasers of the overall condition of the vehicle.

The fully electronic inspection system allows a qualified operator to enter the required information into a Personal Digital Assistant (PDA) similar to a laptop computer, and this data is then transferred to a central management system for storage, dispersal and display, as required/requested by the customer.

The software for this system is owned by Axis Universal, a division of the Manheim (Fowles) Auction Group. Currently the system is used to conduct in excess of 160,000 vehicle inspections per year.

The pre-purchase inspection service will operate out of MTA NSW offices.

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