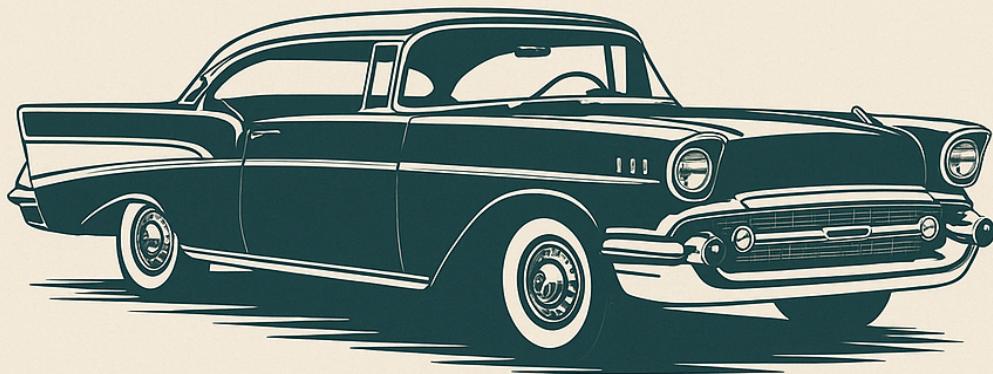


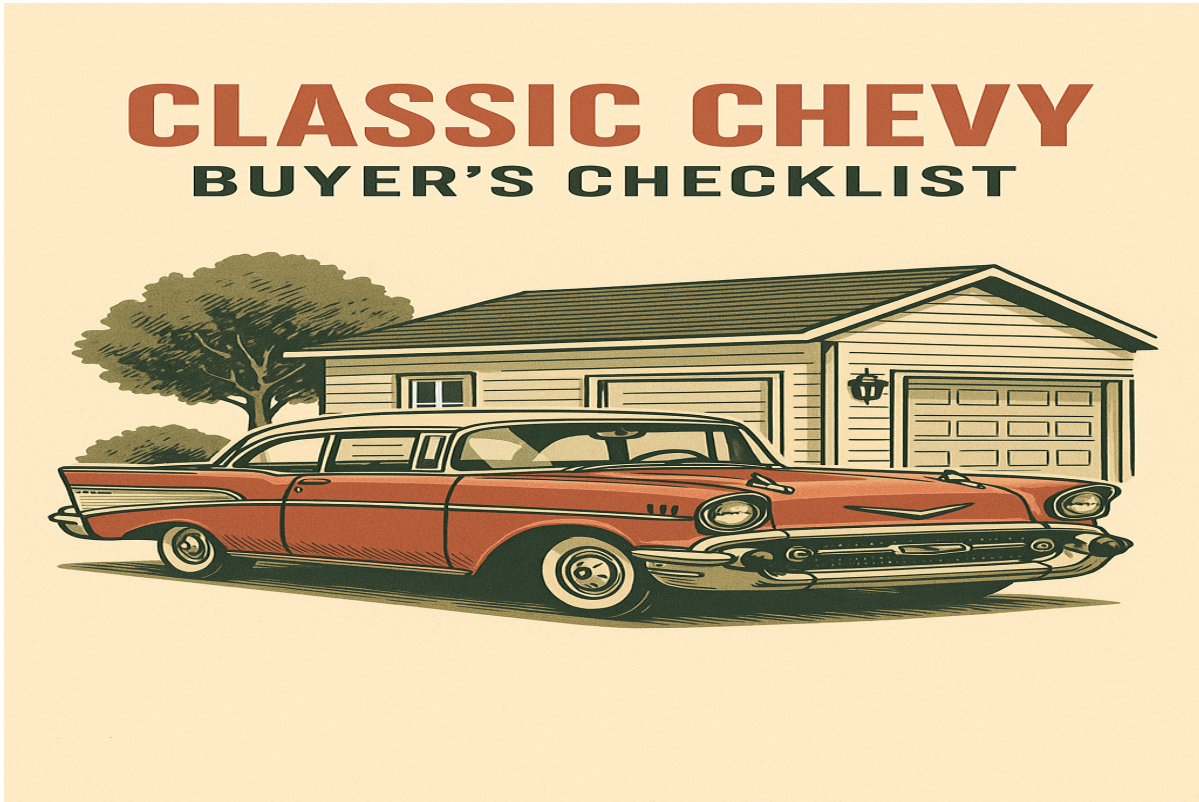
Classic
CHEVY
BUYER'S CHECKLIST



**A Step-by-Step Guide to Inspecting
& Buying Your Dream Classic Chevy**

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Introduction



Buying a classic Chevy isn't just a purchase — it's an investment in history. This checklist helps you evaluate condition, authenticity, and value so you don't end up with costly surprises.

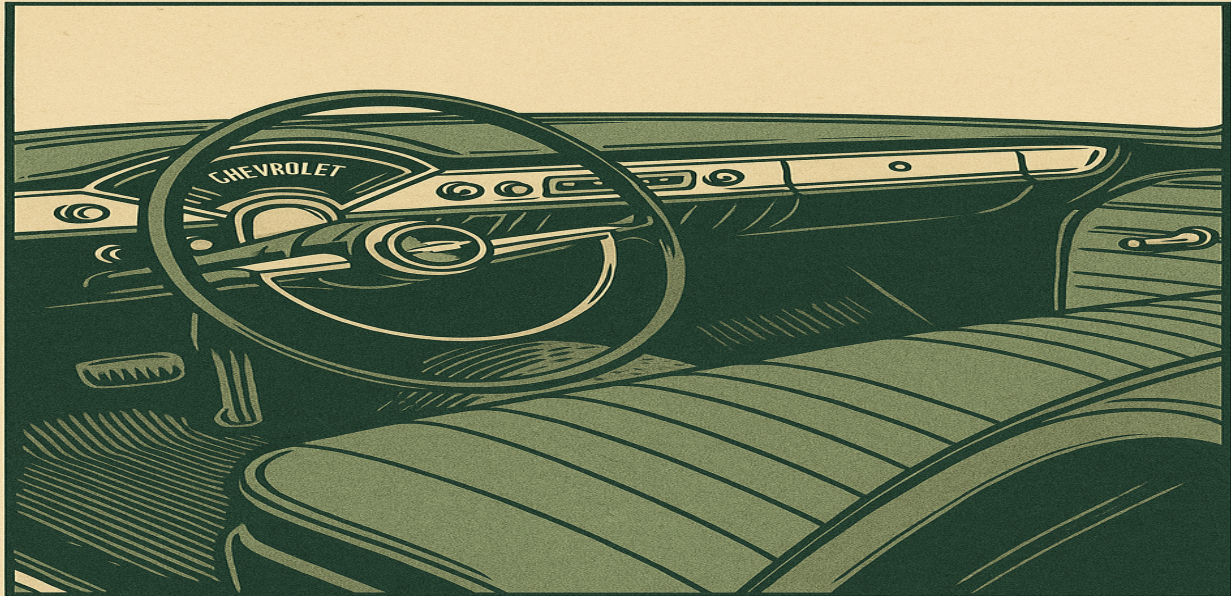
Exterior Inspection



- Look for rust hotspots: wheel wells, floor pans, trunk, rocker panels.
- Check panel gaps — uneven gaps may mean crash damage.
- Inspect chrome & trim — originals add value, reproductions lower it.

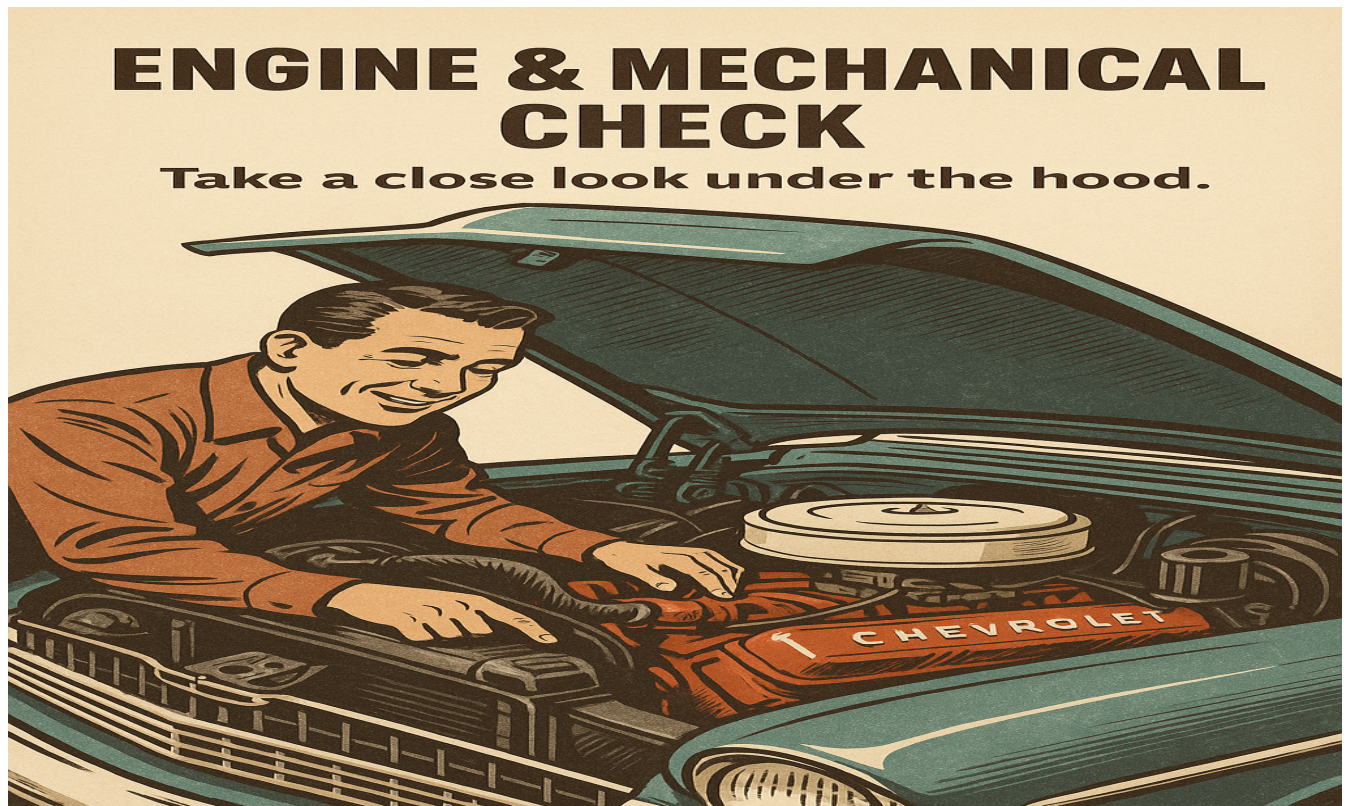
Interior Inspection

INTERIOR INSPECTION



- Original seats, dash, and gauges increase value.
- Watch for mismatched upholstery or aftermarket modifications.
- Test all electronics: lights, horn, wipers.

Engine & Mechanical Check



- Verify matching numbers (engine & transmission codes vs. VIN).
- Check for leaks, smoke, or rough idle.
- Suspension: bounce test, worn shocks, sagging springs.
- Brakes: pull to one side? Spongy pedal? Red flag.

Documentation & VIN Verification

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- Verify VIN matches engine, frame, and title.
- Request build sheet, Protect-O-Plate, or dealer invoices.
- Cross-check with Chevy VIN decoders.

Red Flags & Deal Breakers

RED FLAGS & DEAL BREAKERS



AVOID COSTLY PITFALLS

- Fresh paint with no documentation (could be hiding rust).
- No paperwork or unclear VIN history.
- Mismatched numbers if you want collector value.
- Overly low price = usually a reason.

Budget & Negotiation Tips

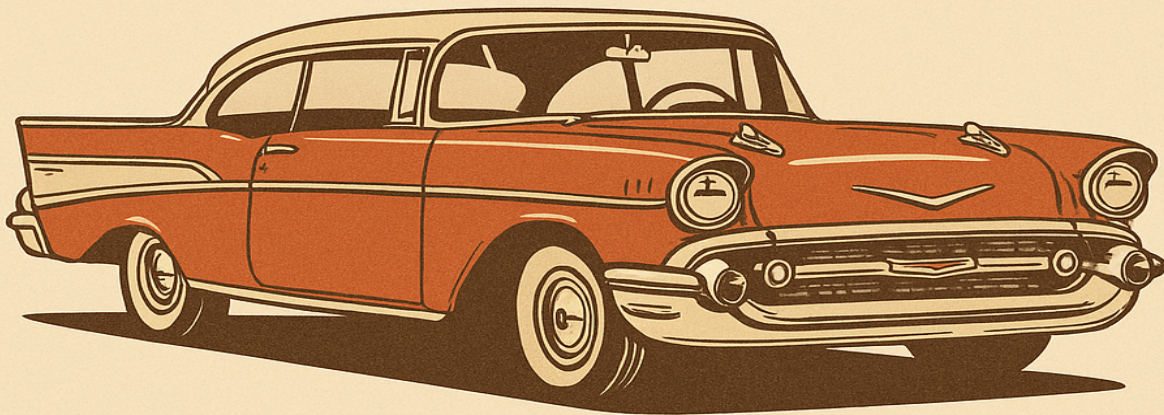


- Factor in restoration costs (parts + labor can exceed purchase price).
- Use flaws as negotiation points (needs new upholstery, chrome, tires).
- Never rush — there will always be another Chevy.

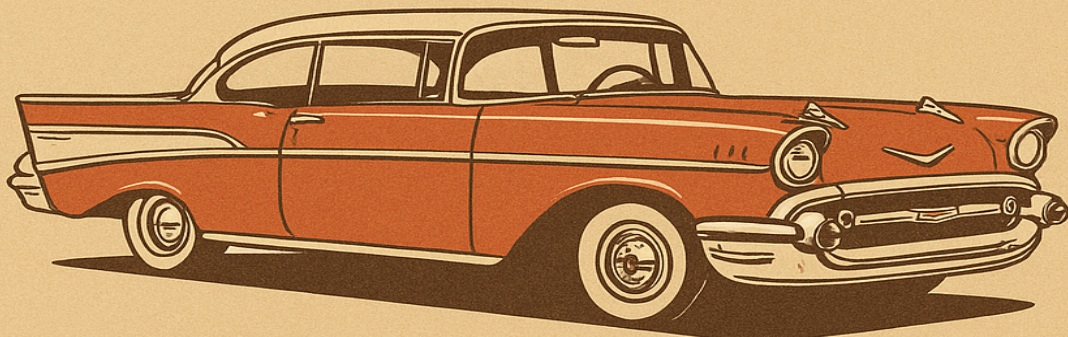
Quick-Use Checklist

- Check rust spots
- Verify VIN matches docs
- Inspect trim & chrome
- Confirm engine #s
- Test brakes & suspension
- Review paperwork
- Ask seller's restoration history
- Compare to market value

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