

USED CAMERA CHECK

Run through this before paying.

Not sure what kind of camera this is?

CHECK THESE FIRST

Damage and lens

- ☐ **No serious cracks, dents or impact damage**
- ☐ **No green, white or rusty corrosion in compartments or contacts**
- ☐ **Lens is clear of misty haze and branching, web-like fungus**
- ☐ **Built-in lens extends, zooms and retracts cleanly several times**
COMPACT / BRIDGE
- ☐ **Lens mount has no visible damage, bent contacts or play**
DSLR / MIRRORLESS

Operation

- ☐ **Camera starts and shuts down normally several times**
- ☐ **Focus works repeatedly on nearby and distant subjects**
- ☐ **Main buttons, dials, wheels and shutter button respond correctly**
- ☐ **Mirror and optical viewfinder behave normally**
DSLR
- ☐ **Electronic viewfinder has no flicker, dead area or switching fault**
MIRRORLESS / BRIDGE / SOME COMPACTS

Files and essentials

- ☐ Several test photographs save and play back correctly
- ☐ Full-size files show correct focus and no lines, partial frames or corruption
- ☐ Battery is not swollen, leaking, corroded or unusually hot
- ☐ Replacement battery for the exact model is realistically available
- ☐ Compatible memory card—and a reader if needed—are available
- ☐ Price makes sense beside recent sold examples in similar condition

IF YOU HAVE TIME

Thorough condition check

- ☐ Battery and card doors, hinges and latches are intact
- ☐ Screws are present and not heavily marked by repair work
- ☐ Lens rings turn smoothly; no grinding, sticking or excess play
SEPARATE LENS / MANUAL CONTROLS
- ☐ Both sides of a detailed photograph are similarly sharp
- ☐ Plain-wall or clear-sky photograph shows no serious sensor marks

Secondary functions

- ☐ Rear screen works at every tilt or swivel angle
- ☐ Stabilization improves repeated slow-shutter photographs without abnormal noise
WHERE FITTED
- ☐ Flash fires repeatedly and recharges
IF YOU WILL USE IT
- ☐ Video records and plays back with sound
IF VIDEO MATTERS
- ☐ Needed ports work with the correct cables
ONLY PORTS YOU WILL USE



Correct charger, cables and essential accessories are included or priced

A completed check does not guarantee the camera is healthy. It means you looked at the right things before deciding.

Need the reason behind a check? Read the [full buying guide](#).