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# 10 Ultimate Secrets To Buy Best ¾ Ton Truck

Buying a Truck is never easy especially when you want to buy used truck. When you are buying a new truck it is easier because you don't have doubts' about the functionality of the truck and the equipment.

However in most of the cases many people are choosing to buy used truck over the new truck to save money but in these cases you need to perform detailed truck inspection in order to [protect yourself from additional repair expenses](#) or in the worst case from ending with a used truck that can't be properly repaired to serve you well.

## 1. Check if Someone of Your Friends Have a 3/4 Truck for Selling

When you want to buy truck first thing that you need to do is contact your friends and ask if they have a truck for selling. Buying from people that you personally know is always a step forward from a good deal. That person will never sell you a truck that is in a bad shape.

First and the most important they will inform you about the history of that and the possible problems that you may face in future and next may give you a good friendly price. We all know how the selling of used vehicles is performed. In the first look, the used truck can be extremely polished that you won't be able to notice the cracks of that deal until is too late.

Anyway a person that you know will never sell you a story how that truck is in the perfection shape if that is not a true, he will point the negative side and let you decide if you still want to buy that truck or he will honestly tell you „Sorry but this truck is not for you”

## 2. Check the Online Platforms

If you can't find a friend that is selling 3/4 truck the second option is to check the online platforms. These platforms are great for finding trucks. The cool thing is that you can search through hundreds of trucks and choose the one that fulfills your needs.

These online platforms can make the job easier since you have the information like

- Power of the [truck engine](#)
- Information about the 1st Registration
- Capacity
- Mileage ...

But wait... after you find the right truck for you now you need to go there and check the condition in person. You saved precious time for searching and now you need to be careful with the checkups.

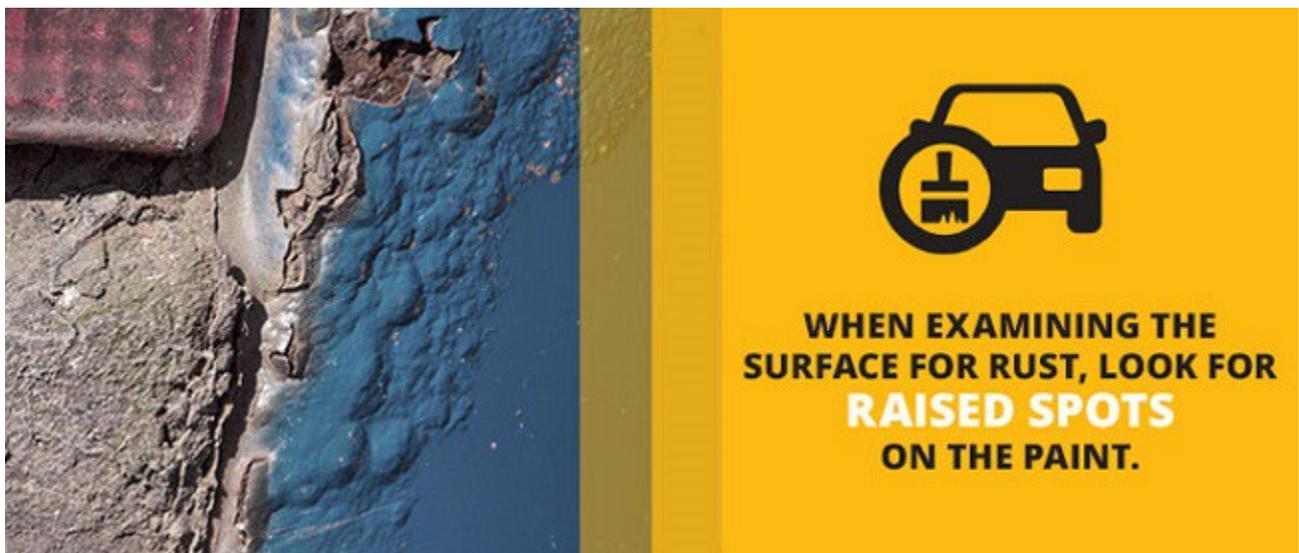
### 3. Check the Papers

Check the papers to see if they match with the truck that you have in front of you. Respect everybody but most of all yourself. Don't let the flow take you away from the important things. Always trust the facts, not the face.

Be present and don't let be charmed and disrupt from the important things.

### 4. Check the Truck Surface for Rust

This step is very important and needs to be made because if the surface of the truck is rusted the safety of the load is compromised. The rusted truck surface can make your truck be not reliable for transportation.



Source: [www.empire-tnt.com](http://www.empire-tnt.com)

- Check the surface of the truck in daylight, and do that very carefully and detailed. I will tell you that the rust checks are the first things that the dealerships are inspecting on a used truck so you conclude how important is to make this right.
- Be aware that the rust may be under the surface and not easy for revealing. Lean your head to check the surface for raised spots and if you find one know that one sneaky rusty spot is hiding from you under that bubble.

## **5. Know the Reasons for Selling**

Asking direct questions especially when you are face to face with the person that you are expecting the answer is the number one tactic to get the honest answer even if the person is not telling you the truth. The body language will tell the right information.



Source: [www.cliparts.co](http://www.cliparts.co)

Remember it is your right to know what happened to that truck, before it ends in that lot. Everything you need to do is to ask the question and wait for the reaction. Like I said before be focused and don't let to be charmed with that salesman talk.

If he tries to change the subject be aware that he might be hiding some defects that can cost you a lot if you decide to buy that truck.

## 6. Check the Doors and the Windows

Check every part of the truck that can be opened. Defects of these parts can be a sign of bad truck maintenance. If the previous owner didn't care for the doors he might not be that concerned for the other parts of the truck.



Source: truckdrivingindustry.blogspot.com

## 7. Check the Truck Tires For Cracks or Defects

Checking the tires for proper tread is important thing that needs to be performed don't forget to [check the tires for cracks and other deformities](#).

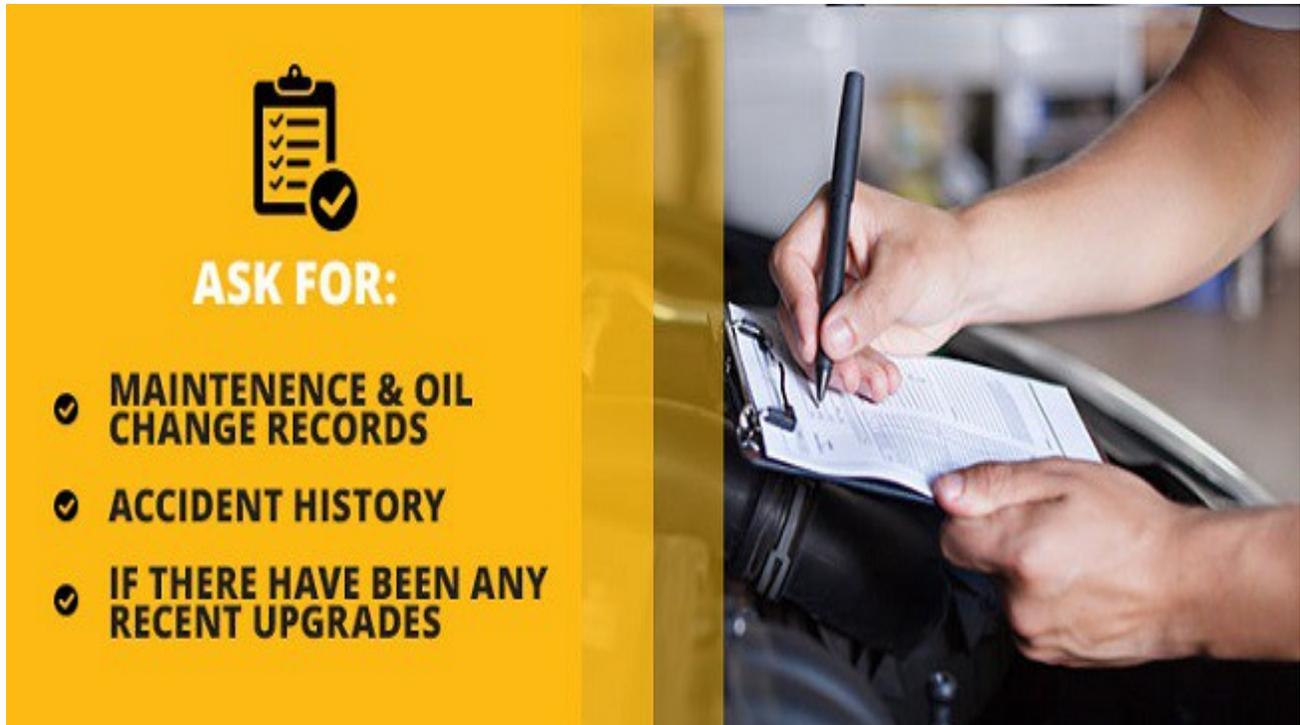
The defects can be sign for:

- Overloaded truck
- Underinflated tires
- Truck that was parked on wet places/moisture

The [truck tire](#) can tell you the history of the truck. If the tires were placed in moisturized ground that means that the rest of the truck can be exposed to corrosion.

## 8. Check the Brakes

What is a truck without brakes? I would say a beast out of a cage in the middle of a crowd. 80% of the trucks have drum brakes and the problem with these [truck brakes](#) can be corrosion which can increase the risk of a crash.



Source: [www.slideshare.net](http://www.slideshare.net)

Because we are talking about a used truck which means that the truck was few years in service I have to mention that [NHTSA's](#) require from the owners that have trucks older than 7 years to:

- Keep close look on the brake system for any signs of corrosion
- Perform regular professional inspections for loss of brake fluid

That is why you need to check the brakes visually by yourself for noticeable problems and before you pull the wallet from your pocket take truck to a professional service center to remove the wheels and check the entire brake system for defects.

## 9. Check the Engine

Pull the hood and check if there is any sigh of leaks. The leaks don't have to point a major and unfixable problem but still it means that you need to visit a [repair shop](#) and spend few bucks more to fix the problem.

- Start the engine to run for 5-10 minutes and listen carefully for strange noise
- Look closely for smoke – if the smoke coming from the exhaust means that might be a sign of burning oil



The infographic features a dark background with yellow dashed lines at the top and bottom. At the top, the text reads "BRAKES should be in **THE BEST CONDITIONS**". On the left, a semi-truck is shown in profile. To its right, text explains that a semi-truck is a large vehicle and that its stopping time is longer when loaded. On the right side, a brake disc is shown with text stating that it is essential for the brakes to be in the best conditions.

**BRAKES** should be in **THE BEST CONDITIONS**

A semi-truck is a **large vehicle**.

And when it is plying on the road, it is usually loaded.

As a result, the **time it takes to stop is longer** than that required by the other vehicles.

So, it is essential for the **brakes** of the semi-truck to be of the **best conditions**.

Source: [www.detaildaddy.com](http://www.detaildaddy.com)

A close look on the engine can show you how the engine was maintained.

- Dirt
- Corrosion
- Bad Cables
- Moisture

### 10. Perform a Test Drive

As a truck driver, you know that the practice can reveal defects that were hidden from you. When you are buying a new car you want to test drive it and I am talking about a new car.

If we test drive a new car then we should triple test drive a used truck. Feeling the vehicle how realistically performs will give you a wider picture of the truck performance.

Drive it for a while to feel the power of the machine and in that way, you will check how that truck is performing on different terrain incline.