

Vehicle Condition Overall Grading

Grade 7, 8, 9 or S - Given to a new vehicle that is being sold in an auction, with only delivery mileage.

Grade 6 - Like the vehicle above but with a little more than delivery mileage.

Grade 5 - A vehicle with exceptionally low mileage and in mint condition.

Grade 4.5 – A Vehicle in excellent condition but can also have mileage of up to 100K.

Grade 4 - Very good condition vehicle, mileage is not an issue (could be low or high).

Grade 3.5 - Like a grade 4 but may need more paint and panel work. Alternatively, it may have high mileage.

Grade 3 - Often has either serious paint and panel, or it has had a panel replacement somewhere. Grade 3 cars can also be basically grade 3.5s in terms of condition, but with very high mileage.

Grade 2 - Reserved for vehicles in the worst condition. This does not mean that they are write offs, simply that they have experienced deterioration such that they are now in a very poor state. A grade 2 vehicle will often have corrosion, perhaps corrosion holes and other serious issues. If you are looking for “classic” and other older cars or older trucks and buses, you will find several of them are grade 2.

Grade 1 - Can be one of the following

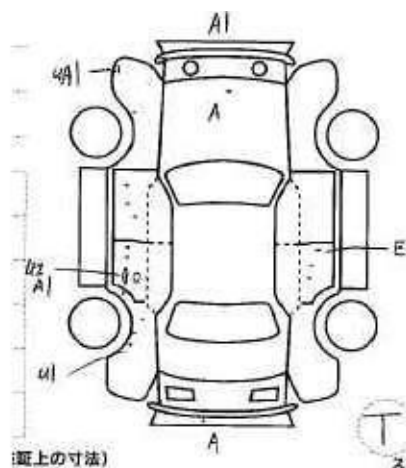
- 1). After market turbo / engine (some sort of serious modification to the original vehicle)
- 2). Transmission changed from auto to manual.

Grade 0, A, R, RA – Repaired or non-repaired or partially repaired history cars. The auctions definition of “repair history” is a car that has had an inside panel repaired in some way. This can range from extremely minor to major.

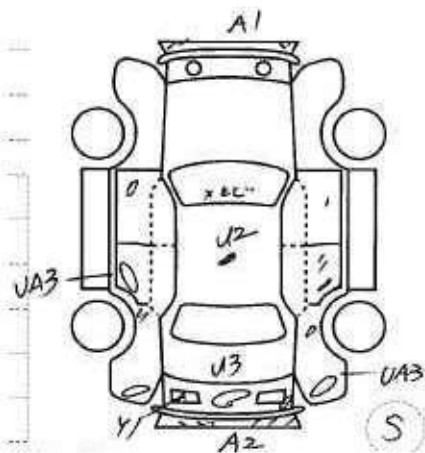
Grade ??? or X - Ungraded write off cars which may not move at all. Auctions provide no information about these cars on the auction sheets. If the cars are drivable, then there should be no additional transportation costs. However, if the motor does not start or if the car cannot move under its own power for some other reason there may be problems in getting it from the auction to the port, and then from the yard onto the ship. If the engine does not start and is not steerable, transportation and port costs can skyrocket.

Exterior and Interior Grading

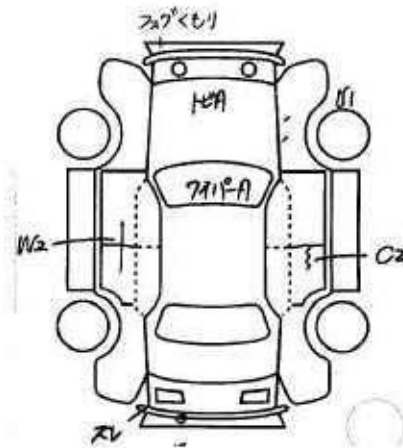
Some auctions have a letter, A, B or C to denote the exterior and interior grade separately. These letters can be seen near the overall grading number. **A** is excellent, **B** average and **C** below average.



Grade 4 sample



Grade 3 sample



If you bid, we will translate
any Japanese on the car
map also

- A** - Scratch
- A1** - Scratch (fist size)
- A2** - Scratch (2 palm size)
- A3** - Scratch (larger than A2)
- U1** - Dent (thumb size)
- U2** - Dent (palm size)
- U3** - Dent (larger than U2)
- B** - Dent with scratch
- W1** - Wavy Panel (fine)
- W2** - Wavy Panel
- W3** - Wavy Panel (conspicuous)
- Y1** - Hole / Crack (thumb size)
- Y2** - Crack (palm size)
- Y3** - Crack (larger than Y2)
- C1** - Corrosion
- C2** - Corrosion (hole)
- E** - Tiny Dent
- R** - Chap Repaired
- RX** - Chap Repaired Needs Replacing
- S** - Rust (orange discoloration on the surface)
- X** - Need Replacing
- XX** - Replaced
- W** - Repaired

- H** - Paint Blur
- P** - Need to be Repainted
- B** - Dent (needs metal sheeting)
- D** - Desorption
- E** - Dimple
- G** - Stone Chip (window)