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# A Guide to Buying a Car



## Introduction

This guide is designed to help you make an informed decision about buying a car. It takes you through the entire process from beginning to end. It is primarily aimed at people who are considering buying a second-hand car, but it should also help anyone who is buying a new car.

It outlines what you need to do once you decide to buy a car and explains how you can find the right car to meet your needs. It gives a clear guide to help you decide which is a good deal – and which is a bad one. It also shows you what you can do if things go wrong after your purchase. Because many second-hand

cars are sold by private sellers, specific information on buying from a private seller is contained at the end of each chapter.

From its own involvement in dealing with motor-related issues, the National Consumer Agency (NCA) has a clear understanding of the challenges facing consumers when they want to buy a car. For most consumers buying a car is an exciting and rewarding experience – the information included here should help make that experience as positive as possible.





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