
BCA Vehicle Grading

Quick reference guide CARS



Trust and transparency in the condition and description of a vehicle is key to both buyers and sellers, which is why BCA use the **NAMA Vehicle Grading Scheme**. The vehicles we offer come from known sources and their condition is graded. Most of the vehicles offered have a condition grade between 1 and 5 or unclassified.

CAR GRADING EXPLAINED

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Grade 1:

The vehicle may have minor interior and exterior defects that require SMART repairs, i.e. minor scratches or dents and minor replacement parts could also be required.

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Grade 2:

The vehicle may require repairs as per Grade 1 plus up to 1 major or minor bodyshop repair. The replacement of more significant internal or external trim parts (excluding panels) may also be required.

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Grade 3:

The vehicle may require repairs as per Grade 1 & 2 plus may include up to 5 minor bodyshop repairs, 3 major bodyshop repairs or a combination of major and minor repairs. The vehicle may include a single replacement bumper.

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Grade 4:

The vehicle may require repairs as per Grade 1, 2 & 3. It may have a combination of major and minor repairs and could include a non-structural replacement panel.



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Grade 5:

The vehicle may require repairs as per Grade 1, 2, 3 & 4. It may have a combination of major and minor repairs, or the vehicle may have sustained collision damage and the replacement of up to two structural panels may be required (providing there is no other damage on the vehicle).

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Unclassified:

Vehicles in this grade are simply uneconomical to appraise and fall into one of the following categories.

- Substantial Accident Damage
- Major Parts Missing
- Recorded items that exceed the criteria of Grade 5
- Multiple unrecorded items

Vehicle Appraisal

Vehicles are checked using a standard viewing angle (SVA) at 2 metres, at 90 and 45 degrees - and not a bodyline check.

What is not included in a Vehicle Appraisal

- It is not a full body detailed inspection
- It does not highlight every imperfection
- It does not highlight every panel that has been repaired/repainted, only those that are poor and clearly visible from 2 metres
- It does not cover the mechanical or electrical condition of any component
- It is not commensurate with age, mileage or value; every vehicle is treated equally

Image Only Appraisal

Please note BCA uses an "Image Only" appraisal for cars over 10 years old. The image set includes a view from all 4 angles together with condition grade enabling online buyers to make a quicker visual appraisal of the car and replaces the standard BCA condition report.

Please note: BCA will do their utmost to capture all defects on the standard BCA condition report, but if any are missed, BCA will only accept any claims where a re-examination reveals the grade to have changed.