

DEKRA Used Car Report 2016

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FAQs – Frequently asked questions

What data form the basis for the Used Car Report?

The DEKRA Used Car Report is based on the results of a total of approximately 15 million main inspections conducted over two years. The evaluation primarily takes the faults of relevance to used cars into consideration. Faults mainly attributable to the owner such as worn wiper blades, worn-out tires or unreliable changes to the vehicle are not included in the statistics.

What vehicle models appear in the report?

Models are only taken into consideration for the report if DEKRA has checked at least 1,000 vehicles of this model in the relevant mileage range over the evaluation period. Together with the large database of 15 million main inspections, this lower limit ensures the informative value of the data.

What is the DEKRA Fault Index (DFI)?

The DEKRA Fault Index is the key figure for the overall evaluation. It calculates the percentage of vehicles without relevant faults in relation to the percentage of vehicles with significant faults. To calculate the DFI, the percentage value of vehicles with relevant faults is deducted from the percentage value of vehicles without relevant faults.

Why does DEKRA perform evaluations in terms of mileage range?

Mileage has more of an effect on a vehicle's susceptibility to faults than just its age. Due to different user profiles, the mileage and hence the loads/stresses and susceptibility to faults of vehicles of the same age can vary considerably. For this reason, DEKRA performs evaluations in three mileage ranges between 0 and 150,000 km.

What is the benefit of the subdivision into vehicle classes?

This allows potential used car buyers to compare individual models with each other in a sensible manner. The evaluation is always performed in relation to other models from the same market segment. This prevents people from comparing apples with oranges, so to speak. A potential buyer generally looks for information about a specific vehicle class – the purchase decision does not pit a small car against an SUV, but between individual models from one class. In addition, vehicles from the same class are easier to compare not just in terms of technology but also in relation to handling by the owner and workshop.

What is new in the 2016 Report?

The new "Classic Cars" special evaluation encompasses all models, which were released onto the market over 30 years ago and, under certain conditions, are therefore eligible to be registered as historic vehicles. The used car market for this type of vehicle is a special segment with its own unique characteristics. This segment is now displayed in the report separately. The mileage ranges in this special evaluation are adjusted and range from 50,000 to 200,000 km.

What is the special evaluation "Discontinued Popular Models"?

This special evaluation serves an important part of the used car market – models that have not been sold as new cars for some time but are still actively bought and sold as used cars. Potential buyers with a small budget, in particular, look for data about such vehicles. The mileage ranges are also adjusted for this special evaluation.

What is the "Newcomer" category?

This category contains all vehicle models, which have been available on the market for less than three years and are not given a ranking. Due to different influencing factors with regard to the owner and workshop, as well as measures and campaigns conducted by the manufacturers to achieve main inspection results that are as positive as possible, the informative value of the fault statistics for these vehicles is limited. For this reason, they are placed in a special vehicle class without a detailed evaluation.

How can I access the data in the DEKRA Used Car Report?

The results of the DEKRA Used Car Report 2016 are now available online at www.gebrauchtwagenreport.com. Vehicles can also be compared directly with each other at the click of a mouse here. The new apps for iPhone, iPad and Android devices are available on iTunes and Google Play.