



Marina & Ital Buyers Guide



Basic Buyers Checklist

This checklist is not exhaustive and should not be used as the sole tool for deciding whether a particular car should be purchased. It is intended to be used to draw your attention to the likely major problems when buying a Marina or Ital. The generic nature of the checklist may make it useful when checking other cars.

Model:		Reg. No.:		Date:	
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Engine	
What colour is the engine oil?	Clear / Black / None
Is there a working battery?	Y/N
Does the car start?	Y/N
Does the engine smoke at tick over or when driven?	Y/N
Does the engine rattle?	Y/N
If yes - is it top, bottom or front of engine?	Top / Bottom / Front
Transmission, Brakes, Steering, Suspension	
Can the car be driven?	Y/N
If yes - can all gear be selected?	Y/N
If yes - are any of the gears noisy?	1 st / 2 nd / 3 rd / 4 th / Reverse
If No – is the clutch stuck or is there any fluid in clutch master cylinder?	Y/N
Is there fluid leaking or a white crust around the clutch slave cylinder?	Y/N
Are there any noises from the propshaft or rear axle?	Y/N
Do the brakes pull up cleanly?	Yes / Pulls left / Pulls right / Doesn't stop
Does the handbrake work?	Y/N
Does the steering wheel turn smoothly when the car is driven?	Y/N
Are there any loud creaks or groans from the suspension when the car is driven?	No / Yes at front / Yes at rear / Yes both
Bodywork	
Are there obvious rust or paint bubbles in/on any of the following places	
Tops of front wings over the headlight?	Y/N
Bottom of front wings next to the doors?	Y/N
Front valance rusted or are the wings detached?	Y/N
Any / all of four wheel arches?	Y/N
Is there any filler in any of the wheel arches?	Y/N
Inside the boot, is there substantial rust in the spare wheel well or on the opposite side?	Y/N
With the front grille removed (4 screws) are the headlamp mounting panels rusted?	Y/N
Are the bottoms of the doors rusted on the inside or outside?	Y/N
Are the outer sills solid (tap along length checking for sounds of filler or rust)?	Y/N



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Is the exhaust complete and not excessively noisy? (If No check for holes in silencer boxes and piping)	Y/N
Does any of the paint appear worn / discoloured / or does the external body colour match the under bonnet or boot area?	Y/N
Interior	
Is the entire interior present?	Y/N
Are there any rips or tears in the upholstery (look under seat covers)?	Y/N
Is all the carpet present, matching, fitted properly and dry to touch?	Y/N
Are there indications of water stains around the bottom corners of the front windscreen?	Y/N
If the car can be started	
Do all the gauges and switches work?	Y/N
Exterior	
Is there a vinyl roof?	Y/N
If yes – are there bubbles under it, particularly below the rear windscreen?	Y/N
Are the mirrors present and effective (not clouded)?	Y/N
Is all the window glass the same colour (all clear or all tinted)?	Y/N
Are the tyres legal and / or inflated?	Y/N
Do all the lights work?	Y/N
Are any of the headlights / sidelights / indicators / taillights / brake lights cracked?	Y/N

Notes:

Disclaimer:

The Morris Marina Owners Club and Morris Ital Register, may not be held responsible for purchases of cars made by users of this Buyers Checklist; the principle of "caveat emptor" (let the buyer beware) should always apply when purchasing older vehicles. We recommend that prospective purchasers consider seeking knowledgeable and professional advice on the condition of a car before purchasing.