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You can get a great deal and the car of your dreams if you choose to look for your used car online. However there are some unscrupulous people out there who will try to sell a car that has been stolen or has been written off in an accident. When it comes to buying via a private sale you have to follow a few simple guidelines so that you get a bargain and not an old banger - or even worse.

The easiest way to find the right car for you s is to go online with a specialist motoring website. A site such as this will have thousands of cars all listed by private sellers and by conducting a search you are able to find a specific make and model within seconds. Once you have narrowed down your search, browsed through the photos and read the listing you will then have to make contact with the seller. However before this you can benefit from doing a little research regarding the type of car you are looking for and this will give you a rough indication as to if the sellers are asking a fair price.

While you also do not want to pay too much for your used car you should also be very wary of any car that is way below the going price for a car of that make, model and age. Any car that is listed well below the average should be considered a red flag, especially if the seller has given no indication as to there being any faults with the car.

Before you actually travel to see the car, confirming the buyer is actually who they say they are, is a must. The majority of private sellers will just put a mobile telephone number and an e-mail address down on the listing and while this is often done for privacy reasons, there could be a more sinister reason. Ask the seller for their landline number and address and then check these online. Never arrange to meet anyone to take possession or to look over a car in any place other than their home. If someone is going to con you then they could simply arrange to meet you in a place which they claim would be more convenient for you, sell you the car and then disappear only for you to find out later that the vehicle was stolen.

When going to look over a car when buying via a private sale if you know very little about motors then consider taking a mechanic with you to check over the car. While you will have to pay for this it can be very worthwhile if there are several faults found on the car that would work out very costly to repair. Finally all cars have a vehicle identification number which can be found on the car in several different places. Find this number and then make a car data check online with a specialist motoring website to learn the full history of the vehicle.

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