

Car details:

Please refer to the *Triumph TR7/TR8 – The Essential Buyer's Guide* for full details on the scoring and totting up procedure.

Score each section as follows:

4 = excellent;

3 = good;

2 = average;

1 = poor

Be realistic in your marking!



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Body

1	Corner sighting checks	4	3	2	1
2	Box section rust protection	4	3	2	1
3	Wing seams spot welded	4	3	2	1
4	Joint quality front wing to body	4	3	2	1
5	Front strut turret condition	4	3	2	1
6	Rear trail arm mounts to body	4	3	2	1
7	Rear chassis box sections / damper mounts	4	3	2	1
8	Rear axle type verification	4	3	2	1
9	Rear floor/bulkhead seam	4	3	2	1
10	Under car brake pipes	4	3	2	1
11	Sill integrity (DHC door gap)	4	3	2	1
12	Front floor / front upper scuttle leaks	4	3	2	1
13	Front brake rotor type/condition	4	3	2	1
14a	What's windscreen finisher panel hiding?	4	3	2	1
14b	Firewall rust holes at rear inner wing	4	3	2	1
15	Holed scuttle panel (wet footwells)	4	3	2	1
16	Inner front wing channel	4	3	2	1
17a	Front chassis rails – crash damage	4	3	2	1
17b	Front sub frame mountings	4	3	2	1
18	Front wheelarch/wing lip underside	4	3	2	1
19	Rear wheelarch/wing lip underside	4	3	2	1
20	Front valence panel and associated panels	4	3	2	1
21	Front bulkhead perimeter checks	4	3	2	1
22	Bonnet corner corrosion checks	4	3	2	1
23	Headlamp pod paint/primer condition	4	3	2	1
24	Rear boot lid lip/seam corrosion	4	3	2	1
25	Rear boot lid seal hiding rust?	4	3	2	1
26	Sill panel drain holes clear	4	3	2	1
27	Rear wing/fuel filler panel seams	4	3	2	1
28	Boot floor / spare wheel well	4	3	2	1
29	Rear lamp panel to boot floor seam	4	3	2	1
30	Door bottom seams – reskin or replace?	4	3	2	1
31	Door ease of opening – hinge operation	4	3	2	1
32	FHC rear window seal integrity	4	3	2	1
33	FHC sunroof drains blocked?	4	3	2	1

Paintwork & trim

1	Car colour okay?	4	3	2	1
2	General condition of paintwork	4	3	2	1
3	Improper use of body filler 'bondo buggy'	4	3	2	1
4	Colour of seats/carpets okay?	4	3	2	1
5	Condition of seat covers/door panel trim	4	3	2	1

6	Quality/wear of internal trim	4	3	2	1
7	DHC hood condition & quality	4	3	2	1
8	DHC hood mechanism operation	4	3	2	1

Electrical

1	Headlamp mechanism operation	4	3	2	1
2	Tail, turn, marker light checks	4	3	2	1
3	Interior & boot lights	4	3	2	1
4	Dashboard / column switches	4	3	2	1

Engine mechanical – 4-cylinder

1	Coolant & oil leaks	4	3	2	1
2	Signs of oil contaminated with coolant?	4	3	2	1
3	Coolant condition: oil / high water ratio	4	3	2	1
4	Fan viscous coupling, smooth / no play	4	3	2	1
5	Exhaust colour: white/blue/black	4	3	2	1
6	Timing chain / tappet noise	4	3	2	1
7	Oil pressure / main bearing noise	4	3	2	1

Engine mechanical – V8

1	Oil filler cap deposits, coolant signs	4	3	2	1
2	Oil contamination in coolant	4	3	2	1
3	Front engine mounts: on subframe?	4	3	2	1
4	Quality of V8 conversion – proper parts?	4	3	2	1
5	Exhaust colour: white/blue/black	4	3	2	1
6	Engine miss: exhaust puffing out of sync	4	3	2	1
7	Bonnet interference with engine parts	4	3	2	1

Road test

1	Temperature gauge / low coolant light	4	3	2	1
2	Instrument checks – tach correct for V8	4	3	2	1
3	Brake operation: fade, pulling, noise	4	3	2	1
4	Handbrake operation – hold on hill	4	3	2	1
5	Rear axle steer on accel – worn bushes	4	3	2	1
6	Body roll / excessive shock bounce	4	3	2	1
7	Knocking noises from rear	4	3	2	1
8	Gearbox noise (slip on auto)	4	3	2	1
9	Jumps out of any gear on decel/over-run	4	3	2	1
10	Ease of gear change – notchy/noisy	4	3	2	1
11	Release bearing: hisses in neutral	4	3	2	1
12	5-speed noise in neutral, clutch engaged	4	3	2	1
13	Noise from rear axle, whine on decel	4	3	2	1
14	Alloy wheels: scrapes/corrosion	4	3	2	1