

Vehicle history can be checked with **CarFax, AutoCheck** or the **National Motor Vehicle Title Information System**. Is the car from out of state? Was it titled in a flood area?

### **Flood Damage Checklist**

- Check for a musty interior odor or strong air freshener smell.
- Check carpet, headliner, and seats for water stains.
- Pull up carpet and check for wet/damp jute backing.
- Check for rust under seats on seat frames and springs.
- Have seat bolts been wrenched?
- Check under dash for water line or rusted components.
- Are all electrical components working properly?
- Are headlamps/tail lamps foggy from moisture?
- Do underbody floor pan drain plugs show signs of removal?
- Check spare tire well in trunk for water or signs of drain plug removal.
- Check for corrosion in unusual places.
- Check for silt in nooks and crannies in the engine compartment, trunk, and the gas filler door.
- Check engine oil and transmission fluid for signs of water contamination.
- Check air cleaner box for water or damp air filter.
- Check for water lines:
  - Under the dash
  - In door jambs
  - Under door trim panels
  - Under the hood / engine compartment cowl
  - Under the fender wells or behind the fender liners
  - In the truck / spare tire well
- Run a diagnostic scan for open codes (if the shop is able).