SAMPLE REPORT · EXAMPLE RECORDS

Sample write-off check report

This is what the Full Check (£9.99) shows when a car has been written off: the category*, status*, date of loss*, cause* and damage location*, beside the finance*, stolen*, keeper* and plate* records, each with what it means.

*Data provided by Experian

FULL CHECK · AB16 CDE · 13 NOVEMBER 2026 · OUR SUMMARY

5 records need your attention

Read each one below before you pay anything. Each record has our guide on what it means and what to do next.

Vehicle history records

Data provided by Experian

Outstanding finance

⚠ 1 agreement recorded

Finance type	HIRE PURCHASE
Finance company	A FINANCE CO
Agreement start	1 January 2020
Term	12 months
Finance company phone	01234 567891

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A car with finance owing belongs to the lender until it's paid off. Ask the seller to settle it and show you the lender's settlement letter before you pay, or pay the lender directly.

Stolen

Reported stolen

Date reported	1 January 2020
Police force	COUNTY POLICE FORCE
Police force phone	01234 567891

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Don't buy it. Call the police force above (or 101) and quote the registration.

Insurance write-off

Write-off recorded

Category	N
Status	RECOVERED - NON-STRUCTURE DAMAGE
Date of loss	1 January 2020
Cause of damage	Accident
Damage location	FrontOffside

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Category N: non-structural damage. It can return to the road once repaired.

Previous keepers

1 previous keeper

Previous keepers	1
Last change of keeper	1 January 2020

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Check the V5C logbook shows the same keeper count and date, and that the seller is the named keeper.

Plate changes

1 change

Previous plate	AB21ABC
Plate after transfer	AB21ABC
Transfer date	1 January 2020

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A plate change is normal for a private plate. Make sure the V5C matches the plate on the car.

Colour changes

1 change

Previous colours	1
Original colour	BLUE
Current colour	RED
Last colour change	1 January 2020

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A respray can hide accident repairs: ask the seller why it was changed.

Imported, exported, scrapped and VIN

Recorded as scrapped

Imported	Yes
Exported	Yes
Scrapped	Yes
VIN (last characters)	...10
VIN match	Yes

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Check the VIN on the car (windscreen, door pillar) and on the V5C ends the same way. A car recorded as scrapped or exported shouldn't be on the road here: walk away.

Vehicle history records: data provided by Experian, as supplied on 13 November 2026. The guides in yellow are GetFreeCarCheck's own.

Valuation

DEALER PRICE (RETAIL)

£23,875

PART-EXCHANGE (TRADE)

£20,772

At 71,240 miles, average condition. Valuation by Brego.

UK AB16 CDE

Ford FIESTA

Blue · Petrol · 1.0 litre · first registered 18 Mar 2016 · 16 plate (March 2016)

✓ MOT valid ✓ Mileage consistent ✓ Likely ULEZ compliant ✓ No open recalls

FREE CHECK VERDICT

Check 2 advisories at the last MOT: price in the work.

MOT history

7 tests · 6 passed · 1 failed · expires 17 Mar 2027

Advisories at the last MOT (9 Mar 2026)

- Nearside Front Tyre worn close to legal limit/worn on edge
- Front Brake disc worn, pitted or scored, but not seriously weakened

Not a fail yet, but each one is work to price in or ask the seller about.

✓ Pass **9 Mar 2026** 71,240 miles

Advisory Nearside Front Tyre worn close to legal limit/worn on edge

Advisory Front Brake disc worn, pitted or scored, but not seriously weakened

✓ Pass **12 Mar 2025** 63,410 miles

No defects or advisories recorded.

✓ Pass **11 Mar 2024** 55,120 miles

Advisory Offside Rear Brake pipe corroded, covered in grease or other material

⚠ Fail **4 Mar 2024** 55,098 miles

⚠ Major fail Nearside Front Coil spring fractured or broken

Advisory Offside Rear Brake pipe corroded, covered in grease or other material

Pass **15 Mar 2023** 46,820 miles

No defects or advisories recorded.

Pass **14 Mar 2022** 38,990 miles

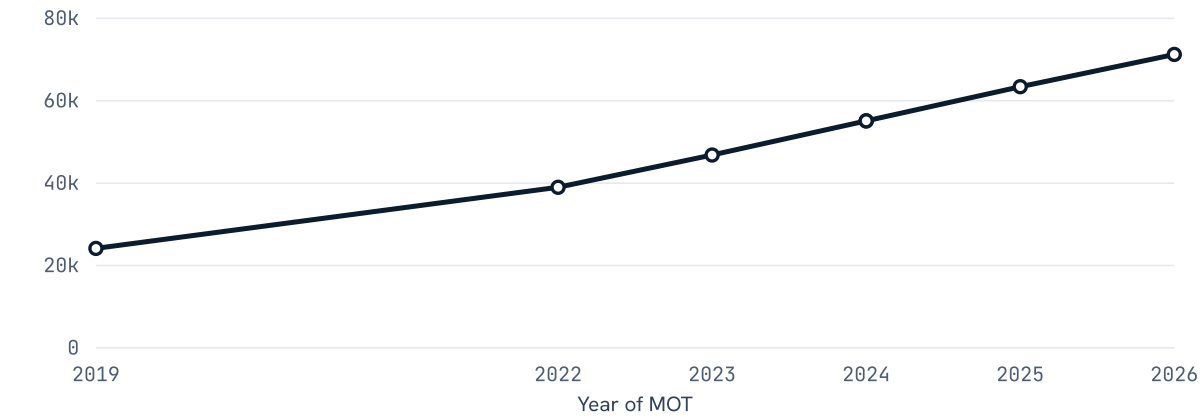
Minor Windscreen washer provides insufficient washer liquid

Pass **12 Mar 2019** 24,150 miles

No defects or advisories recorded.

Mileage

Mileage rises steadily across 7 MOT readings. About 6,800 miles a year (the UK average is about 7,100).



ULEZ and clean air zones

Likely ULEZ compliant

Petrol cars need Euro 4, which most cars first registered from January 2006 meet.

Charges in London and every UK zone

Car tax

Cars first registered from March 2001 to March 2017 are taxed on CO2, from £20 (band A) to £790 (band M) a year.

Car tax calculator

Ford Fiesta reliability

Ford Fiestas fail 33.9% of first MOTs: 19% more fails than cars of the same age and mileage. 2016 cars fail 29.9%.

What fails most on this model

Stop lamp not working · 5.29%

Suspension ball joint excessively worn · 3.69%

Coil spring fractured or broken · 2.6%

Full Ford Fiesta reliability report

2016 Ford Fiesta

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Sources: Experian (vehicle history), the DVSA (MOT history) and Brego (valuation), on 13 November 2026.