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Sir Rom's Morris Minor Buyer's Guide

Thinking of buying your first Morris Minor? Or another Morrie? You know you want another one; maybe you've seen one and you can't bring yourself to admit it. Maybe a friend is interested in owning the classic and has asked for your help? Here is my step-by-step, absolutely guaranteed, can't-go-wrong guide - honestly, you just can't go wrong.

Cheers,

Sir Rom

PS Disclaimer: my motto is "All care but no responsibility". Good luck!!!



1 Take a friend, someone who knows Morris, or someone who is a good negotiator. Or take Sir Rom with you. Hmm, perhaps not, you can teach monkeys to know more about cars than Sir Rom.

2 Stand back and look from a distance, walk around the car. And if it looks like a clapped out, rusty old Morrie, then think carefully about what Sir Rom would say – never mind the quality, feel the width!



3 Time for a closer inspection. Better still, time to walk away and don't look back! Ask yourself – "What would Sir Rom tell me to do here?" No, not that, the other thing. That's right, he'd say he's the only one with vision while the rest of the world is wearing bifocals. And you'll need bifocals to look past the bent bumper, the pushed in windscreen and the funny looking animal in the front passenger's window.



4 You don't have to lick the paint - but if that's what you like to do, then go for it. Sir Rom's advice – don't lick the paint. Not here. And not in public. But do smell the rain channels for telltale signs of drug use. This Morrie was once owned by Pablo Escobar, the Cocaine King of Columbia. Or someone just like him. Either way, do not smell the paint, it is considered very impolite in Columbian jails.

5 Close inspection of the front is essential. Hmmm, not the best advice Sir Rom has ever given. See, if you look closely you can see the tobacco stains. And the gin stains. And those other stains, I'm not sure what they are. Oh, and there are some bullet holes unless I'm seriously mistaken - close inspection is grossly over-rated.



6 Don't neglect to check the back seat. Oh dear, that's unfortunate. It appears as though Sir Rom's dog has had a really good time in there. Don't ask what.



7 Be sure to inspect underneath, rust could be a problem.... "Could be a problem?" If there was any less rust, then this would simply be no car to look at. And if there was more rust then Sir Rom would already have converted the car into a Renault or Fiat, made of cheap Russian steel. Could be a problem indeed...



8. Time for a test drive! When you decide to buy it, time to test your negotiation skills. Only go for a test drive if your life insurance is up to date. And you're feeling extremely lucky. And you look like an Alpaca. Better still, for a not inconsiderable sum of money Sir Rom will placate you with his sound experience in the motor trade over the past 50 years. Or you might get some better advice from a mangy old sheep who likes to photo-bomb other people's photos. Good luck!

