

# PORSCHE 914 BUYING CHECKLIST

CAR: \_\_\_\_\_ VIN: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

BODY & RUST (STRUCTURAL AREAS)	☑	NOTES
Inspect the battery tray and "hell hole" under the battery for rust		
Check members for structural rust. Sagging open doors are sign of weakness		
Examine the jack points—if they're soft or rusted, it indicates extensive corrosion		
Inspect the rear firewall behind the seats for signs of water intrusion and rust		
Look under the rear trunk seal for bubbling paint or rust around the edges		
Check the front trunk floor and spare tire well for rust, especially corners		
Inspect the targa roof seals for leaks—common source of water intrusion		
ENGINE AND FUEL SYSTEM	☑	NOTES
Perform cold start - models with D-Jetr injection may have cold start problems		
Look for fuel leaks near injector rails and fuel lines (lines prone to cracking)		
Ensure engine idles steadily at ~900 RPM - rough idle indicates vacuum leaks		
Check for blue smoke at startup, which indicates worn valve guides		
Inspect the pushrod tube seals—a common source of oil leaks		
Check oil temp gauge works; overheating known issue if cooling is dirty/failing		
If it's a 914/6, verify engine is genuine six-cylinder, not a converted four-cylinder		
TRANSMISSION & DRIVETRAIN	☑	NOTES
Test for grinding when shifting into 2nd - a common sign of worn synchros		
Check reverse - tough engaging is known issue due to worn linkage bushings		

Inspect shift linkage bushings for slop or excessive play - affects precision	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ensure clutch cable is properly adjusted - 914s known for developing slack	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Inspect the CV joints and axle boots for cracks or leaking grease	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>SUSPENSION &amp; STEERING</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>NOTES</b>
Check for play in steering rack - looseness indicates wear	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Inspect the torsion bar mounts for rust and cracks	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Look for sagging rear suspension - worn/collapsed rear springs are common	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Listen for clunks/ creaks turning - worn ball joints/bushings likely culprits	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>BRAKE SYSTEM</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>NOTES</b>
Check calipers for leaks - original calipers prone to leaks at piston seals	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Check brake proportioning valve - often fails which leads to uneven braking	<input type="checkbox"/>	
See emergency brake - many have inoperative/poorly adjusted park brakes	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>ELECTRICAL SYSTEM</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>NOTES</b>
Test pop-up headlights - ensure they raise and lower smoothly without sticking	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Inspect the turn signal switch and wiper stalk—common failure points in 914s	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Voltage regulator & generator - dim lights or slow cranking indicate problems	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>INTERIOR AND TARGA ROOF</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>NOTES</b>
Check targa for proper fitment and cracks - warped/damage may not seal.	<input type="checkbox"/>	