

Japanese Auction Grading!!!

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Grade 7, 8, 9 or S is given to a new car that is being sold in an auction, with only delivery mileage.

Grade 6 Similar to the cars above but with a little more than delivery mileage.

Grade 5 to a car with exceptionally low mileage and in mint condition.

Grade 4.5 is in excellent condition, but can also have mileage of up to 100K.

Grade 4 is a good, solid car. Mileage is not an issue (could be low or high).

Grade 3.5 is similar to a grade 4 but may need more paint and panel work.

Alternatively, it may have high mileage.

Grade 3 often has both serious paint and panel, or it has had a panel replacement somewhere. Grade 3 cars can also be basically grade 3.5s in terms of condition, but with very high mileage.

Grade 2 is reserved for vehicles in the worst condition. This does not mean that they are write offs, simply that they have experienced deterioration such that they are now in a very poor state. A grade 2 vehicle will often have corrosion, perhaps corrosion holes and other serious issues. If you are looking for "classic" and other older cars or older trucks and buses, you will find a number of them are grade 2.

Grade 1 Can be one of the following

- 1). After market turbo / engine (some sort of serious modification to the original vehicle)

- 2). Transmission changed from auto to manual.

Grade 0, A, R, RA are repair history cars. The auctions definition of "repair history" is a car that has had an inside panel repaired in some way. This can range from extremely minor to major.

Grade ??? are ungraded write off cars which may not move at all. Auctions provide no information about these cars on the auction sheets. If the cars are drivable, then there should be no additional transportation costs. However, if the motor does not start or if the car cannot move under its own power for some other reason there may be problems in getting it from the auction to the port, and then from the yard onto the ship. If the engine does not start and is not steerable, transportation and port costs can skyrocket.

Exterior and Interior Grading

Some auctions have a letter, A, B or C to denote the exterior and interior grade separately. These letters can be seen near the overall grading number. A is excellent, B average and C below average.

We will normally not note the exterior grade, as the exterior condition of the car can be ascertained by looking at the car map (see below). For the interior grade, we will normally note this in the translation of the auction sheet if you bid on a car.

Car Map

This is in the bottom right corner of the auction sheet. On the map, the number after the letter denotes the severity of the damage. 1 = light, 2 = moderate, 3 = significant, 4 = major

- A Scratch
- U Dent
- B Dent with scratch
- W Wave, or repaired area
- S Rust (orange discoloration on the surface)
- C Corrosion (rust has progressed so that now the original metal is now flaking away)
- P Paint marked
- H Paint faded
- XX Replaced panel / item
- X Item that needs replacing
- G Stone chip on glass
- Y Crack
- E Dimple

In general non-Japanese people tend to find that this grading is stricter than they were expecting. Once you have received a car, and you can compare the actual vehicle with the car map on the auction sheet, you will then be able to have a better idea of how the Japanese used car auction inspector grades different issues. This will help inform your future bidding decisions.

No 26233	車歴 (未記入は自家用) その他 自家用 レンター ()	排気量 3000 cc	型式 E-J2A80	評価点 4
	初度登録年月 5/6月	車名 ス-707	グレード R2	
車検 20年7月	走行 79,470 km	シフト 6F	装備品 S R 純AW (P S) (P W) カワ T V ナビ エアB	
外色 アト	色番 3L2	カラー車 3L2	セールスポイント ABS 外18A/W 外IPO 外273-	
燃料 ガソリン・軽油 ()	内装色	新車整備手帳 (保証書付) 有・無	※登録と一欄に併記下さい	
輸入車種	輸入区分 ディーラー・並行	ハンドル 左・右	名義変更期限 月 日	
リサイクル預託金 10,250円 預託済み	乗車定員 4人		登録年 P1E11 300 > 8248	
※リサイクル預託金に別途登録料金は含まれません。	積載量 t		車台年 0003425	
◎注意事項 (修復・不具合箇所および状態等)				

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長さ cm 幅 cm 高さ cm ◀ (車検証上の寸法)