



PRE-PURCHASE INSPECTION REPORT

WEBSITE SAMPLE - Example of a completed inspection report

INSPECTION & VEHICLE INFORMATION

Inspection Date	September 4, 2026
Inspector	Al's Mobile Mechanic
Customer	WEBSITE SAMPLE
Seller / Dealer	Private Seller - Sample
Inspection Location	Indianapolis, IN
Year / Make / Model	2018 Ford Escape SE
VIN	REDACTED - WEBSITE SAMPLE
Mileage	112,684 miles
Engine	1.5L EcoBoost I4
Transmission	6-Speed Automatic
Drivetrain	FWD
Exterior Color	Magnetic Gray
Asking Price	\$8,900

VEHICLE HISTORY / KNOWN HISTORY | Example records shown for sample report

Date	CARFAX Entry	Location	Prefilled Notes / Inspection Focus
03/12/2021	Damage reported: MINOR	Front of vehicle	Inspect prior front repair, panel alignment, cooling stack, lamps, structural points and suspension geometry.
08/07/2024	Routine maintenance / brake service	Independent repair facility	Oil service and brake work reported. Verify present brake wear and fluid condition during physical inspection.
05/10/2026	Vehicle offered for sale	Indianapolis, IN	Confirm seller ownership, title status, open recalls and maintenance documentation before purchase.

Owner / Usage Shown	Personal-use vehicle; mileage appears consistent with age.
Title Status / Brand	Seller reports clean title - buyer should verify by exact VIN.
Open Recalls	No open recall represented in sample - verify exact VIN before purchase.



History verification / seller documentation notes:

Sample report only. Vehicle history, title status and recall status should always be independently verified using the exact VIN.

OVERALL ASSESSMENT

Overall Rating	7.2 / 10
Overall Condition	☐ Excellent ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Significant Concerns ☐ Do Not Recommend
Scan Result	☐ No codes ☒ Codes present ☐ Scan incomplete
Immediate Safety Concern	☒ None observed ☐ Yes: _____

WARNING LIGHTS & COMPUTER SCAN

Item / Test	Condition / Result	Status
Check Engine / MIL	☒ Off ☐ On	☒ OK ☐ ISSUE
ABS warning	☒ Off ☐ On	☒ OK ☐ ISSUE
SRS / Airbag warning	☒ Off ☐ On	☒ OK ☐ ISSUE
TPMS warning	☐ Off ☒ On	☐ OK ☒ ISSUE
Other warning indicators	None observed	☒ OK ☐ ISSUE

PCM DTCs	P0456 - EVAP system small leak detected (stored)
TCM DTCs	None
ABS DTCs	None
SRS DTCs	None
BCM / Body DTCs	One low tire-pressure related history code
Pending Codes	None
Permanent Codes	None observed
Readiness Monitors	☒ Ready ☐ Not ready: _____
Evidence codes recently cleared	☒ No indication ☐ Possible ☐ Yes

Scan data / freeze frame / live data concerns:

Stored P0456 is not causing a drivability concern during this sample inspection. Recommend EVAP smoke-test/diagnosis if code returns. TPMS warning should be addressed before purchase.



PRIOR FRONT-END DAMAGE INSPECTION | Sample history: minor front damage previously reported

Item / Test	Condition / Result	Status
Front bumper cover	Previously refinished; fitment acceptable	☒ OK ☐ REPAIR ☐ N/A
Bumper reinforcement / impact bar	No visible distortion from accessible areas	☒ OK ☐ REPAIR ☐ N/A
Radiator / core support	_____	☐ OK ☐ REPAIR ☐ N/A
Upper tie bar / latch support	_____	☐ OK ☐ REPAIR ☐ N/A
Left frame rail / crush zone	_____	☐ OK ☐ REPAIR ☐ N/A
Right frame rail / crush zone	_____	☐ OK ☐ REPAIR ☐ N/A
Left apron / inner fender	_____	☐ OK ☐ REPAIR ☐ N/A
Right apron / inner fender	_____	☐ OK ☐ REPAIR ☐ N/A
Hood fit / latch / alignment	_____	☐ OK ☐ REPAIR ☐ N/A
Left fender alignment / gaps	_____	☐ OK ☐ REPAIR ☐ N/A
Right fender alignment / gaps	_____	☐ OK ☐ REPAIR ☐ N/A
Headlight mounting / tabs	_____	☐ OK ☐ REPAIR ☐ N/A
Cooling stack alignment	_____	☐ OK ☐ REPAIR ☐ N/A
Visible welds / repair marks	_____	☐ OK ☐ REPAIR ☐ N/A
Paint mismatch / overspray	_____	☐ OK ☐ REPAIR ☐ N/A
Missing / aftermarket fasteners	_____	☐ OK ☐ REPAIR ☐ N/A
Front suspension geometry visual	_____	☐ OK ☐ REPAIR ☐ N/A
Steering wheel center / alignment evidence	_____	☐ OK ☐ REPAIR ☐ N/A

Evidence of previous repair	☐ No ☒ Yes ☐ Unclear
Evidence of structural damage	☒ No ☐ Yes ☐ Unclear



Repair quality	☒ Acceptable ☐ Questionable ☐ Poor ☐ Not enough access
Alignment concern	☐ None ☐ Possible ☐ Confirmed

Front damage / body repair notes:

Cosmetic evidence of prior front repair is present. No obvious structural concern was observed from accessible areas. Slight right-side panel-gap variance should be considered when negotiating price.

ENGINE - MECHANICAL CONDITION

Item / Test	Condition / Result	Status
Cold start behavior	Starts promptly; stable idle	☒ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Cranking speed	Normal	☒ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Idle quality	Smooth	☒ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Engine vibration / mounts	_____	☐ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Knock / tick / abnormal noise	_____	☐ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Exhaust smoke	None observed	☒ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Misfire present	☐ No ☐ Yes	☐ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Engine oil level	_____	☐ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Engine oil condition	_____	☐ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Valve cover leak	_____	☐ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Timing cover leak	_____	☐ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Oil pan leak	_____	☐ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Rear main area	_____	☐ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Intake / vacuum leaks	_____	☐ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Belts	_____	☐ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Pulleys / tensioner	_____	☐ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Engine mounts	No excessive movement	☒ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL



Engine notes:

Engine starts and runs normally. Light oil seepage is visible at the upper engine/valve-cover area. No active dripping, abnormal smoke or knock observed during the sample inspection.

COOLING SYSTEM

Item / Test	Condition / Result	Status
Coolant level	Full	☒ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Coolant condition / color	Correct color; slightly aged	☐ PASS ☒ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Radiator	No visible leak	☒ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Reservoir / cap	Serviceable	☒ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Upper radiator hose	Firm; no swelling	☒ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Lower radiator hose	Serviceable	☒ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Cooling fans	Operate normally	☒ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Operating temperature	Stable at normal range	☒ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Visible coolant leak	None observed	☒ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Signs of previous overheating	None observed	☒ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Heater output	Hot and consistent	☒ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL

Cooling system notes:

No active coolant leak or overheating concern observed. Coolant appears serviceable but aged; service history should be verified.

TRANSMISSION / DRIVETRAIN

Item / Test	Condition / Result	Status
Transmission fluid level / condition	Level OK; fluid moderately dark	☐ PASS ☒ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Transmission leaks	No active leak observed	☒ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL



Item / Test	Condition / Result	Status
Park to Reverse engagement	Normal	☒ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Reverse to Drive engagement	Normal	☒ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
1-2 shift	_____	☐ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
2-3 shift	_____	☐ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Higher gear shifts	_____	☐ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Downshifts / kickdown	_____	☐ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Torque converter / shudder	_____	☐ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Slipping / flare	_____	☐ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Delayed engagement	_____	☐ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
CV axles / boots	_____	☐ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Driveshaft / U-joints (if equipped)	_____	☐ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Differential / transfer case leaks	_____	☐ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL

Transmission / drivetrain notes:

Transmission operated normally during the road test. Fluid is moderately dark; service history is unknown, so maintenance records should be reviewed before purchase.

BRAKES | CARFAX: front and rear pads/rotors replaced 06/18/2021 - verify current wear

Front Pad Life	55% remaining
Rear Pad Life	40% remaining
LF Pad / Rotor	Approx. 55% / serviceable
RF Pad / Rotor	Approx. 55% / serviceable
LR Pad / Rotor	Approx. 40% / moderate rotor lip
RR Pad / Rotor	Approx. 40% / moderate rotor lip
Brake Fluid	Level full; color darkening
Pedal Feel	_____



Brake Pulsation	☐ None ☐ Present
Pull While Braking	☐ None ☐ Left ☐ Right
Parking Brake	Operates normally
Brake Hoses / Lines	_____
Calipers / Slides	_____

Brake notes:

Front brakes have usable life remaining. Rear pads are lower and rotors show moderate wear. Budget for rear brake service in the near term.

TIRES & WHEELS

Pos.	Tread	DOT	Brand	Pressure	Condition / Wear
LF	6 /32	2022	Michelin	34 psi	Even wear; serviceable
RF	6 /32	2022	Michelin	34 psi	Even wear; serviceable
LR	5 /32	2022	Michelin	33 psi	Even wear; serviceable
RR	5 /32	2022	Michelin	32 psi	Slightly low pressure

Matching tires	☒ Yes ☐ No
Uneven wear	☒ No ☐ Yes
Dry rot / cracking	☒ No ☐ Yes
Sidewall damage	☐ No ☐ Yes
Wheel / Rim condition	_____
Wheel bearing noise / play	_____

Tire / wheel notes:

All four tires match and show even wear. Right-rear tire pressure was slightly low at inspection. Tread depth is serviceable but not new.

SUSPENSION & STEERING

Item / Test	Condition / Result	Status
Front struts / shocks	Dry; damping normal	☒ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL



Item / Test	Condition / Result	Status
Rear struts / shocks	Dry; damping normal	☒ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Lower control arms / bushings	_____	☐ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Upper control arms (if equipped)	_____	☐ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Lower ball joints	_____	☐ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Upper ball joints	_____	☐ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Inner tie rods	_____	☐ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Outer tie rods	_____	☐ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Sway bar links	_____	☐ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Sway bar bushings	_____	☐ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Wheel bearings / hubs	_____	☐ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Steering rack / gear	_____	☐ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Power steering system	_____	☐ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Ride height / sag	_____	☐ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Clunks / rattles	_____	☐ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Vehicle tracks straight	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Steering wheel centered	Centered on road test	☒ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL

Suspension / steering notes:

Slight play/noise at the right-front sway-bar link. No major steering looseness or abnormal tire wear observed.

UNDERCARRIAGE / EXHAUST / STRUCTURE

Item / Test	Condition / Result	Status
Frame / subframe	Straight from accessible areas	☒ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Structural rust	☐ None ☒ Present - light surface rust	☒ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL



Item / Test	Condition / Result	Status
Surface rust		☐ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Oil leaks underbody		☐ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Transmission / drivetrain leaks		☐ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Coolant leaks underbody		☐ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Fuel leaks / odor		☐ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Exhaust leaks		☐ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Exhaust hangers		☐ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Catalytic converter present	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Heat shields	Secure	☒ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Floor / rocker condition		☐ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL

Undercarriage notes:

Light surface rust consistent with Midwest use. No obvious perforation, major structural rust, active fluid leak or exhaust leak observed from accessible areas.

HVAC SYSTEM | CARFAX: A/C compressor replaced and refrigerant recharged 06/18/2021

Ambient Temperature	78 F
A/C Center Vent Temperature	44 F
A/C Compressor Operation	Cycles normally
A/C Cooling Performance	
Compressor Noise	
Heat Operation	
Blower Speeds	All speeds operate
Mode Door / Vent Direction	
Defrost	
Rear HVAC (if equipped)	



HVAC notes:

A/C cooled to approximately 44 F at the center vent with 78 F ambient temperature. Heat, blower speeds and mode controls function normally in this sample inspection.

BATTERY / STARTING / CHARGING / ELECTRICAL

Battery Voltage - Engine Off	12.5 V
Voltage While Cranking	10.4 V
Charging Voltage - Idle	14.4 V
Charging Voltage - Loaded	14.1 V
Battery Condition	_____
Battery Terminals / Cables	_____
Starter Operation	_____
Alternator Output / Noise	_____

Item / Test	Condition / Result	Status
Headlights - low/high	All operate	☒ OK ☐ ISSUE
Brake lights	All operate	☒ OK ☐ ISSUE
Turn signals	_____	☐ OK ☐ ISSUE
Hazards	_____	☐ OK ☐ ISSUE
Horn	Operates	☒ OK ☐ ISSUE
Front wipers / washer	_____	☐ OK ☐ ISSUE
Rear wiper / washer (if equipped)	_____	☐ OK ☐ ISSUE
Power windows	_____	☐ OK ☐ ISSUE
Power locks	_____	☐ OK ☐ ISSUE
Power mirrors	_____	☐ OK ☐ ISSUE
Key / remote functions	_____	☐ OK ☐ ISSUE
Backup camera	_____	☐ OK ☐ ISSUE
Parking sensors (if equipped)	_____	☐ OK ☐ ISSUE
Radio / infotainment	_____	☐ OK ☐ ISSUE
USB / 12V outlets	_____	☐ OK ☐ ISSUE
Gauge cluster	_____	☐ OK ☐ ISSUE



Electrical notes:

Battery and charging voltages are within normal range. Wiper blades are aging and should be replaced as routine maintenance.

INTERIOR / SAFETY

Item / Test	Condition / Result	Status
Driver seat / adjustment	Operates normally	☒ OK ☐ ISSUE
Passenger seat / adjustment	Operates normally	☒ OK ☐ ISSUE
Rear seats		☐ OK ☐ ISSUE
Seat belts / buckles		☐ OK ☐ ISSUE
Dashboard / trim		☐ OK ☐ ISSUE
Headliner		☐ OK ☐ ISSUE
Carpet / water intrusion		☐ OK ☐ ISSUE
Windshield		☐ OK ☐ ISSUE
Side / rear glass		☐ OK ☐ ISSUE
Door handles / latches		☐ OK ☐ ISSUE
Interior lights	Operate normally	☒ OK ☐ ISSUE
Airbag/SRS visual checks		☐ OK ☐ ISSUE
Odor / smoke / mildew		☐ OK ☐ ISSUE

Interior Rating

8 / 10

Interior / safety notes:

Interior is clean for age with normal cosmetic wear. Seat belts, gauges, lighting and infotainment operate normally. No obvious water intrusion observed.

EXTERIOR / BODY

Item / Test	Condition / Result	Status
Hood	Minor chips; opens/closes normally	☒ OK ☐ ISSUE
Roof	Normal cosmetic wear	☒ OK ☐ ISSUE
Left front fender		☐ OK ☐ ISSUE
Right front fender		☐ OK ☐ ISSUE
Left front door		☐ OK ☐ ISSUE
Right front door		☐ OK ☐ ISSUE



Item / Test	Condition / Result	Status
Left rear door / quarter		☐ OK ☐ ISSUE
Right rear door / quarter		☐ OK ☐ ISSUE
Trunk / liftgate		☐ OK ☐ ISSUE
Front bumper		☐ OK ☐ ISSUE
Rear bumper		☐ OK ☐ ISSUE
Paint consistency		☐ OK ☐ ISSUE
Dents / scratches		☐ OK ☐ ISSUE
Rust / corrosion		☐ OK ☐ ISSUE
Evidence of repaint / overspray		☐ OK ☐ ISSUE
Panel gaps / alignment		☐ OK ☐ ISSUE

Paint Rating	7 / 10
Body Rating	7 / 10

Exterior notes:

Prior front cosmetic repair is visible under close inspection. Small windshield chip and normal age-related scratches are present. No major structural body concern observed from accessible areas.

ROAD TEST

Item / Test	Condition / Result	Status
Engine acceleration / power	Normal power delivery	☒ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Idle after drive	Stable	☒ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Transmission shift quality		☐ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Steering response		☐ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Vehicle tracking		☐ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Brake performance		☐ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Brake pulsation		☐ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Suspension noise	Light RF clunk over sharp bumps	☐ PASS ☒ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Wheel bearing / tire noise		☐ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL



Item / Test	Condition / Result	Status
Vibration	No abnormal vibration	☒ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Cruise control (if equipped)	_____	☐ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Operating temperature stable	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL
Highway operation (if performed)	_____	☐ PASS ☐ CAUTION ☐ FAIL

Road test notes:

Vehicle accelerates, shifts, steers and brakes normally. A light right-front suspension clunk is noticeable over sharp bumps and is consistent with the sway-bar-link play found during inspection.

PRIORITY FINDINGS & REPAIR ESTIMATE

Priority	Finding	Status	Est. Cost
HIGH	Rear brake wear approaching service range	☒ Open ☐ Done	\$350-\$450
MEDIUM	Right-front sway-bar link play / clunk	☒ Open ☐ Done	\$120-\$180
MEDIUM	Stored P0456 EVAP code - diagnose if it returns	☒ Open ☐ Done	\$100-\$180

Immediate Safety Repairs	\$0 identified at inspection
Immediate Mechanical Repairs	\$120-\$180 recommended
Recommended Maintenance	\$390-\$530 estimated
Cosmetic / Optional	\$ _____
Total Estimated Repairs	\$ _____

Repair estimate details / parts / labor:

Sample estimates are for illustration only and vary by vehicle, parts selected, labor conditions and additional findings. Final repair quote is provided separately after inspection/diagnosis.

FINAL PURCHASE RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation	☐ RECOMMENDED ☒ RECOMMENDED WITH NEGOTIATION ☐ CAUTION ☐ NOT RECOMMENDED
Recommended Price Adjustment	\$750-\$1,000
Final Rating	7.2 / 10



Final comments - explain major risks, negotiation points, and what should be repaired first:

Good overall sample vehicle with no immediate safety concern observed. Negotiate for rear brake wear, right-front sway-bar-link repair, stored EVAP code, prior cosmetic front repair and routine maintenance. Verify title/history/recalls by exact VIN before purchase.

INSPECTOR SIGN-OFF

Inspector Name	Al's Mobile Mechanic
Inspector Signature	WEBSITE SAMPLE - NOT A CUSTOMER SIGNATURE
Date / Time	September 4, 2026 - Sample Report
Customer Acknowledgment (optional)	

INSPECTION LIMITATIONS / DISCLAIMER

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