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# Used Stove Buyer's Checklist

A 7-point walkthrough to bring with you to any showroom

## Check these 7 things before you buy

1. **Door seal and gasket**
   Run a finger along the rubber gasket. It should be soft and unbroken all the way around, with no flat spots, cracks, or gaps.

2. **Burner ignition and flame**
   Ask to see each burner lit. A healthy gas flame is mostly blue and even. Yellow or orange tips are worth asking about.

3. **Oven temperature accuracy**
   Ask whether the unit has been tested with an independent oven thermometer, and ask to see the reading if one is available.

4. **Rust underneath and on the legs**
   Crouch down and look underneath with a flashlight. Light surface dust is normal. Flaking rust on the frame or legs is not.

5. **Control knobs and display**
   Turn every knob through its full range and confirm the display (if it has one) lights up and holds a setting.

6. **Power cord and plug type**
   Confirm the plug matches your kitchen outlet. Many ranges use a specific 3-prong or 4-prong configuration.

7. **Age and service history**
   Ask how long the store has had the unit, where it came from, and whether it has had any repairs since arriving.

## Questions worth asking before you pay

### Does it come with any kind of warranty or return window?

Ask the seller directly and get the answer in writing. Return and exchange terms vary by store and by unit condition.

### Was it inspected and tested before being put on the floor?

A store that tests appliances before resale should be able to describe what that process covers.

### Is delivery and basic installation available?

Confirm this before you buy, especially for a gas range, since gas connections should be handled by someone qualified to do it.

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