



Pre-owned Is the New Used



Does the idea of a used car automatically bring to mind the thought of an old rusted clunker? It shouldn't; not anymore. With more and more Americans buying and leasing new vehicles and trading them in only after a few short years of use, the market is being flooded with high quality pre-owned vehicles. This is great news for consumers who are in the market for a vehicle and concerned about their budget. However you might be saying to yourself, "I love that new car smell." Well, that smell of 'new' also comes with a hefty price tag. Consider this: a

new vehicle depreciates in value as soon as it drives off the lot. You can expect to lose up to 15 percent of the car's value within the first year, according to [bankrate.com](#). Now that stinks. Still not convinced? Then here are a few more advantages of going pre-owned, especially certified or quality safety-checked pre-owned.

Stretch Your Dollar Further

Pre-owned vehicles are an affordable alternative to a new car with a lot of the benefits of buying new. So you may be asking yourself, what's the difference between used and pre-owned?

First, to be a Quality pre-owned vehicle, they must pass a rigorous inspection. If they don't pass, they can not be classified as certified or safety-checked; they're just used. Check with the dealer or [Autoland](#), which offers both new and pre-owned vehicles, to get a complete list of their key inspection points. Another good idea, research the make and model you have your eye on to see if it has a history of maintenance issues. If it does, you might want to have a back up vehicle in mind.

Second, pre-owned vehicles are typically covered by the remainder of the manufacturer's warranty plus additional coverage. Always check with your dealer or Autoland on what coverage comes with their pre-owned vehicles. Autoland for instance, offers a 5 month/5000 mile limited power-train warranty in addition to a 5 day/500 mile "no questions asked" return policy on its pre-owned vehicles. What's more, with a pre-owned you are getting a reasonably newer vehicle with low mileage and you don't have the steep loss in depreciation. You can thank the previous owner for paying the initial depreciation costs for you, stretching your auto budget further.

