

Used Ride-On / Riding Lawn Mower Buying Checklist

Physical Condition

Sheet Metal:

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- Check if there are too many dents or not
- Too many rust is intolerable
- Sign of body filler (knock the surface and listen how it sounds)
- Mounting bolts (broken, replaced, or damaged)

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Paint:

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- Originality (repainted surface often come with filler application)
- Chips, Bubbling, Fading Scratches

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Plastic Body Panel:

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- Check for cracks or dents (cracks is serious problem)
- Mounting bolts and around it (cracks might happen in plastic body panel)
- Check for missing panels or pieces

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Basic Mechanical (Engine Off)

Engine:

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- Brands
- Oil condition / level
- Spark and plug wires
- Finding the engine type: 2- or 4-stroke
- Filter condition (too many dirt may cause serious problem)
- Leaks
- Type of transmission (hydrostatic, manual, etc)

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Steering:

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- Linkage
- Turning wheel smoothness (notice also if there any noise)
- Type: power or manual
- Steering wheel

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Mower / Blade:

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- Size of the mower and blade
- Number of blade
- Blade / mower originality

- Raising / lowering deck
- Blade quality
- Discharge chute
- If the blade replacement is available

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Tires:

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- Model availability for replacement
- Rims (rust, damage)
- Is the size will fit to your lawn

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Other Components

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- Seat
- Pedals
- Throttle physics
- Foot rests / mats
- Electronic displays (including hour meter and other indicators)
- Headlights
- Fuel tank cap
- Hood
- Belts

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Test Drive

Warming-up:

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- Starting impression (how many time you need to start / cranking time)
- Smoke on start-up (too many smoke could be the sign of problem)
- Weird noise on start-up

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After Warming-up:

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- Throttle response
- Forward and reverse gears (also change while mower engaged)
- Clutch for some models (need deep press: requires tune-up)
- Test the Brake
- Make small turning circle
- Lower and raise mower deck
- Engine vibration
- Hot engine after short moment (it could be serious problem if the engine getting too hot after a moment)

- Do little practice of mowing
- Parking brake (if equipped)

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Add Your List

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