

Auto Damage Consultants LLC will answer any questions you may have about your vehicle by calling us at (505) 681-8540 or through our [e-mail](#). We made this page, Frequently Asked Questions, as an added feature in our website to help you. Simply click on the question to reveal the answer.

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Will my damaged vehicle ever be the same as before?

It depends on the severity of the damage to your vehicle. If your vehicle sustained minor damage like a broken taillight or a slightly dinged bumper that can be properly replaced with factory replacement parts and an experienced professional can detect little if any of the evidence of the repair ever taken place.

Now, if your vehicle has sustained major damage, even after receiving the best professional repair, it will not only have a history of being damaged but will also have some signs that a repair has been taken place. These signs can be easily noticed by professional. Such remaining indicators will cause a loss of value and may pose lingering doubts about the safety and flaws of the vehicle.

How will the damage history affect my trade-in or the sale of my vehicle?

Under most state laws, every auto dealer is to disclose an accident history on a vehicle to a potential buyer. Auto dealers often ask about your vehicle regarding the damage history and may even have you sign an affidavit. When an auto dealer discloses an accident history to a vehicle a buyer may not be willing to pay the same amount for a vehicle that has an accident free history.

I'm getting a CARFAX report, is this good enough?

A CARFAX report is a good start. CARFAX keeps a vehicle history database that contains over 6 billion records from over 20,000 sources. They get this information from the insurance company, auction houses, DMV, service facilities, dealerships and more. These records will let you know if the vehicle you are planning to purchase has had any major accidents, frame damage and/or odometer problems. A CARFAX keeps a pretty complete service record, it also lets you know how many owners the vehicle has had and if it was used as a rental vehicle or a lease vehicle. So far so good, but no system is perfect and there is no exceptions. These CARFAX reports simply can't tell you the whole story. There are thousands of auto repair shops that simply do not report work that is done. And with the economy in the state it is it seems that more and more car owners are attempting to do the work themselves. It has been documented that some accidents slip to the cracks and are not reported in the CARFAX report.

What you should do is have a professional at Auto Damage Consultants (ADC) give you a Pre-Purchase Inspection. A Pre-Purchase Inspection from Auto Damage Consultants (ADC) gives you hands-on inspection of the vehicle. Our experienced professionals will inspect the mechanical, safety components, the overall look of the vehicle and give you a detailed report.

I'm buying a used vehicle, should I get a Pre-Purchase Inspection?

Yes! It is highly recommended that you get a Pre-Purchase Inspection done by a trust professional. When buying a used vehicle is often that vehicle may have limited or have no warranty at all. Which leaves you, the buyer assuming all the risk in the event of a mechanical, operational and cosmetic failures. It makes financial sense to get a Pre-Purchase Inspection done prior to buying a used vehicle, it could save you the hard ache and financial burden.

Still have questions that give us a call at (505) 681-8540 or by [e-mail](#). We look forward to helping you.