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USED TRAILER PURCHASE CHECKLIST

DATE INSPECTED: _____ TRAILER TYPE: _____ UNIT #: _____
YEAR: _____ MAKE: _____ MODEL: _____ VIN: _____
SELLER / LOCATION: _____ ASKING PRICE: _____

1 DOCUMENTATION & HISTORY

- ☐ VIN matches title and documents
- ☐ VIN plate present and unaltered
- ☐ Title / ownership documents available
- ☐ Maintenance records available
- ☐ Repair history reviewed
- ☐ Accident history disclosed
- ☐ Previous cargo / application known
- ☐ Major component replacements documented
- ☐ Trailer age and mileage verified (if available)

2 FRAME & STRUCTURE

- ☐ Frame rails are straight
- ☐ No bending, twisting, buckling, or impact damage
- ☐ Crossmembers intact and secure
- ☐ No missing or damaged crossmembers
- ☐ No cracks in frame or structural components
- ☐ Welds consistent and professional
- ☐ No excessive aftermarket welds
- ☐ Kingpin area free of cracks or damage
- ☐ Rear frame straight and undamaged
- ☐ No severe rust or metal deterioration
- ☐ No fresh paint hiding repairs

3 RUST & CORROSION

- ☐ Landing gear mounting points
- ☐ Suspension hangers
- ☐ Crossmembers
- ☐ Rear frame
- ☐ Kingpin and upper coupler area
- ☐ Axles and wheel-end components
- ☐ Steel floor supports
- ☐ Door frames and rear sill
- ☐ Rust is cosmetic only
- ☐ No deep corrosion or weakened metal

4 SUSPENSION

AIR-RIDE SUSPENSION

- ☐ Air bags no cracks, dry rot, bulges
- ☐ No air leaks
- ☐ Even ride height
- ☐ Air lines and fittings secure
- ☐ Hangers not cracked or damaged

SPRING SUSPENSION

- ☐ Leaf springs not broken or cracked
- ☐ Spring packs properly aligned
- ☐ Mounting hardware secure
- ☐ No severe rust or deterioration

ADDITIONAL COMPONENTS

- ☐ Bushings intact, minimal play
- ☐ Torque arms straight and secure
- ☐ Fasteners present and tight
- ☐ Axles appear properly aligned

5 AXLES, WHEELS & TIRES

TIRES

- ☐ Adequate tread depth
- ☐ Even wear across all axles
- ☐ No sidewall cracks, cuts, bulges, or exposed cords
- ☐ Properly inflated
- ☐ Tire age acceptable
- ☐ Matching tire sizes
- ☐ No alignment or suspension-related wear

WHEELS

- ☐ Wheels not bent or cracked
- ☐ No cracks around lug holes
- ☐ All lug nuts present
- ☐ No severe rust buildup
- ☐ No signs of wheel movement

HUBS & BEARINGS

- ☐ No grease or oil leaking
- ☐ Seals show no leakage
- ☐ No burn marks / overheating
- ☐ No excessive wheel-end play
- ☐ Hubcaps secure and undamaged

6 BRAKE SYSTEM

- ☐ Brake linings sufficient thickness
- ☐ Linings not cracked, glazed, or oily
- ☐ Brake wear is even
- ☐ Drums / rotors no deep grooves or cracks
- ☐ No excessive heat checking
- ☐ Brake chambers secure and undamaged
- ☐ Air lines no cracks, chafing, or leaks
- ☐ Air fittings secure
- ☐ Slack adjusters operate correctly
- ☐ Pushrod travel consistent
- ☐ Parking brakes apply / release properly
- ☐ ABS warning light operates correctly

7 LANDING GEAR

- ☐ Cranks smoothly through full range
- ☐ Legs raise / lower evenly
- ☐ Legs straight, not bent
- ☐ Foot plates intact
- ☐ Gearbox no oil leaks
- ☐ Crank handle present and secure
- ☐ Mounting bolts present and tight
- ☐ Mounting area no structural damage
- ☐ No severe rust or corrosion

8 FLOOR & CARGO AREA

- ☐ Floor solid and level
- ☐ No soft spots, cracks, holes, or loose sections
- ☐ No signs of water intrusion
- ☐ Interior free of mold or mildew
- ☐ Cargo area clean and serviceable

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- ☐ Floorboards secure
- ☐ No delamination or water damage
- ☐ Rear door area solid

FLATBED / OPEN-DECK

- ☐ Decking secure
- ☐ No damaged or missing boards
- ☐ Fasteners secure
- ☐ Tie-down areas not cracked

REFRIGERATED TRAILER

- ☐ Floor free of cracks
- ☐ Drainage system works
- ☐ Insulation intact
- ☐ No water intrusion
- ☐ Refrigeration unit verified

9 ROOF, WALLS & EXTERIOR

- ☐ Roof panels intact
- ☐ No visible roof leaks
- ☐ Corner caps secure
- ☐ Rivets and fasteners present
- ☐ Sidewalls straight and undamaged
- ☐ No dents, holes, or separation
- ☐ Interior walls no water stains
- ☐ Front wall / nose secure
- ☐ Rear frame and bumper undamaged
- ☐ Mudflaps and brackets present

10 DOORS

- ☐ Doors open / close smoothly
- ☐ Hinges secure and undamaged
- ☐ Door seals complete and flexible
- ☐ Doors seal tightly
- ☐ Locking rods operate correctly
- ☐ Latches and handles secure
- ☐ Roll-up door operates smoothly (if equipped)
- ☐ No water intrusion around doors

11 ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

- ☐ Clearance lights operate
- ☐ Marker lights operate
- ☐ Brake lights operate
- ☐ Turn signals operate
- ☐ Reverse lights operate (if equipped)
- ☐ License plate light operates
- ☐ ABS warning light operates
- ☐ Seven-way connector secure
- ☐ Wiring harness properly mounted
- ☐ No exposed or damaged wires
- ☐ No loose, corroded, or bad connections

12 CARGO SECUREMENT EQUIPMENT

- ☐ Wreint or twisted properly
- ☐ Trainn trans straight and secure
- ☐ D-rings secure and undamaged
- ☐ Rub rails straight and secure
- ☐ Stake pockets intact
- ☐ Chain tie-down points not bent or cracked
- ☐ Straps and chains serviceable (if included)
- ☐ No excessive wear at securement points

13 OPERATIONAL TEST

- ☐ Trailer connects properly to tractor
- ☐ Kingpin locks securely
- ☐ Air system builds & holds pressure
- ☐ No significant air leaks
- ☐ Brakes apply and release correctly
- ☐ Suspension raises / lowers (if equipped)
- ☐ Trailer tracks straight during road test
- ☐ No unusual vibration, pulling, or noise
- ☐ All lights function while connected
- ☐ Trailer height and ride position correct

MAJOR RED FLAGS

- Bent or twisted main frame
- Cracks near kingpin or upper coupler
- Extensive structural corrosion
- Multiple major frame weld repairs
- Missing or altered VIN plate
- Evidence of flood damage
- Severe uneven tire wear
- Major brake or air system problems
- Significant roof or water intrusion
- Extensive floor damage
- No maintenance records
- Repairs may exceed trailer value



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