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Unit 6: Buying a safe first car

NRMA young driver road safety program





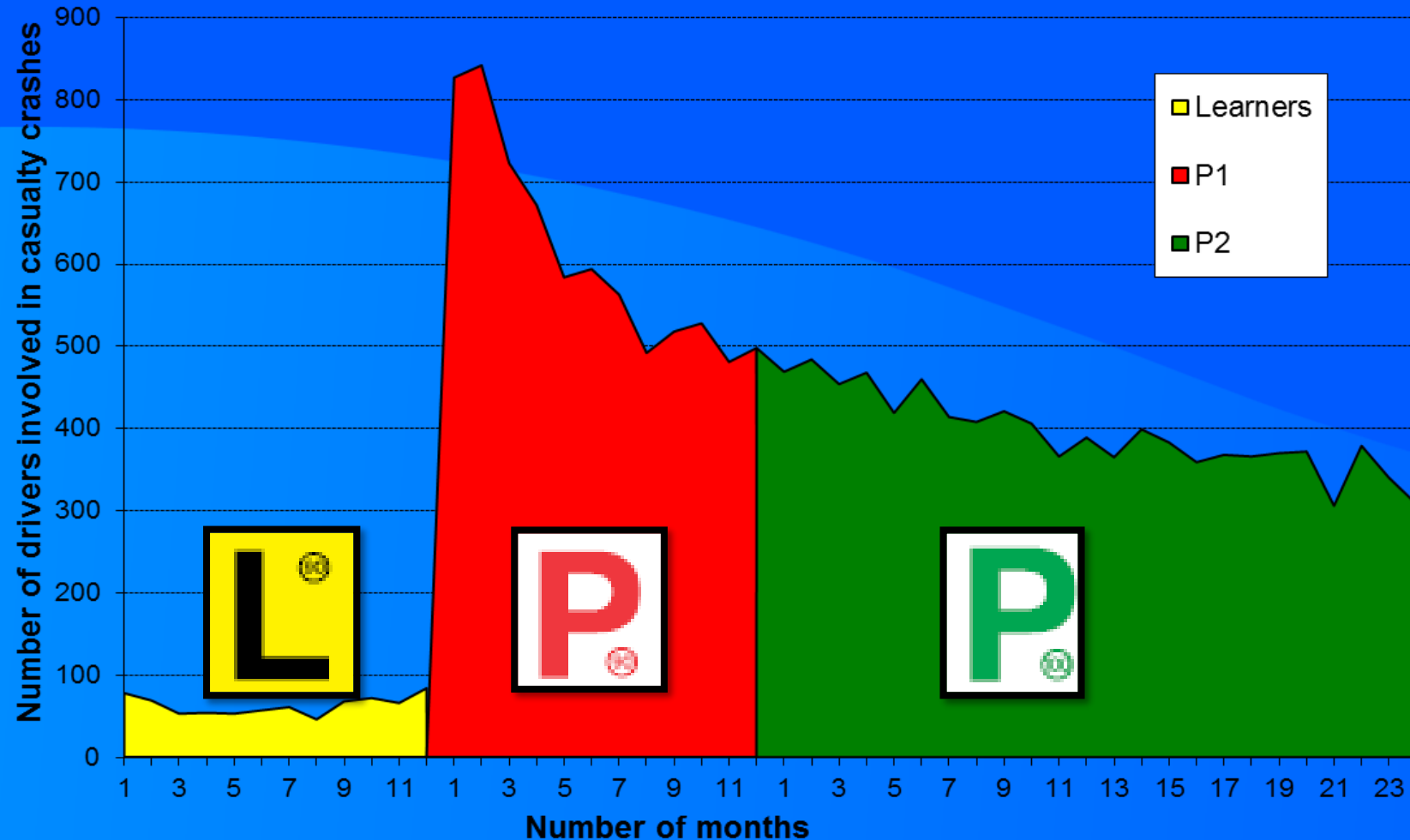
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We acknowledge the land on which we gather, from places as widespread and diverse as the NRMA. In the presence of Elders past, present and future, we recognise all journeys and our mutual role in creating new paths together.

**You'll never forget
buying your first car,
it's a thrilling step
toward freedom and
independence for many
drivers.**

The crash stats for the first four years of driving

Driver involvements in casualty crashes, NSW 2012 to 2016
Driver licence type, month of tenure



Who tends to drive the
oldest cars?



Young driver research

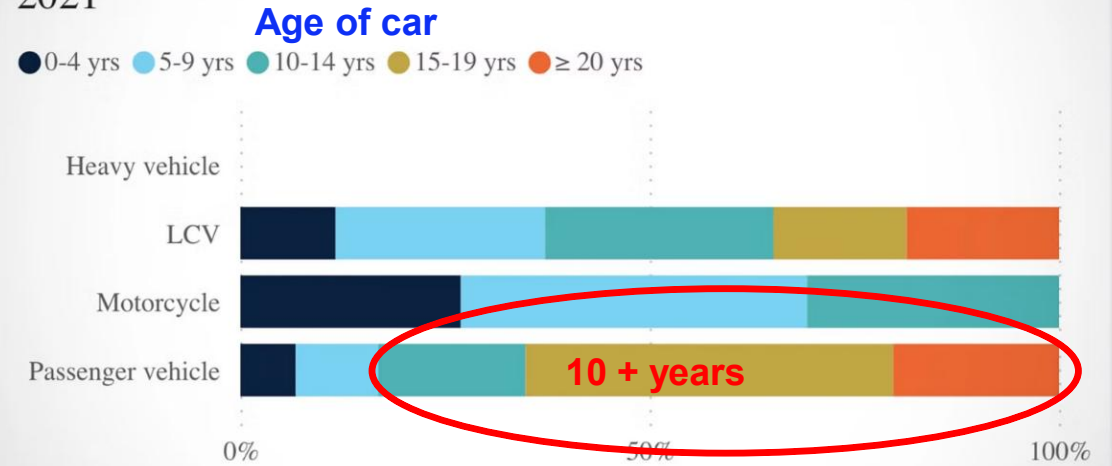
Young drivers tend to drive the oldest
least safe cars

Same budget + safer car delivers 60%
decrease in death & serious injury

Aim to buy:

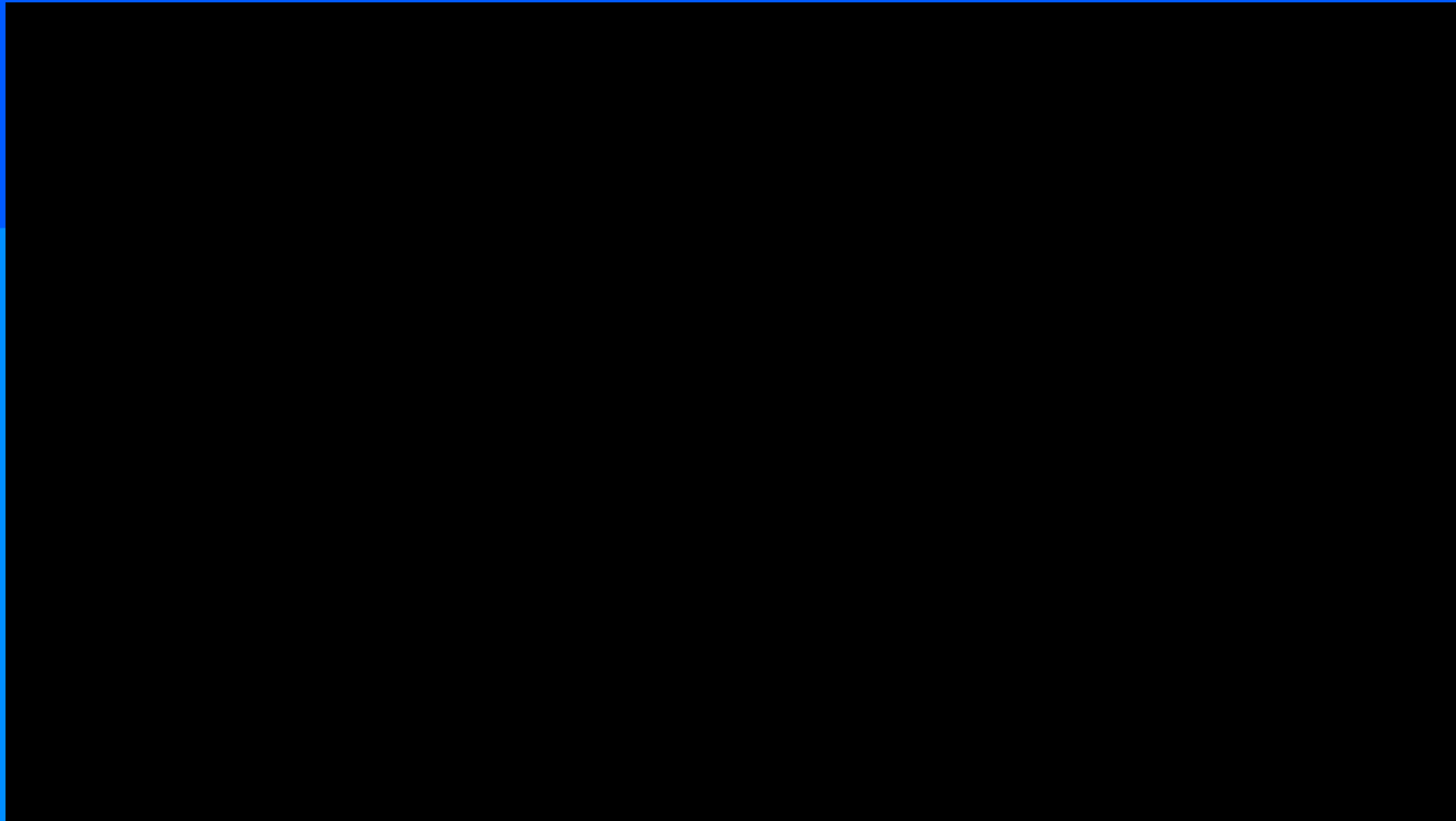
- a car that is less than 10 years old
- the safest car you can within your budget

PROPORTION OF ROAD DEATHS BY VEHICLE AGE, 2021 ⓘ



Does the age of the car really make a difference?

Corolla 1998 vs 2015



Does the age of the car really make a difference?

1998 MODEL



- GOOD
- ADEQUATE
- MARGINAL
- WEAK
- POOR

CATASTROPHIC STRUCTURAL FAILURE.
EXTREMELY HIGH RISK OF SERIOUS
HEAD, CHEST AND LEG INJURY.
UNSURVIVABLE.

2015 MODEL



- GOOD
- ADEQUATE
- MARGINAL
- WEAK
- POOR

STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY MAINTAINED.
SLIGHT RISK OF LOWER LEG INJURY.
WALKED AWAY.

Safety ratings – Used vehicles

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options when looking to buy a safe car.



Haval Jolion
2025



TESTED 2022 ★★★★★

Recommended features **10/10**

From \$16,850 - \$18,750

[More details](#)



GWM Haval H6
2023



TESTED 2022 ★★★★★

Recommended features **10/10**

From \$19,250 - \$21,400

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Safety at a glance

Driver Protection



Protection for Other Road Users



Crash Avoidance



Recommended Safety Features

6/10

Body type

SUVs & 4WDs

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UCSR USED CAR
SAFETY RATING



OVERALL SAFETY

Always buy a
5 star
used car

P-plate restrictions

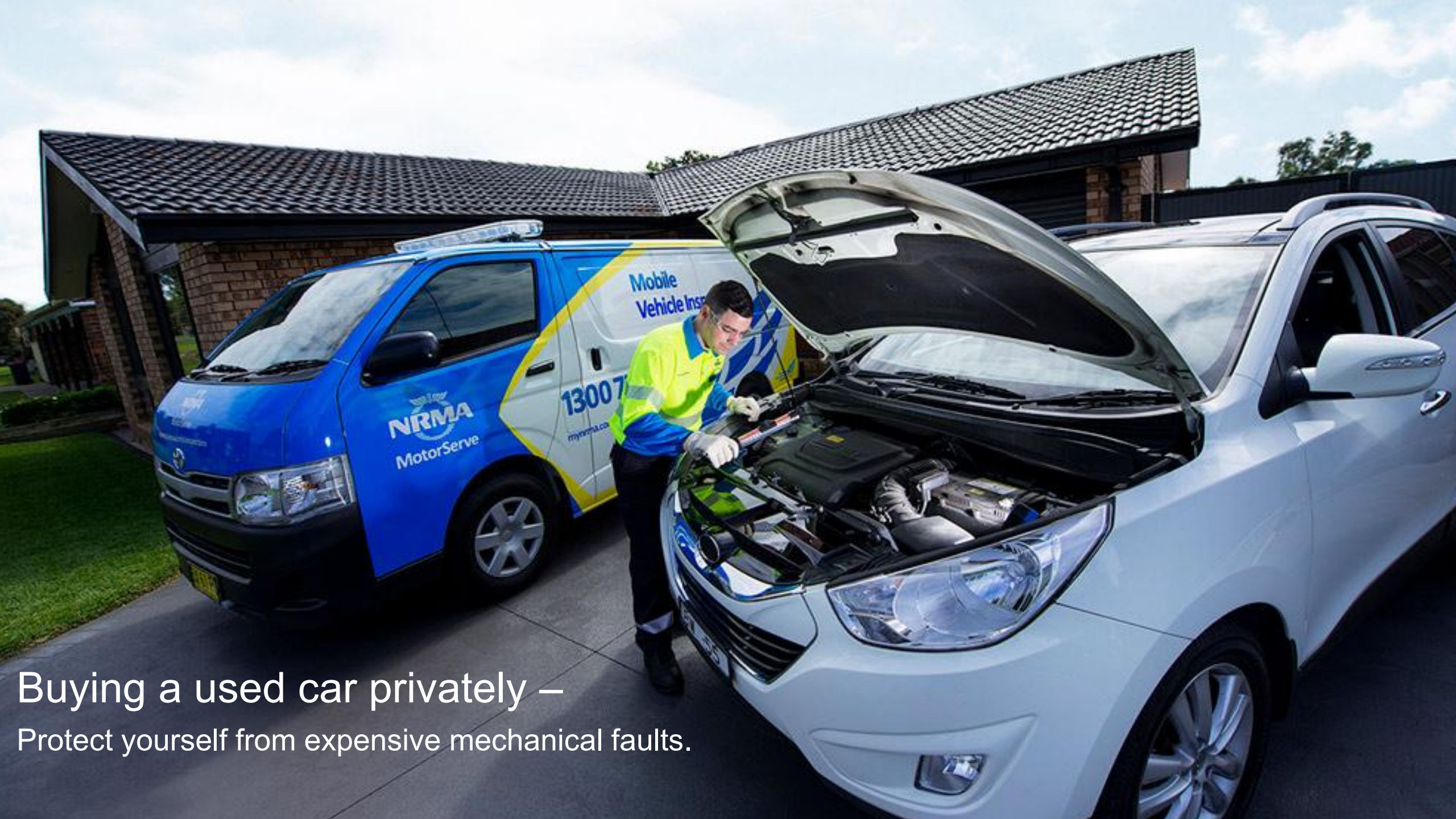
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Private price guide

\$14,700 - \$16,850

Compare

Common misconceptions
Reliable \neq safe

A mechanic wearing a high-visibility yellow and blue vest is working on the engine of a white SUV. The hood of the car is open, and the mechanic is focused on the engine components. In the background, there is a blue and white van with "NRMA MotorServe" and "1300 7" printed on it. The scene is set outdoors in front of a building with a tiled roof.

Buying a used car privately –
Protect yourself from expensive mechanical faults.

Buying a brand new car





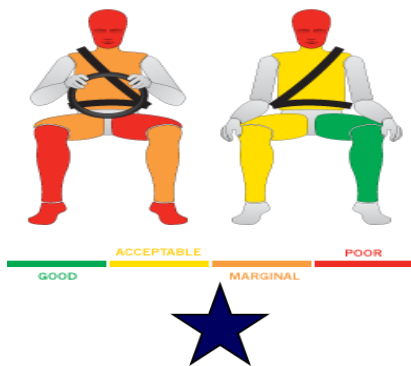
Buying a safe car

ANCAP is the Australasian New Car Assessment Program

Do 5 stars really make a difference?



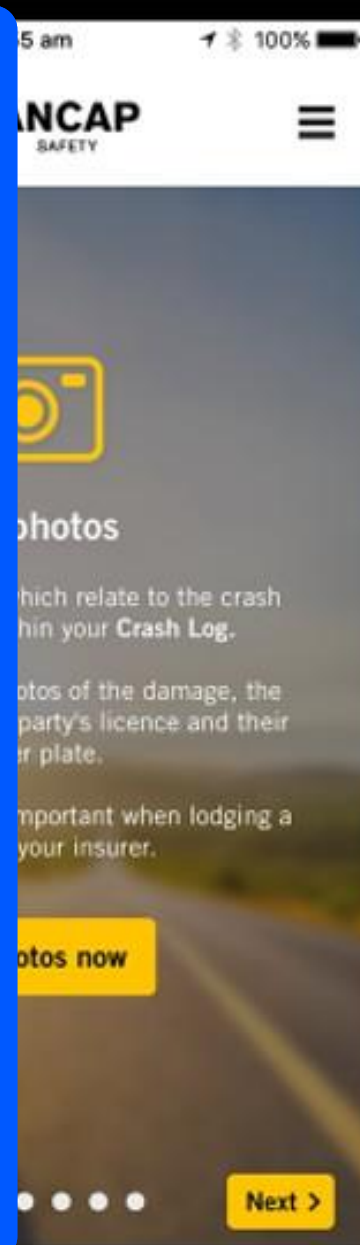
5 stars means you can walk away



Download the ANCAP App

- **Car safety ratings – New cars only**
- **Comparison tool - makes/models**
- **Crash log – step by step what to do in the event of a crash**

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Key Learnings

1. Do your research
2. Buy the safest car for your budget
3. Make sure the car is less than 10 years old
4. Buy a 5-star new car or used car
5. Remember that reliable \neq safe so be confident to educate your parents about what car is the safest for you





NRMA support services

- ✓ Driving Lessons
- ✓ Safer Drivers Course
- ✓ Free2Go membership
for 16-20 year olds

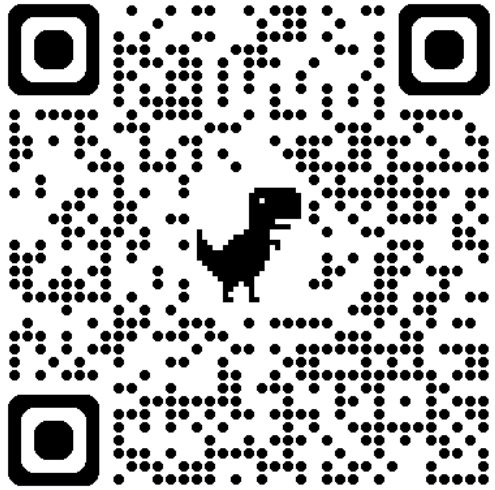


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