

# HARVEY AFTERMATH

## WHY SHOULD I HAVE A PRE-PURCHASE INSPECTION BEFORE BUYING A CAR IN HOUSTON?

As you know our area was devastated by Hurricane Harvey. Initial estimates are that up to 500,000 new and used cars were damaged by flood waters. How does this affect your next vehicle purchase? Many of these damaged vehicles will end up back on dealer lots. To the untrained it is very difficult, if not impossible, to tell if the vehicle had water damage.

### How is flood damage hidden?

- Carpets and upholstery are removed, cleaned, and reinstalled.
- Debris lines are washed off of the exterior.
- Interiors are deodorized.

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**\$109**

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PHOTOS TAKEN ON 8/31/2017 IN HOUSTON, TX AT MULTIPLE AREA DEALERSHIPS

### What kind of issues does flood damage cause?

- Water in the vehicle fluids can cause **engine, transmission, differential, power steering, and brake system failures**. These issues will not appear until weeks after the water enters the system.
- Water also washes out the lubricants in the **wheel bearings, ball joints, tie rods, and other undercarriage components**. These will rust and fail over the next few months.
- With water comes electrical issues. Many times once components dry out, they will function. However over the next year or so they will develop corrosion from the water intrusion. That corrosion can cause **sensor failures, computer failures, and in some cases random airbag deployments**.
- Additionally if the moisture is not fully removed it can cause **mold, mildew, and health issues**.
- A flood damaged vehicle can depreciate anywhere from 25 – 50% due to the damage.



SCHEDULE AN INSPECTION TODAY!

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