VAUXHALL CHEVETTE (L / GL / GLS / HS / HSR)

Engine: **1256cc OHV / 2279cc 16V Slant-Four (HS/HSR)**
Suspension: **Double Wishbone Front & 4-Link Coil Rear Axle**

PRE-PURCHASE BUYER'S FIELD INSPECTION SHEET (1975–1984)

VEHICLE REGISTRATION	CHASSIS / VIN NUMBER	RECORDED MILEAGE	ASKING PRICE
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1. CRITICAL STRUCTURAL ROT TRAPS

HATCHBACK MONOCOQUE INTEGRITY

PASS	INSPECTION POINT	SPECIFIC WEAR INDICATOR & DEFECT SIGN
☐	**Front Inner Wings & Upper Wishbones**	GM T-Car platform uses front double wishbones. Inspect upper wishbone mounting plates, inner flitches, and bulkhead seams for rust perforation and stress tears.
☐	**Outer Sills & Jacking Mounts**	Check length of outer sills and round center jacking brackets. Internal condensation rots the middle strengthening membrane, causing door shut lines to bind.
☐	**Rear 4-Link Trailing Arm Mounts**	4-link coil-sprung rear axle. Inspect trailing arm chassis attachment pockets on the rear floor; rust tears mounting boxes out under hard acceleration.
☐	**Tailgate Lower Lip & Boot Well**	Hatchback tailgate lower drainage lip. Water leaking through perished rear hatch and tail lamp seals pools into the spare wheel drop-well and rear valance seams.

2. MECHANICAL TRIAGE & RUNNING GEAR

COLD START TO OPERATING TEMP

PASS	SYSTEM / COMPONENT	TARGET TOLERANCES & OPERATIONAL CHECKS
☐	**1256cc OHV vs 2.3L 16V (HS/HSR)** **Spec: 40–50 Cold | 20+ Hot**	On 1256cc: check timing chain rattle and oil pressure light on crank. On HS/HSR (2.3L 16-valve Lotus-designed head): inspect toothed timing belt and twin Dell'Orto carbs.
☐	**Vauxhall 4-Speed / Getrag 5-Speed**	Standard models use 4-speed manual (check 2nd/3rd gear synchros). HS/HSR models use Getrag 5-speed dogleg manual (check dogleg 1st engagement and synchro baulk).
☐	**Front Double Wishbones & Rack** **Max Play: <0.5 inch at rim**	Check rack-and-pinion steering for center play and worn tie-rod ends. Jack front suspension to test upper/lower ball joints for vertical play.
☐	**Torque Tube Rear Axle (HS / HSR)**	HS/HSR homologation specials use heavy-duty rear axle with torque tube. Check for clunking on pull-away and inspect differential pinion seal for oil leaks.

EXTREME HS / HSR REPLICA RISK: Only 400 HS (Silver/Tartan) & 50 HSR (flared arches/twin spoilers) homologation specials built. Chassis plate prefix: 9B68... (HS). Check for factory 2.3L 16V slant-four, Getrag gearbox, and vented front discs.

3. DEFECT LEDGER & NEGOTIATION DEDUCTIONS

UK MARKET BENCHMARKS

OBSERVED DEFECT / REQUIRED WORK	ESTIMATED UK REMEDY	DEDUCTION APPLIED
Perforated Outer Sills & Trailing Arm Floor Mounts	£850 – £1,400 (Structural sill fabrication)	£
Front Upper Wishbone Mount Rot & Ball Joint Overhaul	£650 – £1,100 (Inner wing fabrication & joints)	£
HS / HSR 2.3L 16V Slant-Four Engine Top-End Overhaul	£1,400 – £2,400 (Camshafts, 16 valves & timing kit)	£
Worn 2nd Synchro / Noisy Gearbox Overhaul	£400 – £650 (Unit overhaul & clutch replacement)	£
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS FROM ASKING PRICE	MAX REVISED OFFER:	£