VAUXHALL CRESTA PB

Engine: **2651cc / 3294cc OHV Inline-6**
Transmission: **3-Spd Column / Hydramatic Automatic**

PRE-PURCHASE BUYER'S FIELD INSPECTION SHEET (1962–1965)

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

MONOCOQUE BODY INTEGRITY

PASS	INSPECTION POINT	SPECIFIC WEAR INDICATOR & DEFECT SIGN
☐	**Front Wing Eyebrows & Pockets**	Inspect headlamp cowls and inner wing splash guards. Mud thrown by large front tyres rots through outer wing pressings above the bumper wrap.
☐	**Boxed Sills & Jacking Tubes**	Examine outer sills along full length and check underbody jacking tube mounts. Tap with brass hammer; internal sill condensation causes hidden collapse.
☐	**Rear Leaf Spring Forward Mounts**	Inspect forward spring hanger box sections inside rear footwell cavities. High-torque 3.3L pull tears rusty spring hanger mountings from floorpan.
☐	**Rear Window Shelf & Boot Well**	Perished rubber seal on wide wrap-around rear screen drains water into parcel shelf cavity and boot floor spare wheel well.

2. MECHANICAL TRIAGE & RUNNING GEAR

COLD START TO OPERATING TEMP

PASS	SYSTEM / COMPONENT	TARGET TOLERANCES & OPERATIONAL CHECKS
☐	**Straight-6 Oil Pressure** **Spec: 40–50 Cold | 20+ Hot**	Smooth-running 2.6L/3.3L iron block. Check oil pressure warning light extinguishes on first crank. Listen for timing chain rattle and exhaust manifold flange blow.
☐	**Hydramatic / Column 3-Speed**	GM Hydramatic automatic must shift without slipping between 2nd & 3rd. If 3-speed manual: check column shift linkage bushes for excessive slop/jamming.
☐	**Front Suspension Kingpins** **Max Play: <1.0 inch at rim**	Jack front crossmember to test front kingpins and upper/lower ball joints for vertical play. Check Burman recirculating ball steering box for heavy center wandering.
☐	**Lockheed Front Disc Brakes**	PB introduced front disc brakes. Inspect Lockheed calipers for seized pistons and check flexible rubber brake hoses for perished outer rubber.

Model & Identity Verification: Chassis plate riveted to passenger inner wing apron. Prefix: PBD (2.6L engine, 1962–64) or PBE (3.3L engine, 1964–65). Verify cast engine prefix matches cylinder block boss and V5C logbook.

3. DEFECT LEDGER & NEGOTIATION DEDUCTIONS

UK MARKET BENCHMARKS

OBSERVED DEFECT / REQUIRED WORK	ESTIMATED UK REMEDY	DEDUCTION APPLIED
Perforated Boxed Sills & Rear Spring Hanger Welding	£900 – £1,500 (Structural fabrication)	£
Corroded Front Wing Eyebrows & Lower Valances	£450 – £700 (Hand-formed panel repair & paint)	£
Slipping GM Hydramatic Transmission Overhaul	£850 – £1,300 (Specialist gearbox overhaul)	£
Worn Steering Box, Front Kingpins & Geometry Set	£350 – £550 (Kingpins, box rebuild & alignment)	£
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS FROM ASKING PRICE	MAX REVISED OFFER:	£