

CONSUMER CHECKLIST FOR PIANO CONDITION

Make _____
Model _____
Serial # _____

Approx. Age _____
Grand _____ Vertical _____
Height/Length _____

I. Appearance and general case condition: Poor ___ Fair ___ Good ___ Excellent ___

- A. Color: _____ Wood Tone: _____
- B. Loose veneer: Y/N ___ Corners missing: Y/N ___
- C. Fallboard working: Y/N ___ Warped or damaged: Y/N ___
- D. Lid square and straight: Y/N ___
- E. Cracks or splits on surfaces: _____
- F. Finish: OK ___ Scratches ___ Checking ___
- G. Other damage: _____

II. Keyboard

- A. Ivory ___ Plastic ___ Other ___
- B. Loose naturals: Y/N ___ How many Heads ___ Tails ___
- C. Color of naturals: White ___ Yellow ___ Gray ___
- D. Keys level: Y/N ___
- E. Keys sticking: Y/N ___ What notes? _____

III. Playability

- A. All notes working: Y/N ___
- B. Dynamic Range: 1. Loudness (1-10) ___ 2. Softness (1-10) ___
- C. Tone: 1. Too bright ___ 2. Too soft ___ 3. About right ___
- D. Voicing and regulation
 - 1. Individual notes too loud or soft: _____
 - 2. Notes requiring more or less effort: _____
- E. Tuning
 - 1. General tuning condition: _____
 - 2. Individual notes out of tune: _____
 - 3. Entire section out of tune: _____
- F. Pedals
 - 1. Working: Y/N ___
 - 2. Noises: Y/N ___ What kind? _____
- G. Moving
 - 1. Can you get it out without difficulty? Y/N ___
 - 2. Can you get it in without difficulty? Y/N ___

This list has been compiled as a consumer-level check list for the piano buyer. Even after you have completed this checklist it is advisable to hire a qualified piano technician (preferably a Registered Piano Technician) to inspect the piano; this can help give you confidence in your purchase and prevent a possible misfortune.