

# 'Ask Hanip'



Dear Hanip, I am a 25 year old university student looking at getting a sporty but cheap COE car. I did my homework and came across this old Toyota model known as the Toyota Paseo. It is a 1992 two door coupe and comes with a fuel-injected Toyota 5E-FE L4 engine. What I would like to know, is this engine reliable? I have seen a Paseo or two on sale at used car dealers but they only come in automatic transmission. Need your advice; do you think its ok to buy this car? Dick Hartono

**Hey Dick, first and foremost the vehicle you are looking at is a rather old vehicle. When you do look at a used one be sure to check the brakes, listen to the idling engine sound, look at the body shell and play with the transmission.**

**Depress the brake pedal, hold it there and shift the gears slowly up and down, from 'P' to 'R' to 'N' to 'D'. If there is a violent jerk or weird noise while shifting, it**



**is not advisable to buy the car. Should you experience a slight delay between the moment you shift and the moment the transmission engages, such a transmission is either worn or defective. Brakes should be firm and responsive, if it feels loose, give this Paseo a skip.**

**As for the engine, it would be best to bring a**

**mechanic down with you to view the car. Toyota 5E-FE L4 engines are known to be reliable but you do not want to be taking any chances. Many people buy used Toyotas and they got themselves very good deals but its always better to check because a car is a long term commitment and regrets can be costly!**