

2× Budget Cost Tracker

The Reality Check — total cost = 2× purchase price

The Rule

Total cost = 2× purchase price. Budget for the car AND everything around it before you buy.

Category	Item	Budgeted €	Actual €
Purchase	Vehicle purchase price		
Purchase	Transfer / registration fees		
Tools	Sockets, torque wrench, jack stands		
Tools	Multimeter / OBD2 scanner		
Fluids	Engine oil + filter		
Fluids	Coolant		
Fluids	Brake fluid / gear oil		
Parts	Wear items (brakes, bushings, belts)		
Parts	Structural / trim (scrapyard)		
Disposal	Old oil, tyres, scrap parts (Wertstoffhof)		
TÜV	Inspection + re-inspection fees		
Buffer	Unexpected (10–20% of total)		
	TOTAL		

Sourcing Reminder

- Cross-check part fitment (chassis code + build date) before buying
- Use scrapyards (Autoverwertung) for structural/trim/electrical parts that don't wear
- Reserve OEM new-parts budget for safety-critical wear items