

Scrapyard Sourcing Guide

The Budget — verify, prep, extract

Step 1 — Verify

- Cross-check part fitment online first (chassis code + build date + OEM part number)
- Confirm the yard has the exact model/generation, not just the same nameplate
- Call ahead to confirm the part is still available and check price

Step 2 — Prep

- Bring your own tools — sockets, breaker bar, screwdrivers
- Bring penetrating fluid for rusted fasteners
- Wear gloves and old clothes; bring a torch for dark corners
- Bring a container/bag for small parts and fasteners

Step 3 — Extract

- Take photos of the part in place before removing it (helps reassembly reference)
- Remove panels and trim carefully to avoid breaking clips
- Keep all fasteners together and labelled
- Inspect the part for hidden damage/rust before paying

What to Buy Used vs. New

Buy Used (Scrapyard)	Buy New (OEM)
Subframes & structural parts	Brakes (pads, discs)
Interior trim & panels	Bushings & suspension wear items
Control units / electronics (non-wear)	Belts & hoses
Glass & mirrors	Fluids & filters