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Toyota RAV4 GXL



ODOMETER
13,000 km

ENGINE
4 cyl 2.5L Hybrid

TRANSMISSION
Automatic (CVT 6sp)

ASKING PRICE	SUGGESTED OFFER	YOUR LEVERAGE
$39,000	$37,700	−$1,300

DEAL RATING

Good deal

WALK AWAY · POOR · FAIR · GOOD · GREAT · EXCELLENT

Only minor wear/brake items found, no title or structural issues, priced near the suggested offer.

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Register & recalls

CHECKED BEFORE ANYTHING ELSE

PPSR check not clear: read this first

Personal Property Securities Register (ppsr.gov.au)

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No VIN on file -- add one to run a PPSR check.

Open recalls 1

Source: Australian Government vehicle recall register · all rectifications free of charge

REC-005409

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Toyota will contact affected owners in writing, requesting that owners make an appointment at their preferred Toyota dealer to update the software program, free of charge.
1800 987 366

IN ITS FAVOUR

+ Single owner from new with full Toyota dealership service history.
+ Exceptionally low kilometres (13,000 km) for a 2021 model — about 3 years old.
+ Always garaged and protected from the elements; new 12V battery recently installed.

AGAINST IT

– Slight pulsation felt through the brake pedal during test drive braking, possibly indicating warped rotors or uneven pad wear.
– Tyres show minor uneven wear pattern, which may indicate alignment or suspension issues despite low vehicle mileage.
– Minor surface rust noted on the exhaust system during underbody visual check.

What the inspection found

4 FINDINGS FROM 32 CHECKS

SAFETY CRITICAL

Walk-away severity if it fails. Fix before driving, or before buying.

Slight pulsation felt through the brake pedal during test drive braking, possibly indicating warped rotors or uneven pad wear. — **$500 – $1,100**

Safety critical | Negotiation leverage | Likelihood 80% | Check: Brake pedal feel and regenerative braking

NEGOTIATION LEVERAGE

Wear and cosmetic items you can price into the offer.

Tyres show minor uneven wear pattern, which may indicate alignment or suspension issues despite low vehicle mileage. — **$120 – $1,000**

Likelihood 65% · Check: Tyre tread depth, wear pattern and age

Some kerb rash/scraping visible on wheel rims. — **$120 – $600**

Likelihood 95% · Check: Wheel rim condition

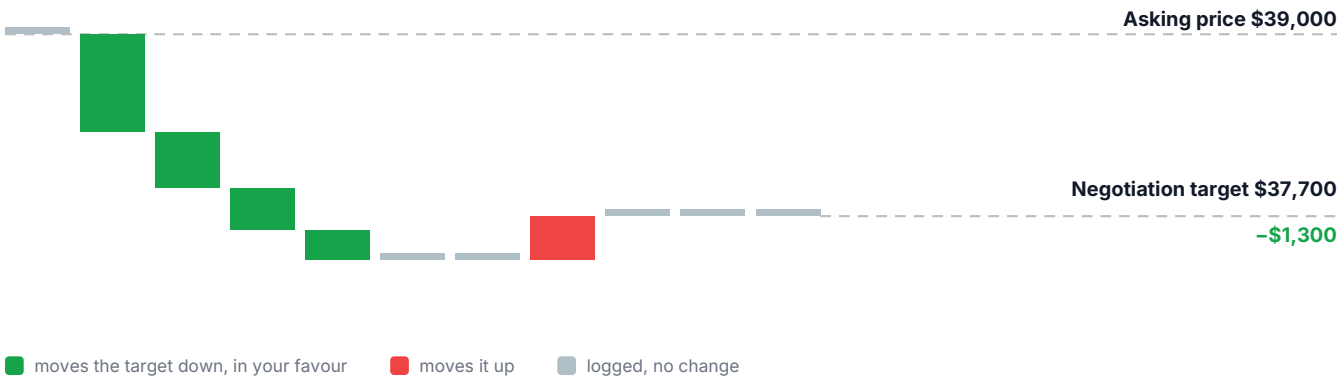
Minor surface rust noted on the exhaust system during underbody visual check. — **$0 – $1,200**

Likelihood 20% · Check: Exhaust condition check

The numbers

HOW $39,000 BECAME $37,700

NEGOTIATION TARGET



NEGOTIATION POINTS

+$0	This asking price is in line with comparable low-km 2021 RAV4 GXL Hybrids in the Australian market -- no fair-value adjustment.
−$700	Brake pedal pulsation (possible warped rotors/uneven pads) -- safety-critical, weighted higher despite moderate cost range.
−$400	Uneven tyre wear, possibly alignment/suspension related.
−$300	Kerb rash/scraping on wheel rims.
−$213	Minor surface rust on exhaust system.
+$0	Holding firm at $37,387 -- findings (brake pulsation, tyre wear, kerb rash, exhaust rust) still justify this target; no new figure from seller to respond to yet.
+$0	No new figure from either side -- holding firm at $37,387 since the seller hasn't moved and the findings still justify the gap from asking.
+$313	Small good-faith bump toward seller's $38,000 counter, meeting partway while still reflecting brake, tyre, rim and exhaust findings.
+$0	Seller hasn't moved off $38,000 -- holding firm at $37,700, justified by the brake pulsation and wear findings.
+$0	Seller accepted the standing $37,700 offer -- deal reached, no further movement needed.
+$0	Seller accepted the standing $37,700 offer -- closing at that figure, no further change to the target.

ASKING PRICE

$39,000

ESTIMATED REPAIR COST

$740 – $3,900

Estimate, not a quote

SUGGESTED OFFER

$37,700

$1,300 below asking

Every cost is an estimate based on typical AU repair prices, not a quote.

THE READ

Overall this RAV4 presents close to the seller's claims -- no walk-away red flags turned up in the inspection.
- Brake pedal pulsation on test drive is the standout item (likely warped rotor/pad wear) -- $450-$1,100 to fix, and worth rechecking since it's flagged safety-critical.
- Minor uneven tyre wear noted -- $120-$1,000 depending on cause (could just be alignment).
- Some kerb rash on wheels ($100-$800) and light surface rust on the exhaust ($150-$600) -- cosmetic/minor, normal negotiation leverage.
- Combined estimated cost to address everything found: $740-$3,900.
- The VSC recall on the register hasn't been confirmed outstanding on this car, so it's not weighed against it here.
- No PPSR result yet (no VIN logged) -- not a mark against the car, just an outstanding step.

WHAT TO DO

- Get the VIN from the seller and run a PPSR check before paying anything.
- Ask the seller to have the brake pulsation checked (or get a quote) and use the $740-$3,900 in minor findings to support an offer around $37,387.
- Confirm the VSC software recall was actually done at a Toyota dealer, not just that it's on the register.

Appendix: every check

32 CHECKS · COMPLETE

EXTERIOR

Paint and panel condition check
✓ No issues, paint and panels look uniform

Door jambs and boot edge overspray check
✓ No overspray or repair signs

Tyre tread depth, wear pattern and age
✓ Minor uneven wear

Wheel rim condition
✓ Some kerb rash

Exterior lights function check
✓ All lights work

Windscreen and glass condition
✓ No damage

UNDERBODY

Underbody rust and floor pan visual check
✓ No rust or damage visible

Suspension bounce test at each corner
✓ Settles quickly, no noise

Shock absorber fluid leak check
✓ No leaks visible

Exhaust condition check
✓ Minor surface rust

Brake pad and rotor visual check
✓ Pads and rotors look healthy

UNDER THE BONNET

Coolant level and colour check
✓ Level correct, coolant clean

Engine oil level and colour
✓ Level correct, oil looks clean

Visible fluid leaks in engine bay
✓ No leaks visible

Radiator hose condition
✓ Hoses feel firm, no cracking

12V battery terminal and mounting check
✓ Clean terminals, battery looks new

Hybrid inverter coolant reservoir check
✓ Level correct, clean colour

INTERIOR

Dashboard warning lights on startup
✓ All lights clear normally

VSC software recall confirmation
✓ Recall completed, VSC resets to on correctly

Air conditioning hot and cold test
✓ Works correctly both sides

Power windows and central locking check
✓ All work correctly

Seatbelt condition and retraction check
✓ All seatbelts fine

Reverse camera and parking sensors test
✓ Works correctly

Hybrid battery state of health on dash display
✓ No warnings shown

TEST DRIVE

Smoothness of petrol/electric transition
✓ Smooth, seamless transitions

Brake pedal feel and regenerative braking
✓ Slight pulsation felt

Straight-line tracking and steering check
✓ Tracks straight

Unusual noises while driving
✓ No unusual noises

DOCUMENTATION

Service history and logbook check
✓ Full consistent history matching km

VIN and compliance plate match check
✓ All VINs match

Registration papers and seller name match
✓ Matches, rego current

Spare key/fob and owner's manual check
✓ Both keys and manual present and working

WHAT THIS REPORT IS, AND ISN'T

This is a buyer's own visual and driving inspection, guided and summarised by Shufti. It is **not a mechanical inspection**, a roadworthy certificate, or a substitute for either. Nothing was dismantled and nothing was measured on a hoist. Every dollar figure is an estimate based on typical Australian repair costs for this make, model and year, not a quote, and not a valuation. The PPSR result is current only as at the certificate timestamp; recall status must be confirmed with an authorised dealer against the VIN. This report is written to be checked: a licensed mechanic or vehicle inspector can verify any finding in it.

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