Used smart trainer checklist

Take this to the viewing. Tick each check with the trainer running before you pay.

Brick to Brick

The trainer

Brand, model and year:

Serial number (label still on the unit?):

Asking price: Refurbished or discounted new price:

Support status on the maker's website (current / discontinued / obsolete):

Hours used, and used with a fan and towel?

Original receipt available?

Before the viewing

- ☐ Looked up the model's support status and how long firmware updates are promised
- ☐ Checked that the freehub type matches my cassette (HG, XDR, Microspline or Campagnolo)
- ☐ Checked my frame's axle (quick release 130/135 mm or thru-axle 142 mm) and the adapters I need
- ☐ Assumed there is no warranty: most makers exclude second-hand units

Test it running

- ☐ Spins smoothly with no grinding, knocking or rhythmic clicking
- ☐ Connects to the maker's app and to my training app (Bluetooth and ANT+ FE-C if needed)
- ☐ Firmware update installs
- ☐ Spindown or calibration completes
- ☐ Resistance changes in ERG mode and when the gradient changes
- ☐ Power is steady at a few efforts (and close to my own power meter, if I have one)
- ☐ Power supply works; no corrosion on the power socket

Parts and condition

- ☐ Power supply included
- ☐ Axle adapters / thru-axle kit for my frame included
- ☐ Cassette included (or budget for one)
- ☐ Front wheel block and original legs or feet included
- ☐ No rust on freehub, axle or legs; no salt crust around seams
- ☐ Paying with a method that gives buyer protection

Notes