Muscle Car Cost and Value Worksheet

Know the real cost before you buy. Fill out one worksheet for each car you are considering.

1. The Car

Year / Make / Model		**Engine**	
Transmission		**Asking price**	$
Seller / Location		**Date**	
Condition	☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Project	**Mileage**	

2. What It Costs to Own Each Year

Cost	Per year	Notes
Storage (garage or rented space)	$	*Dry, safe, and locked*
Insurance	$	*Ask about collector policies and mileage limits*
Maintenance and tune-ups	$	*Oil, belts, hoses, brakes, tires*
Fuel and fluids	$	
Registration, plates, and fees	$	
Repair reserve	$	*Old cars surprise you. Set money aside.*
Other	$	
Total per year	**$**	*Multiply by 5 for a five-year total: $*

3. What If the Value Changes?

Total I put in = asking price + five years of costs. Then compare it with what the car might be worth.

Scenario	Car worth in 5 years	Total I put in	Difference
Value goes up *Fill in a hopeful number*	$	$	$
Value stays flat *Same as asking price*	$	$	$
Value drops 10% *Asking price x 0.90*	$	$	$

4. Questions to Ask the Seller

- ☐ Do you have the build sheet, window sticker, or other original paperwork?
- ☐ Are the engine and transmission original to this car? How can I confirm it?
- ☐ Do the VIN and engine codes match the paperwork?
- ☐ Has the car had accident repair, rust repair, or a repaint?
- ☐ Do you have service records? Can I see them?
- ☐ Can my own mechanic inspect it before I decide?

5. Collector or Driver?

☐ I want to keep it original and protect it. ☐ I want to drive it often. ☐ Not sure yet.

Does my total fit my budget? _____

My Notes

For planning only. Muscle car values can rise and fall, and this worksheet is not financial advice.