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Pre-Purchase Inspection Report

1972 Chevrolet C10 • Paris, Kentucky • Inspected September 8, 2026

Vehicle	1972 Chevrolet C10 short-bed pickup	Engine	350 V8 (not numbers-matching)
VIN	CCE142J***** (redacted)	Transmission	3-speed automatic
Odometer	5,274 miles shown — likely reset at restoration	Inspector	Shawn Owens / ACA network
Purpose	Pre-purchase inspection for remote buyer	Test drive	Approximately 5 miles

Inspector summary

Overall this is a better-than-average driver-quality restored square-body. The frame was straight and dry, the radiator support appears new, and no structural rust was found on cab corners, floors, or lower quarters at the time of inspection. The truck tracked straight with tight steering and no front-end wobble at 55–60 mph on a five-mile drive. Coolant temperature stayed at or below 165°F (verified with a meter after the drive).

This is a restomod-style C10, not a numbers-matching original. Aftermarket cowl hood, updated OBS-style interior, sliding rear glass, wood-and-chrome bed floor, and a later 350 / automatic combination. Odometer mileage should not be treated as original lifetime miles.

What worked

- Lights, horn, wipers, heater, gauges, power steering, power disc/drum brakes, and parking brake operated.
- Engine started without a boost. No internal engine noise noted. No smoke from valve seals or rings while running.
- Engine bay clean; no significant top-side or underside oil leaks except a minor driver-side header gasket seep that lessened as the gasket warmed.
- Fluids checked: engine oil clean/full; brake and power-steering fluid clean/full. Drive belts serviceable. Battery cables free of heavy corrosion.
- Tires had no dry rot, plugs, or cuts. Aftermarket Chinese-market style tires; tread still good.
- Underside described as very dry. Recent restoration appearance (estimated mid-to-late 2010s).

Findings the buyer should price in

- Aftermarket hood sits close on the driver side and open on the passenger side — typical of a replacement cowl hood, not a wreck clue by itself.
- Doors sit slightly low; light rub at the front of both rockers where the door bottoms meet the cab.
- Sanding marks visible at a low angle on the stepside fenders (driver side called out). Color is deep; finish is not show-perfect up close.
- Paint meter readings varied by panel (examples: hood 6, LF fender 7, RF fender 23, RF door 25, RR quarter 19). Treat as evidence of refinish / uneven film, not as a factory-original paint car.
- Light scuffing on windshield trim; minor chrome bump on front bumper left of the driver turn signal; light service corrosion at aftermarket mirror mounts.
- Passenger window did not roll down; passenger door lock did not operate during the inspection.
- Driver-side header gasket seep still faintly noticeable on the road. Tighten or replace gasket — not a teardown item from what was seen.

- Interior is a 1990s OBS-style update (new carpet, dash pad, carpeted headliner and visors, OEM-style wheel). Correct for a driver restomod; not original 1972 trim.

Systems snapshot

Front / rear brakes	Disc front / drum rear — operated
Frame / underbody rust	None found on this inspection; rails straight
Accident clues (core support / rails)	Support looks new; no damage noted
Numbers-matching engine	No
Wiring	Updated fusing; mixed new/original; no obvious fire or no-start faults seen
Glass / gaskets	Good overall; rear slider installed; gaskets replaced and pliable
Interior odor / water	None

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Example photos from the inspection

A paid report includes the full photo set (this job ran dozens of exterior, interior, engine, and underbody images), arrows on flaws, cowl-tag photos, and video when recorded. Below are representative frames only. Client, plate, and VIN plate are not reproduced in this sample.



Front 3/4 and cowl hood — aftermarket hood fit called out in notes.



Street-side and 3/4 views used to document overall presentation.



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Rear and tailgate. Bed wood and chrome strips documented in the full set.



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Underbody example: rear axle / suspension. Full report has additional frame, floor, and leak photos.

How to read this sample

This PDF is an example of tone and depth: equipment verified, rust and structure addressed, paint thickness sampled, test-drive behavior recorded, and cosmetic items separated from safety items. It is not a blank template, not a scoring rubric, and not authorization to copy American Classic Appraisals' process. A live job is written to the vehicle in front of the inspector and delivered to the paying client only.

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