

10 THINGS YOU NEED BEFORE DISPLAYING INVENTORY

1 Inventory Feeds

Secure these early from your dealers or [3rd party providers](#).



2 Normalization Process

No matter your source use, you will need a quality and consistent dataset.

Year	Make	Model	Trim
2014	Acura	TSX	V6 w/Tech
2014	Audi	A6	2.0T Premium
2012	Infiniti	G37 Sedan	Sport
2014	Lexus	IS 350	Base
2014	Mercedes	C-Class	C250 Sport

3 Search

Powerful search functionality is key for success. Ideally, it should handle a variety of vehicle attributes as input.



4 Display

Make sure you have a well designed user experience for visitors viewing inventory both on desktop and mobile.



5 VIN Decoder

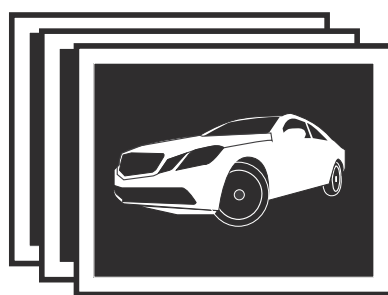
If working directly with dealers and/or with multiple 3rd Party feeds, a [VIN decoder](#) is an absolute requirement.

VIN: **JTH K D 5 BH 0 F 2 123456**

- Geographic: Asia, Japan
- Make: Lexus
- Engine: 1.8L Hybrid Gasoline Engine
- Model: CT 200h
- Year: 2015
- Serial Number
- Body & Drive Type: 5 Door Liftback, FWD
- Restraint: Front, Knee, Side & Curtain Airbags
- Check Digit
- Plant: Kyushu, Japan

6 Vehicle Images

Include actual photos of used cars (provided by dealers) and studio stills (optimally colorized) of new inventory.



7 Vehicle Details Database

To make your listings stand out, make sure to display normalized equipment identified as installed by your data source.



8 3rd Party Data

Vehicle rankings, ratings & awards for safety, fuel economy and value are all [3rd party features](#) that help inventory views become leads.



9 Calls to Action

The point is to generate leads and sales. Make calls to action prominent throughout the user experience and make them easy for the user to complete.

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10 Pick the Right Partners

Choose vendors that can grow with your business and that take the time to understand your business' needs.



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