VEHICLE INSPECTION & PURCHASE REPORT

Toyota Hilux 166 | Double Cab | Manual Transmission



Inspected vehicle - exterior view

Inspection date	**20 October 2026**	**Registration**	**UA******
Purchase price	**UGX 50,000,000**	**Inspected by**	**Arthur Kisenyi**

1. Purpose and Selection Background

The buyer originally intended to purchase a Toyota Hilux Vigo with a budget of UGX 60,000,000. Suitable examples in good condition were difficult to obtain within that budget. We therefore considered an older Hilux 66 as an alternative for the buyer's intended demanding use, particularly because of its relatively straightforward mechanical design.

The buyer and a mechanic friend had been involved in sourcing the vehicle. I inspected two alternatives, asking the broker to present the second so that we could make a meaningful comparison before proceeding.

2. Comparison of the Two Options

Option 1 - Asking price: UGX 55,000,000

The first vehicle had been extensively cosmetically refurbished by a trader, making it appear almost new. Although visually attractive, its restored presentation made its underlying originality harder to judge. It also had minor suspension work outstanding and oil leakage around the transfer case.

Option 2 - Purchased: UGX 50,000,000

This vehicle appeared more original, without obvious signs of extensive body repairs. It had a better-preserved interior, working air conditioning, and noticeably stronger engine performance. It also required some suspension attention and had transfer-case leakage, but offered better overall value at a lower price.

3. Findings from the Inspection

Engine and road performance

The engine delivered convincing power during the road test. The pickup performed well on the highway, climbed hills confidently, and handled pothole-covered roads satisfactorily. Engine performance was an important factor in preferring this vehicle to the first option.

Transmission and drivetrain

The manual vehicle drove satisfactorily across the tested road conditions. Oil leakage was identified around the transfer case; its precise source and the oil level require checking and repair.

Suspension

Minor suspension work is required. The specific worn components should be confirmed through a targeted undercarriage assessment before replacements are purchased.

Air conditioning, body and interior

The air conditioning was working at inspection. The exterior appeared largely original rather than comprehensively restored. The interior was relatively well preserved for the vehicle's age, although it showed ordinary signs of use. Accessories visible included a raised air-intake snorkel, aftermarket wheels, cargo-bed protection and a rear towing arrangement.

4. Why I Recommended This Vehicle

- More original appearance, with fewer obvious signs of extensive cosmetic restoration.
- Stronger engine performance in the comparison and on the road.
- Better-presented interior and functional air conditioning.
- Satisfactory performance on highway, hill and rough-road tests.
- Purchase price was UGX 5,000,000 below the first option's asking price.

5. Post-Purchase Recommendations

- Repair the transfer-case oil leakage and verify the correct lubricant level.
- Inspect and replace the worn suspension components.
- Carry out a baseline engine oil and filter service using the correct grade for the fitted engine.
- Inspect gearbox and differential oil levels/condition, along with brakes, steering and tyres before heavy use.

6. Purchase Recommendation and Conclusion

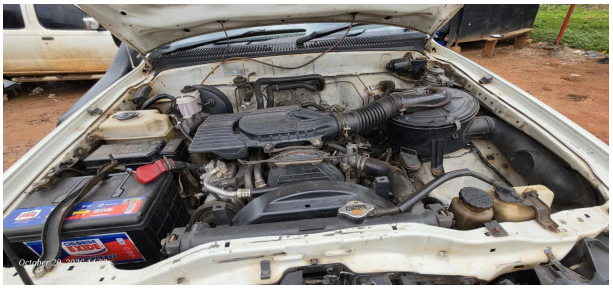
RECOMMENDATION: APPROVED - SUBJECT TO THE IDENTIFIED REPAIRS

Of the two Hilux pickups examined, the second was the better purchase. Its engine performance, relative originality, interior condition and working air conditioning justified my recommendation despite the minor suspension concerns and transfer-case leakage.

The buyer purchased this vehicle for UGX 50,000,000. In my assessment, it offered a sounder balance of condition and price than the UGX 55,000,000 alternative, without stretching the budget to obtain a less satisfactory Hilux Vigo.

Inspection Photographs

Photographic record of the purchased vehicle. Images document visible condition only and are not a substitute for mechanical or structural testing.



Engine compartment



Front cabin and manual controls



Rear exterior and cargo bed



Rear passenger cabin