

Unfamiliar Piano Inspection Guide

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Read the Instrument

1 Inspect the soundboard

Look and listen for cracks, buzzing, or a dull, lifeless tone.

2 Test the pinblock

Firm pins that hold tension mean the piano can stay in tune.

3 Check the frame

A cracked cast iron plate usually ends a piano's useful life.

4 Assess action and hammers

Even response and hammers with life left signal a musical piano.

Before You Decide

1 Do not trust unsourced histories

Judge the piano on condition, not an invented backstory.

2 Photograph the details

Capture the fallboard, plate, serial number, and interior.

3 Get a professional appraisal

An in-person check gives you a real value and condition report.

4 Budget for service

Factor tuning or restoration into the true cost of ownership.

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