

AFFORDABLE INVENTORY PLAYBOOK — SUB-\$25K STRATEGY CHECKLIST

Focus Area	Checklist Item
Inventory Mix	 ■ Maintain 25–35% of units under \$25K ■ Blend 5–8 year-old units with strong histories ■ Keep fuel-efficient + practical models in stock
Sourcing Channels	 ■ Prioritize trades from payment-conscious buyers ■ Work local fleets/credit unions for offloads ■ Use live market tools to avoid overpaying at auction
Vehicle Standards	 ■ Clean history, no structural damage ■ Solid mechanical inspection with disclosed repairs ■ Cosmetic expectations set clearly via photos/copy
Pricing & Merchandising	 ■ Price around key payment thresholds ■ Lead with value story, not 'cheap' ■ 15+ quality photos and clear options list
Turn & Exit Rules	 ■ Target ≤ 40 days to turn under-\$25K units ■ Trigger promo/price move by day 30 ■ Exit via wholesale/digital outlet at defined cutoff

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