FIGURE 40.1 A vehicle in poor condition may not be worth purchasing regardless of the price. The wise vehicle owner uses a car cover or tries to keep the vehicle in a garage to help prevent damage to the paint and interior due to the effect of the sun and other hazards.

FIGURE 40.2 Rain tends to make all vehicles look shiny and new even though the paint may be faded.
FIGURE 40.3 (a) The left side of a lift gate on an SUV shows a wide gap. (b) The right side of the same lift gate on the passenger side shows a very small gap. This shows that this vehicle may have been in an accident and not properly repaired.

FIGURE 40.4 Plastic protective covering is used on all surfaces that may be touched by others during transport from the assembly point to the selling dealer. This plastic is removed at the dealer before the vehicle is delivered to the customer.