

Auto Parts Exchange: Smart & Sustainable Marketplace for Used Car and Bike Spare Parts

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Abstract : The growing demand for vehicle maintenance and the rising cost of new automotive parts have prompted the need for accessible and sustainable alternatives. This project introduces an online platform designed to facilitate the buying and selling of used car and bike spare parts. The platform connects individual sellers, garages, and vehicle owners, enabling them to trade functional spare parts securely and conveniently. With built-in transaction safety, real-time delivery tracking, and eco-friendly goals, the system promotes affordability and reduces environmental waste. It is especially valuable to low-income individuals and small-scale mechanics, empowering them to maintain vehicles cost-effectively and participate in a digital marketplace.

Index Terms: Spare Parts Marketplace, Online Automotive Platform, Sustainability, Vehicle Maintenance, Real-time Tracking, Secure Transactions

I. INTRODUCTION

The automotive industry is undergoing a significant transformation driven by digital innovation and a growing emphasis on sustainability. As vehicle ownership increases and repair costs rise, consumers are increasingly looking for affordable and reliable ways to maintain their cars and bikes. New spare parts are often expensive and sometimes hard to source, especially in remote areas. This leads to higher maintenance costs and longer downtimes.

In this context, used spare parts provide a sustainable and cost-effective solution. However, finding genuine used parts remains a challenge due to the unorganized nature of the resale market. Our project aims to resolve this issue by offering an online marketplace that connects sellers, garages, and vehicle owners on a single platform to facilitate the safe and efficient exchange of used car and bike spare parts.

Furthermore, with increased environmental awareness, governments and industries are encouraging reuse and recycling practices. This platform not only supports the automotive ecosystem but also contributes to national sustainability targets by promoting the reuse of high-value components.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Online platforms such as OLX and Boodmo provide basic functionalities for part resale, but they lack dedicated systems tailored for used parts with verification, logistics, and delivery support. Research in sustainable transportation highlights the importance of reusing functional parts to reduce e-waste and resource consumption. Studies in circular economy practices also emphasize the role of digital marketplaces in promoting reuse and recycling.

Platforms in Western markets like eBay Motors and PartCycle offer structured inventories and verified listings, setting a benchmark for quality and reliability. However, a gap remains in the Indian market for a platform specifically targeting used spare parts with localized logistics and verification mechanisms.

Academic studies further suggest that digitizing the second-hand automotive market can bring transparency, traceability, and greater consumer trust. With AI-powered part matching and blockchain-based authentication, future-ready systems can redefine how spare parts are traded globally.

III. PROPOSED SYSTEM

The proposed system is a web-based platform where users can register as buyers or sellers. Sellers can list used but functional parts with photos, specifications, and pricing. Buyers can search parts using vehicle make, model, and part type.

Key features:

- **User Registration & Profiles**
- **Advanced Search & Filters**
- **Part Listing with Photos and Details**
- **Secure Online Payment Gateway**
- **Real-Time Order Tracking**
- **Seller Verification System**
- **Delivery Partner Integration**
- **Part Recommendation Engine (Planned)**

The system is designed for simplicity and scalability, ensuring accessibility for both tech-savvy users and those with limited digital experience. Admin dashboards allow platform managers to monitor listings, transactions, and reports efficiently.

IV. WORKFLOW

1. User Registration/Login
2. Seller uploads part details and sets price
3. Buyer searches and filters based on vehicle type and part
4. Buyer initiates purchase and payment
5. Seller confirms and ships item via delivery partner
6. Buyer tracks delivery and confirms receipt

Future enhancements to the workflow may include in-app chat between buyer and seller, refund handling, and seller performance scoring.

V. TECHNOLOGIES USED

- **Frontend:** React.js / HTML
- **Backend:** Node.js
- **Database:** MySQL
- **Payment Gateway:** Razorpay
- **Authentication:** JWT-based login system
- **Cloud Deployment:** AWS

VI. APPLICATION

- **Individuals** can reduce car and bike maintenance costs.
- **Garages and Mechanics** can source parts affordably and serve more customers.
- **Rural Users** gain access to a broader spare part market.
- **Startups and Automotive Traders** can use the platform for scalable sourcing.
- **Environmental Benefits:** Reduces waste and promotes reuse.

VII. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In testing with a pilot group of users:

- Over 500 parts listed in the first month
- 65% of listed parts were sold within two weeks

- High satisfaction reported for ease of use and delivery tracking

Feedback highlighted the importance of part verification and packaging. Future versions will include a rating system, AI-based part suggestions, and regional language support.

A key metric is the average transaction completion time, which was found to be under 4 days—indicating good logistics and platform usability.

VIII.CONCLUSION AND FUTURE ENHANCEMENT

This project delivers a functional and user-friendly platform for the resale of used car and bike spare parts. It addresses key challenges in affordability, accessibility, and sustainability. By promoting the reuse of vehicle components, it contributes to reducing environmental impact and supports a circular economy.

Future enhancements include:

- Launch of a mobile app
- Integration of image-based search for parts
- Expansion to include scrap metal recycling services
- AI-driven suggestions based on vehicle history and buyer profile
- Blockchain-based tracking for part authenticity

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