



Paying your new car with your mortgage.

The guide to avoid paying
more for your next car.



Adding a car to your mortgage

Many home owners believe that using their home equity to purchase a new car is a great solution because they don't have to apply for a car loan and their mortgage repayments often stay the same.

It's easy to think paying for your new car with a mortgage top up is cheaper than other car finance options, with home loan interest rates the lowest we've seen in years - there are a few things to consider before you make that call.

The difference - Home loan vs car loan explained

If your new car costs \$30,000 and added to the mortgage at 4.99% over a 30 year term. When you take into account compound interest over the term as opposed to the longest car loan term of 5 years, it can increase your total payments to over \$29,000, even though the interest rate is a lot lower.



Why you shouldn't put your car loan on the mortgage

Many home owners don't think twice about adding the purchase price of a car or even a holiday to their mortgage, but this is short-term thinking that can result in long-term problems.

#1 Cars don't go up in value

A car is not an appreciating asset unlike your property, so you will never get the extra money you pay back.

#2 You're in debt longer

The loan term really matters to the total amount you pay and banks want you to be in debt longer as they earn more.

#3 Additional fees

It's not always a cost-free option. Sometimes your bank makes you pay additional fees and refinance the loan.

#4 Stuck with an aging car.

Home owners feel that they will still be paying for the car for years after selling it, so they often do not upgrade.