



Seller photo · Facebook Marketplace

PRIVATE-PARTY PURCHASE REVIEW

2006 Chevrolet HHR

LT (trim unconfirmed) · Small SUV · 4-door

Facebook Marketplace · Private party · Jonesboro, AR · Red · 4-speed automatic

ENGINE	DRIVETRAIN	EPA MPG
2.2L or 2.4L 4-cyl · unconfirmed	FWD · 4-spd auto	23 comb. · either engine
FRONTAL CRASH	SIDE CRASH	ROLLOVER
★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★★★ 14.3% risk

NHTSA VIN: not in the ad. Recalls, complaints and ratings are for the 2006 HHR by model year; engine and gearbox options from fueleconomy.gov.

DEALER DO VERDICT **5/10**

Fair

Fair at \$2,000 only if miles, VIN, title and steering check out

PRICE TO OFFER **\$1,600**

Aim for \$1,800 · walk away over \$2,000

ASKING PRICE

\$2,000

Inside fair range

DEALER DO FAIR RANGE

\$1,700–\$2,200

Private party, as-is, at 215K

MILEAGE CHECK **UNVERIFIED**

215,000 mi

Owner-stated · no dash photo

COMPLAINTS

1,006

NHTSA owners, this MY

SAFETY RECALLS

6 campaigns

Unverified · no VIN

Fair Purchase Range

DEALER ESTIMATE



\$1,700–\$2,200

Private party, as-is, at 215K

Asking is inside the fair range

OPEN AT **\$1,600**

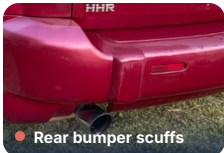
TARGET **\$1,800**

WALK AWAY OVER **\$2,000**

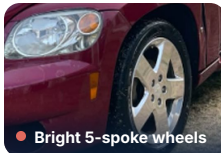
Dealer estimate (no pricing feed): median of 8 dealer asks at 199K–266K, less dealer margin, recon and the missing proof. Not sold prices.

Photo Evidence

FROM THE SELLER'S PHOTOS



● Rear bumper scuffs



● Bright 5-spoke wheels



● Glossy, straight sides

HOW WE GOT THE RANGE · DEALER JUDGMENT

\$3,000 Median dealer ask > -\$700 Margin + recon > -\$200 215K unverified >
-\$150 No VIN/title/interior > \$1,950 Fair midpoint

Safety Recalls

NHTSA · OCT 3, 2026

14V047000

Feb 2014 · Air Bags

Ignition switch can slip out of Run

Engine can shut off, and the airbags may not deploy.

Free fix: new ignition switch

14V171000

Apr 2014 · Electrical System

Key can come out when not in Off

The car can roll away if it isn't in Park.

Free fix: new ignition cylinder + 2 keys

06V417000

Oct 2006 · Air Bags

Aftermarket leather can fool the airbag

Only cloth-seat cars later fitted with leather kits.

Free fix: GM buyback if a kit was fitted

+3 more: 14E021000 Aftermarket switches · 08V444000 Dash bin latch · 08V046000 Headliner padding

1,006 owner complaints on file · top area: 458 steering.

Inspect Before Cash

DEALER LIST

- Odometer photo + VIN first**
215K is owner-stated. Get a dash photo and the VIN; run it at nhtsa.gov/recalls.
- Clean title, in her name**
Title in hand, her name on it, VIN matching dash and door jamb. No title, no deal.
- "No recalls"? Unproven**
Can't be checked without the VIN. 14V-047 and 14V-171 cover this car; ask for dealer proof.
- Test drive: the steering**
458 complaints cite steering. Chime + heavy wheel = lost assist. GM 14119 covers the motor.
- Cold start, warning lights**
Engine cold on arrival. Key on: check-engine, airbag, steering lights. Scan codes.
- 2.2L or 2.4L? Records?**
Read the engine label; ask for oil and repair records. At 215K, records beat paint.

Negotiation Playbook

- ✓ **Ask before you drive**
Dash photo? VIN? Title in her name? 2.2L or 2.4L? Interior photos?
- ✓ **"Firm" means test the proof**
She won't move on price, so trade on facts. Gaps in her answers are your exit.
- ✓ **Anchor with the comps**
Nearest dealer ask: \$1,695 at 199K. Open \$1,600, aim \$1,800, never over \$2,000.
- ✓ **Close clean**
Signed title, bill of sale with miles and VIN. Pay at your bank.

The dealer's take

\$2,000 firm is inside our \$1,700–\$2,200 range at 215K: fair, not a deal. The ad hides the VIN, odometer, title and interior. All clean, recalls done, steers right: pay up to \$2,000. Otherwise, pass.

