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## **10 THINGS TO KNOW WHEN BUYING A PRESSURE WASHER**

1. Pump and engine-the pump is the heart of any pressure washer-
  - Is the engine durable?
  - Is the pump rebuildable? (Can your pump be repaired?)
2. Parts-
  - Are parts available for your machine?
  - Are parts even available anywhere?
  - Will you get "Customer No Service" when you call with a parts question?
3. Service-
  - Can your machine be serviced and is the machine worth servicing?
  - Will you have to send your machine to a service facility? Will you have to pay the freight in order to have it serviced?
4. Hose & accessories, and cart-
  - Are the accessories that come with the unit unnecessary?
  - Does the hose have a steel braid in it?
  - Will the cart hold up to rough terrain?
5. Knowledge and helpful staff
  - Citation has over 40 years of experience and can answer any question you have.
  - If you call with a problem, will you talk to a person or a computer?
  - Will your question be answered?
  - If you come in for parts, does the company have answers?
  - Is there a store you can go to for parts and accessories?
  - Can you try it before you buy it?
6. Chemicals
  - Will the chemical you are using damage the machine?
  - Can you apply chemical with your machine?
  - Are chemicals necessary?
7. What you are cleaning?
  - Don't oversell just because it is more money
  - Need a unit to suit your cleaning needs, don't buy on price the cheaper the price the cheaper
8. GPM vs. PSI-
  - PSI needed to break the dirt
  - GPM to move the dirt (higher the GPM the faster you will clean)
  - You can always lower the pressure on a pressure washer with a larger nozzle size
9. Hot or cold water-
  - How fast do you want to get the job done?
  - Is sanitization necessary? You would need hot water
  - Grease and grime is best removed with hot water
  - Home projects and cleaning you only need cold water.
10. Gas engine or electric-
  - Where are you doing most of your cleaning?
  - Working inside? You would want an electric unit, not gas engine.
  - Portability-do you want to take the machine to where you are cleaning or bring what you are cleaning to the machine.