

# Implementation Plan - AutoValuePredict ML

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This document outlines the complete step-by-step implementation plan for the AutoValuePredict ML project, a machine learning system for predicting used car prices in Brazil.

## Project Overview

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**Goal:** Build an end-to-end ML pipeline that predicts the market value of used cars in Brazil, including data collection, preprocessing, feature engineering, model training, evaluation, and API deployment.

**Current Status:** ✅ Data collection and enrichment completed | ✅ EDA completed | ✅ Data preprocessing completed | ✅ Feature engineering completed | ✅ Baseline models completed | ✅ Advanced models completed | ✅ Model optimization completed | ✅ Model persistence completed | ✅ API development completed | ⚠️ Docker & Deployment next

**Development Approach:** MVP-first strategy - build a functional end-to-end pipeline with essential features, then iterate and optimize.

[!IMPORTANT] > **Data Limitations:** This project uses enriched FIPE data where features like `km` (mileage), `location`, `color`, `doors`, and `condition` are synthetically generated using statistical patterns. While realistic, these are not real-world observations. Model predictions should be validated against actual market data before production use.

[!NOTE] > **Timeline:** Estimated 12-16 weeks for complete implementation. Tasks are marked as **[ESSENTIAL]** (required for MVP) or **[OPTIONAL]** (enhancements). Focus on essential tasks first to achieve a working pipeline quickly.

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# Phase 1: Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

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### 1.1 Initial Data Exploration

- [x] Load enriched datasets ( `fipe_cars_enriched.csv` and `fipe_2022_enriched.csv` )
- [x] Basic data overview:
  - [x] Dataset shape and memory usage
  - [x] Column types and basic statistics
  - [x] Missing values analysis
  - [x] Duplicate records check
- [x] Create notebook: `notebooks/01_data_overview.ipynb`

### 1.2 Target Variable Analysis

- [x] Analyze price distribution:
  - [x] Histogram and box plots
  - [x] Skewness and kurtosis
  - [x] Outlier detection (IQR method, Z-score)
- [x] Price ranges by vehicle category
- [x] Price trends over time (`year_of_reference`)
- [x] Price by brand, model, state
- [x] Create notebook: `notebooks/02_target_analysis.ipynb`

### 1.3 Feature Analysis

- [x] Categorical features:
  - [x] Brand distribution and frequency
  - [x] Model distribution
  - [x] State/city distribution
  - [x] Fuel type, transmission, color distributions
  - [x] Condition distribution
- [x] Numerical features:
  - [x] Year distribution and trends
  - [x] Mileage (km) distribution and relationship with age
  - [x] Engine size distribution

- [x] Doors distribution
- [x] Create notebook: `notebooks/03_feature_analysis.ipynb`

## 1.4 Relationships and Correlations

- [x] Correlation matrix (numerical features)
- [x] Price vs. age relationship
- [x] Price vs. mileage relationship
- [x] Price vs. brand/model analysis
- [x] Price vs. location (state) analysis
- [x] Feature interactions:
- [x] Price by brand and year
- [x] Price by fuel type and transmission
- [x] Price by condition and age
- [x] Create notebook: `notebooks/04_correlations.ipynb`

## 1.5 Data Quality Assessment

- [x] Identify data quality issues:
- [x] Inconsistent values
- [x] Outliers that need treatment
- [x] Missing values (if any)
- [x] Data type issues
- [x] Document findings and recommendations
- [x] Create notebook: `notebooks/05_data_quality.ipynb`

### Deliverables:

- 5 Jupyter notebooks with complete EDA
- Summary document with key findings
- Data quality report

**Estimated Time:** 1-2 weeks

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# Phase 2: Data Preprocessing & Cleaning

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### 2.1 Data Cleaning Module

- [x] Create `src/data/cleaner.py`:
- [x] Remove duplicates
- [x] Handle outliers (price, km):
  - [x] IQR method for outliers
  - [x] Z-score method
  - [x] Domain knowledge-based limits
- [x] Handle missing values (if any)
- [x] Data type corrections
- [x] Standardize text fields (brand, model, city names)
- [x] Unit tests: `tests/test_cleaner.py`


### 2.2 Data Validation

- [x] Create `src/data/validator.py`:
- [x] Schema validation
- [x] Range checks (year, price, km)
- [x] Categorical value validation
- [x] Business rule validation
- [x] Unit tests: `tests/test_validator.py`

### 2.3 Data Splitting

- [x] Create `src/data/splitter.py`:
- [x] Train/validation/test split (70/15/15 or 80/10/10)
- [x] Stratified split by price ranges (optional)
- [x] Time-based split (if using `year_of_reference`)
- [x] Save splits to `data/processed/`
- [x] Unit tests: `tests/test_splitter.py`

#### Deliverables:

-  Data cleaning pipeline ( `src/data/cleaner.py` )

- ☒ Data validation module ( `src/data/validator.py` )
- ☒ Data splitting module ( `src/data/splitter.py` )
- ☒ Modular ML pipeline system ( `src/pipeline/` )
- ☒ Unit tests for all modules ( `tests/test_*.py` )
- ☒ Validated and cleaned datasets
- ☒ Train/validation/test splits (70/15/15)
- ☒ Pipeline execution scripts ( `scripts/run_pipeline.py` , `scripts/preprocess_data.py` )
- ☒ Makefile commands for pipeline execution

**Estimated Time:** 1 week

**Actual Time:** Completed ☒

### Results:

- Processed 747,948 rows (from 889,282 original)
- Train: 523,563 rows (70%)
- Validation: 112,192 rows (15%)
- Test: 112,193 rows (15%)
- All data quality checks passed ☒

## Phase 3: Feature Engineering ☒ Completed

### 3.1 Feature Creation - Phase 1 (Essential for MVP)

- [x] Create `src/features/engineering.py`:
- [x] **[ESSENTIAL] Basic temporal features:**
  - [x] Vehicle age (already exists, verify calculation)
  - [x] Age squared (non-linear relationship)
- [x] **[ESSENTIAL] Categorical encoding:**
  - [x] One-hot encoding for low cardinality features (fuel\_type, transmission, condition)
  - [x] Target encoding for high cardinality (brand, model, state)
- [x] **[ESSENTIAL] Numerical transformations:**
  - [x] Log transformation for price (if skewed)
  - [x] Log transformation for km (if skewed)

- [x] Standardization/normalization
- [x] **[ESSENTIAL] Location features:**
  - [x] State encoding (target encoding)
  - [x] Region encoding (Norte, Nordeste, Sul, Sudeste, Centro-Oeste)

### 3.1.1 Feature Creation - Phase 2 (Optional Enhancements)

#### Implemented

- [x] **[OPTIONAL] Advanced features:**
- [x] Depreciation rate calculation
- [x] Frequency encoding (brand/model frequency)
- [x] **Interaction features:**
  - [x] Brand × Year
  - [x] Fuel × Transmission
  - [x] Age × Condition
  - [x] Km per year (km / age)
- [x] **Binning:**
  - [x] Price bins (for stratified splits)
  - [x] Age bins
  - [x] Mileage bins
- [x] **Advanced location features:**
  - [x] Region encoding (Norte, Nordeste, Sul, Sudeste, Centro-Oeste) - Already in Phase 1
  - [x] City size category (if applicable)

**Note:** Advanced features are implemented in `AdvancedFeatureCreator` class and can be enabled via `use_advanced_features=True` parameter. They are disabled by default to maintain MVP focus.





## 3.2 Feature Selection

- [x] Create `src/features/selectors.py`:
- [x] Correlation-based feature selection
- [x] Mutual information
- [x] Feature importance from baseline models
- [x] Remove highly correlated features
- [x] Document selected features

### 3.3 Feature Pipeline

- [x] Create `src/features/pipeline.py`:
- [x] Scikit-learn Pipeline or custom pipeline
- [x] Combine all transformations
- [x] Fit on training, transform on validation/test
- [x] Save fitted pipeline for inference
- [x] Integrate FeatureEngineeringStep into main pipeline

#### Deliverables:

-  Feature engineering pipeline ( `src/features/pipeline.py` )
-  Feature engineering modules ( `src/features/engineering.py`, `src/features/selectors.py` )
-  FeatureEngineeringStep integrated into main pipeline
-  Pipeline persistence (save/load functionality)
- ⌚ Engineered feature dataset (will be created when pipeline runs)
- ⌚ Feature importance analysis (available when feature selection is enabled)

**Estimated Time:** 1-2 weeks

**Actual Time:** Completed 

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## Phase 4: Baseline Models Completed

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### 4.1 Baseline Implementations

- [x] Create `src/models/baseline.py`:
- [x] **Mean/Median baseline:** Simple average/median price
- [x] **Linear Regression:** Basic linear model
- [x] **Ridge Regression:** L2 regularization
- [x] **Lasso Regression:** L1 regularization
- [x] **Decision Tree:** Simple tree model
- [x] Evaluate all baselines
- [x] Document baseline performance


## 4.2 Evaluation Metrics

- [x] Create `src/models/evaluator.py`:
- [x] **RMSE** (Root Mean Squared Error)
- [x] **MAE** (Mean Absolute Error)
- [x] **MAPE** (Mean Absolute Percentage Error)
- [x] **R<sup>2</sup> Score** (Coefficient of Determination)
- [x] **Residual analysis**:
  - [x] Residual plots
  - [x] Q-Q plots
  - [x] Residual distribution
- [x] Create visualization functions for metrics

### Deliverables:

-  Baseline model implementations ( `src/models/baseline.py` )
-  Baseline performance report (saved to `models/baseline_results/` )
-  Evaluation metrics module ( `src/models/evaluator.py` )
-  TrainBaselineModelsStep integrated into main pipeline
-  Training script ( `scripts/train_baseline_models.py` )
-  Results saved to `models/baseline_results/` (separate from `data/processed/` )

**Estimated Time:** 3-5 days

**Actual Time:** Completed 

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## Phase 5: Advanced Model Development

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### 5.1 Model Implementations - Essential

- [x] Create `src/models/trainer.py`:
- [x] **[ESSENTIAL] Random Forest**:
  - [x] Hyperparameter tuning (RandomizedSearchCV with 5-fold CV)
  - [x] `n_estimators`, `max_depth`, `min_samples_split`, `min_samples_leaf`, `max_features`



- ☒ **[ESSENTIAL] Gradient Boosting (XGBoost):**
  - ☒ Hyperparameter tuning (validation-based search)
  - ☒ learning\_rate, n\_estimators, max\_depth, subsample, colsample\_bytree
  - ☒ Validation set monitoring (early stopping removed for compatibility)

### 5.1.1 Model Implementations - Optional

- ☒ **[OPTIONAL] LightGBM:**
  - ☒ Hyperparameter tuning (validation-based search)
  - ☒ num\_leaves, learning\_rate, max\_depth, feature\_fraction
  - ☒ Validation set monitoring (early stopping removed for compatibility)
- ☐ **[OPTIONAL] CatBoost:**
  - ☐ Good for categorical features
  - ☐ Hyperparameter tuning
  - **Note:** CatBoost not implemented yet (can be added in Phase 6 if needed)

## 5.2 Model Training

- ☒ Implement cross-validation:
- ☒ K-fold cross-validation (k=2) for Random Forest (reduced for memory efficiency)
- ☒ Validation-based search for XGBoost and LightGBM
- ☒ Train all models on training set
- ☒ Validate on validation set
- ☒ Track training time and model size








## 5.3 Model Comparison

- ☒ Compare all models:
- ☒ Performance metrics (RMSE, MAE, MAPE, R<sup>2</sup>)
- ☒ Training time tracking
- ☒ Validation scores tracking
- ☒ Feature importance analysis:
  - ☒ Tree-based model feature importance (available via model attributes)
- ☒ Create comparison report (CSV and visualization)

## 5.4 Model Selection

- [x] Select best model based on:
- [x] Validation performance (metrics comparison)
- [x] Training time tracking
- [ ] Final evaluation on test set (to be done in Phase 6)
- [ ] Document model selection rationale (to be done in Phase 6)

### Deliverables:

-  Advanced model trainer ( `src/models/trainer.py` )
-  TrainAdvancedModelsStep integrated into main pipeline
-  Training script ( `scripts/train_advanced_models.py` )
-  Trained advanced models (saved to `models/advanced_results/` )
-  Model comparison report (CSV and plots)
-  Model artifacts saved (joblib format)
-  Feature importance analysis (available via model attributes, detailed analysis in Phase 6)

**Estimated Time:** 2-3 weeks

**Actual Time:** Completed 

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## Phase 6: Model Optimization & Fine-tuning In Progress

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### 6.1 Hyperparameter Optimization

- [x] Fine-tune selected model:
- [x] GridSearchCV or RandomSearchCV (implemented in `scripts/optimize_lightgbm.py` )
- [ ] Bayesian optimization (Optuna) - optional (can be added later)
- [ ] Learning curves analysis (optional enhancement)
- [x] Optimize for business metric (MAPE or RMSE) - RMSE scorer implemented

## 6.2 Model Ensemble (Optional Enhancement)

- ☐ [OPTIONAL] Create `src/models/ensemble.py`:
- ☐ Voting regressor
- ☐ Stacking regressor
- ☐ Weighted average ensemble
- ☐ [OPTIONAL] Evaluate ensemble performance

[!TIP] Ensemble methods can improve performance by 2-5% but add complexity. Consider only after achieving good results with single models.

## 6.3 Model Validation

- ☒ Final test set evaluation (implemented in `scripts/evaluate_test_set.py`)
- ☒ Performance by segments (implemented in `scripts/analyze_segments_and_errors.py`):
- ☒ By price range
- ☒ By brand
- ☒ By age
- ☒ By location (region)
- ☒ Error analysis (implemented in `scripts/analyze_segments_and_errors.py`):
- ☒ Identify worst predictions
- ☒ Analyze error patterns
- ☒ Document model limitations (via reports and visualizations)

### Deliverables:

- ☒ Hyperparameter optimization script ( `scripts/optimize_lightgbm.py` )
- ☒ Test set evaluation script ( `scripts/evaluate_test_set.py` )
- ☒ Segment and error analysis script ( `scripts/analyze_segments_and_errors.py` )
- ☒ Makefile commands for Phase 6 scripts
- ⌚ Optimized model (to be generated when script runs)
- ⌚ Final performance metrics (to be generated when scripts run)
- ⌚ Model validation report (to be generated when scripts run)
- ⌚ Error analysis (to be generated when scripts run)

**Estimated Time:** 1 week

**Status:** Scripts implemented  | Ready for execution 

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## Phase 7: Model Persistence & Versioning

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#### 7.1 Model Saving

- [x] Create `src/models/persistence.py`:
- [x] Save trained model (joblib)
- [x] Save feature pipeline
- [x] Save model metadata:
  - [x] Training date
  - [x] Performance metrics
  - [x] Feature list
  - [x] Hyperparameters
  - [x] Training info
- [x] Save to `models/` directory with versioned structure

#### 7.2 Model Versioning

- [x] Implement model versioning:
- [x] Version naming convention (v1.0.0, v1.0.1, etc.)
- [x] Model registry (JSON file)
- [x] Model comparison tracking
- [x] Production model marking

#### 7.3 Model Loading

- [x] Create model loading function
- [x] Validate loaded model
- [x] Test inference with loaded model
- [x] Scripts for saving and loading models

## Deliverables:

- ☒ Model persistence module ( `src/models/persistence.py` )
- ☒ Model versioning system with registry
- ☒ Model saving script ( `scripts/save_model_with_versioning.py` )
- ☒ Model loading and validation script ( `scripts/load_and_validate_model.py` )
- ☒ Makefile commands for model operations
- ☒ ModelMetadata and ModelPersistence classes

**Estimated Time:** 2-3 days

**Actual Time:** Completed ☒

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## Phase 8: API Development ☒ Completed

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### 8.1 FastAPI Application Structure

- [x] Create `src/api/main.py`:
- [x] FastAPI app initialization
- [x] Model loading on startup
- [x] Health check endpoint: `GET /health`
- [x] Model info endpoint: `GET /model/info`

### 8.2 Prediction Endpoints

- [x] Create `src/api/schemas.py`:
- [x] Pydantic models for request/response
- [x] Input validation schemas
- [x] Response schemas
- [x] Create `src/api/predictor.py`:
- [x] Single prediction endpoint: `POST /predict`
- [x] Batch prediction endpoint: `POST /predict/batch`
- [x] Input validation
- [x] Feature transformation
- [x] Model inference
- [x] Response formatting

## 8.3 Error Handling

- [x] Create `src/api/errors.py`:
- [x] Custom exception classes
- [x] Error handlers
- [x] Validation error responses
- [x] Model inference errors

## 8.4 API Documentation

- [x] Configure OpenAPI/Swagger documentation
- [x] Add endpoint descriptions
- [x] Add example requests/responses
- [x] Document error codes

## 8.5 API Testing

- [x] Create `tests/test_api.py`:
- [x] Test health endpoint
- [x] Test prediction endpoints
- [x] Test input validation
- [x] Test error handling
- [x] Integration tests

### Deliverables:

- ☒ FastAPI application ( `src/api/main.py` )
- ☒ Prediction endpoints ( `POST /predict`, `POST /predict/batch` )
- ☒ API documentation (OpenAPI/Swagger at `/docs` )
- ☒ API tests ( `tests/test_api.py` )
- ☒ Error handling ( `src/api/errors.py` )
- ☒ Request/Response schemas ( `src/api/schemas.py` )
- ☒ Prediction logic ( `src/api/predictor.py` )
- ☒ Makefile commands for API ( `api-start`, `api-logs`, `api-health`, `test-api` )

**Estimated Time:** 1-2 weeks

**Actual Time:** Completed ☒

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# Phase 9: Docker & Deployment

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## 9.1 Docker Configuration Review

- ☐ Review and optimize Dockerfile:
- ☐ Multi-stage build (if needed)
- ☐ Minimize image size
- ☐ Optimize layer caching
- ☐ Review docker-compose.yml
- ☐ Test Docker build locally

## 9.2 Environment Configuration

- ☐ Create `.env.example`:
- ☐ API configuration
- ☐ Model path
- ☐ Logging level
- ☐ Update docker-compose.yml for environment variables

## 9.3 Deployment Preparation

- ☐ Create deployment documentation
- ☐ Test containerized application
- ☐ Performance testing:
- ☐ Load testing (optional)
- ☐ Response time testing
- ☐ Resource requirements documentation

## 9.4 CI/CD (Optional Enhancement)

- ☐ **[OPTIONAL]** Set up GitHub Actions:
- ☐ Run tests on push
- ☐ Code quality checks (black, flake8)
- ☐ Build Docker image
- ☐ Deploy to staging (optional)

[!NOTE] CI/CD is valuable for production systems but not essential for MVP. Consider implementing after core functionality is complete.

**Deliverables:**

- Optimized Docker configuration
- Deployment documentation
- CI/CD pipeline (optional)

**Estimated Time:** 1 week

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## Phase 10: Documentation & Testing

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### 10.1 Code Documentation

- ☐ Add docstrings to all functions and classes
- ☐ Document module purposes
- ☐ Add type hints throughout codebase
- ☐ Create API documentation

### 10.2 Project Documentation

- ☐ Update README.md with:
- ☐ Complete setup instructions
- ☐ Usage examples
- ☐ API usage guide
- ☐ Model information
- ☐ Create CONTRIBUTING.md (if applicable)
- ☐ Create ARCHITECTURE.md:
- ☐ Project structure
- ☐ Data flow
- ☐ Model architecture

### 10.3 Testing

- ☐ Unit tests for all modules:
- ☐ Data processing tests
- ☐ Feature engineering tests
- ☐ Model training tests
- ☐ API tests



- ☐ Integration tests
- ☐ Achieve >80% test coverage
- ☐ Create `tests/README.md` with testing instructions

## 10.4 Usage Examples

- ☐ Create example notebooks:
- ☐ Model training example
- ☐ API usage example
- ☐ Prediction example
- ☐ Create example scripts

### Deliverables:

- Complete code documentation
- Updated project documentation
- Comprehensive test suite
- Usage examples

**Estimated Time:** 1-2 weeks

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## Phase 11: Optimization & Refinement

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### 11.1 Performance Optimization

- ☐ Profile code for bottlenecks
- ☐ Optimize data loading
- ☐ Optimize feature engineering pipeline
- ☐ Optimize model inference:
- ☐ Batch processing
- ☐ Model quantization (optional)
- ☐ Caching strategies

### 11.2 Code Quality

- ☐ Code review and refactoring
- ☐ Follow PEP 8 style guide

- ☐ Remove unused code
- ☐ Improve error messages
- ☐ Add logging throughout application

### 11.3 Model Monitoring (Optional Enhancement)

- ☐ **[OPTIONAL]** Create monitoring dashboard
- ☐ **[OPTIONAL]** Track prediction distribution
- ☐ **[OPTIONAL]** Monitor model drift
- ☐ **[OPTIONAL]** Set up alerts

[!WARNING] Model monitoring is critical for production systems but requires additional infrastructure. For portfolio/demo purposes, focus on core ML pipeline first.

**Deliverables:**

- Optimized codebase
- Performance improvements
- Code quality improvements

**Estimated Time:** 1 week

### Implementation Timeline

[!NOTE] > **MVP Strategy:** Focus on essential tasks first to build a working end-to-end pipeline (Phases 1-8 core features). Optional enhancements can be added iteratively.

Phase	Task	Estimated Time	Priority	Status
1	Exploratory Data Analysis	1-2 weeks	Essential	✅ Completed
2	Data Preprocessing & Cleaning	1 week	Essential	✅ Completed
3		1 week	Essential	✅ Completed

Phase	Task	Estimated Time	Priority	Status
	Feature Engineering (Essential)			
3.1	Feature Engineering (Optional)	1 week	Optional	✅ Completed
4	Baseline Models	3-5 days	Essential	✅ Completed
5	Advanced Models (RF + XGBoost)	1-2 weeks	Essential	✅ Completed
5.1	Additional Models (LightGBM, CatBoost)	1 week	Optional	✅ Completed (LightGBM)
6	Model Optimization	1 week	Essential	✅ Completed
6.1	Model Ensemble	3-5 days	Optional	⌚ Pending
7	Model Persistence	2-3 days	Essential	✅ Completed
8	API Development	1-2 weeks	Essential	✅ Completed
9	Docker & Deployment	1 week	Essential	⌚ Pending
9.1	CI/CD Pipeline	3-5 days	Optional	⌚ Pending
10	Documentation & Testing	1-2 weeks	Essential	⌚ Pending
11	Optimization & Refinement	1 week	Essential	⌚ Pending
11.1	Model Monitoring	3-5 days	Optional	⌚ Pending

**MVP Timeline (Essential Only):** 10-12 weeks

**Full Implementation (Essential + Optional):** 12-16 weeks

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# Key Deliverables Checklist

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## Data & Analysis

- ☒ Raw datasets collected
- ☒ Data enrichment completed
- ☒ EDA notebooks completed
- ☒ Data cleaning pipeline
- ☒ Feature engineering pipeline

## Models

- ☒ Baseline models implemented
- ☒ Advanced models trained (Random Forest, XGBoost, LightGBM)
- ☐ Best model selected and optimized (to be done in Phase 6)
- ☒ Model artifacts saved (baseline results in `models/baseline_results/`, advanced results in `models/advanced_results/`)
- ☒ Model performance report (baseline and advanced models)

## API & Deployment

- ☒ FastAPI application
- ☒ Prediction endpoints
- ☐ Docker configuration
- ☐ Deployment documentation

## Documentation & Quality

- ☐ Complete code documentation
- ☐ Project documentation
- ☐ Test suite (>80% coverage)
- ☐ Usage examples

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## Success Criteria

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- ☐ Model achieves acceptable performance:

- [ ] MAPE < 15-20% (or RMSE < acceptable threshold)
  - [ ]  $R^2 > 0.85$
  - [ ] API responds to predictions in < 1 second
  - [ ] Code is well-documented and tested (>80% coverage)
  - [ ] Project can be easily reproduced and deployed
  - [ ] All phases are completed and documented
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## Notes & Considerations

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### Development Best Practices

1. **Data Quality:** Continuously monitor data quality throughout the pipeline
2. **Reproducibility:** Use random seeds for all random operations
3. **Version Control:** Track model versions and data versions
4. **Performance:** Balance model accuracy with inference speed
5. **Interpretability:** Consider model interpretability for business stakeholders
6. **Scalability:** Design pipeline to handle larger datasets in the future

### Production Readiness (Future Considerations)

[!WARNING] > **Synthetic Data Validation:** Before deploying to production, validate model predictions against real-world market data. The current dataset uses synthetic features that may not capture all market dynamics.



1. **Model Retraining:** Plan for periodic model retraining (monthly/quarterly) as car market conditions change
  2. **Drift Monitoring:** Implement data drift detection to identify when model performance degrades
  3. **A/B Testing:** Consider A/B testing framework for comparing model versions in production
  4. **Business Validation:** Validate predictions with automotive market experts before production deployment
  5. **Edge Cases:** Document and handle edge cases (luxury cars, rare models, extreme mileage)
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## Next Steps

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1. **Start with Phase 1:** Begin Exploratory Data Analysis
  2. **Create first notebook:** `notebooks/01_data_overview.ipynb`
  3. **Set up development environment:** Ensure all dependencies are installed
  4. **Review data:** Load and inspect enriched datasets
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**Current Phase:** Phase 8 - API Development  Completed | Phase 9 - Docker & Deployment  Next

**Strategy:** MVP-first approach with essential features, then iterate with optional enhancements