

The 60-Second Rug Check

Eight checks, in this order, before you buy any new Solana memecoin. Each takes a few seconds once you know where to look. One serious red flag is enough to stop.



TIME	CHECK AND WHERE	WHAT TO LOOK AT	RED FLAG
0:00	Is it the real coin? DexScreener Project's own post	Search the ticker. Match the contract address (the mint) to the one the project posted itself, not one from replies or DMs.	Several coins share the name. Yours is newer or thinner than an older one, or you got the address from a stranger.
0:05	Mint and freeze authority RugCheck	Both should be revoked. Mint authority can create new tokens. Freeze authority can lock tokens in your wallet so you can't sell.	Either one still enabled.
0:10	Liquidity DexScreener RugCheck LP	The Liquidity figure on the pair page, and whether the pool's LP tokens are burned or locked. Compare liquidity with market cap.	LP not burned or locked once the coin has a pool. Liquidity a tiny fraction of market cap, so even small sells move the price hard.
0:20	Who holds the supply RugCheck Solscan Holders	Top holders, ignoring the liquidity pool or bonding curve address. Add up the top 10.	One wallet over about 8%, or the top 10 over about 30% of supply.
0:30	Linked wallets and bundles Bubblemaps RugCheck insiders	Bubbles joined by lines (wallets that sent tokens or SOL to each other). Lots of buys in the very first block.	A linked cluster holding a big slice. Many wallets funded from one source buying in the same second.
0:40	The dev wallet Solscan	Open the creator address. What it still holds, whether it has sold, and what else it has launched before.	Dev already sold most of their tokens, or a list of earlier launches that all went to zero.
0:48	Is the trading real? DexScreener	Volume against liquidity, number of makers (unique wallets), and the buy and sell counts. Scan the trade list for repeats.	Huge volume from few makers. The same trade size repeating every few seconds.
0:55	Can you get out? Jupiter quote RugCheck	Price impact on a quote for the size you plan to buy, and any token warnings. Check for a transfer fee or other token extensions.	Price impact above a couple of percent. A transfer fee, permanent delegate or warning you can't explain.

Walk away if

- ☐ Mint or freeze authority is still on
- ☐ Liquidity isn't burned or locked (a coin still on its launchpad curve has no pool yet, so weigh the holder checks more)
- ☐ One wallet or one linked cluster holds a big share
- ☐ The dev has dumped, or has a trail of dead coins
- ☐ You can't confirm the address from the project itself
- ☐ There's a token extension you can't explain
- ☐ Price impact on your size is already high
- ☐ The money isn't money you can afford to lose

PASSING IS NOT SAFE

These checks catch the obvious. They can't see intent, private deals, or insiders using wallets that look unrelated.

SPEED TRAP

If you feel you must buy in the next ten seconds, that urgency is usually the point. Run the checks anyway.

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