

BEST BETS

The following is our list of the highest rated vehicles in each size category. The ratings are based on expected performance in nine important categories—Combined Crash Rating, Safety Features, Rollover, Preventive Maintenance, Repair Costs, Warranty, Fuel Economy, Complaints, and Insurance Costs—with the heaviest emphasis placed on safety.

It is important to consult the specific chapters to learn more about how the ratings are developed and to look on the car pages, beginning on page 81, for more details on these vehicles. In order to be considered as a “Best Bet” the vehicle must have a crash test rating as safety is a critical factor in gaining that recognition. Because most people are considering vehicles in the same size category, the “Best Bets” are by size—indicating how these vehicles compared against others in the same size class.

HONDA FIT



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CAR

SUBCOMPACT Page 150

Overall Crash Test Rating	7
Safety Features	2
Rollover	6
PM.	10
Repair Costs	7
Warranty	2
Fuel Economy	10
Complaints	8
Insurance	5

HYUNDAI ACCENT



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CAR

SUBCOMPACT Page 156

Overall Crash Test Rating	5
Safety Features	1
Rollover	6
PM.	3
Repair Costs	10
Warranty	10
Fuel Economy	10
Complaints	9
Insurance	3

AUDI A4



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CAR

COMPACT Page 86

Overall Crash Test Rating	10
Safety Features	9
Rollover	8
PM.	5
Repair Costs	4
Warranty	9
Fuel Economy	8
Complaints	6
Insurance	3

HONDA CIVIC



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CAR

COMPACT Page 146

Overall Crash Test Rating	6
Safety Features	4
Rollover	8
PM.	10
Repair Costs	9
Warranty	2
Fuel Economy	10
Complaints	4
Insurance	5

HONDA CIVIC COUPE



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CAR

COMPACT Page 147

Overall Crash Test Rating	7
Safety Features	4
Rollover	8
PM.	10
Repair Costs	9
Warranty	2
Fuel Economy	10
Complaints	4
Insurance	1

HYUNDAI ELANTRA



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CAR

COMPACT Page 157

Overall Crash Test Rating	5
Safety Features	2
Rollover	8
PM.	3
Repair Costs	10
Warranty	10
Fuel Economy	10
Complaints	5
Insurance	3

VOLVO S40



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COMPACT Page 266

Overall Crash Test Rating	3
Safety Features	8
Rollover	7
PM.	10
Repair Costs	6
Warranty	10
Fuel Economy	7
Complaints	8
Insurance	3

ACURA TL



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INTERMEDIATE Page 83

Overall Crash Test Rating	6
Safety Features	8
Rollover	9
PM.	8
Repair Costs	-
Warranty	5
Fuel Economy	5
Complaints	10
Insurance	3

ACURA TSX



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INTERMEDIATE Page 84

Overall Crash Test Rating	10
Safety Features	8
Rollover	8
PM.	10
Repair Costs	7
Warranty	5
Fuel Economy	7
Complaints	1
Insurance	3

BUICK LACROSSE



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INTERMEDIATE Page 98

Overall Crash Test Rating	10
Safety Features	10
Rollover	6
PM.	9
Repair Costs	4
Warranty	7
Fuel Economy	4
Complaints	-
Insurance	8

CHEVROLET IMPALA



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INTERMEDIATE Page 113

Overall Crash Test Rating	9
Safety Features	6
Rollover	7
PM.	9
Repair Costs	4
Warranty	6
Fuel Economy	5
Complaints	5
Insurance	8

CHEVROLET MALIBU



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INTERMEDIATE Page 114

Overall Crash Test Rating	7
Safety Features	7
Rollover	7
PM.	9
Repair Costs	5
Warranty	6
Fuel Economy	8
Complaints	8
Insurance	3

CHRYSLER SEBRING



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INTERMEDIATE Page 121

Overall Crash Test Rating	7
Safety Features	3
Rollover	7
PM.	9
Repair Costs	10
Warranty	4
Fuel Economy	7
Complaints	7
Insurance	3

FORD FUSION



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INTERMEDIATE Page 139

Overall Crash Test Rating	7
Safety Features	5
Rollover	8
PM.	6
Repair Costs	9
Warranty	3
Fuel Economy	8
Complaints	10
Insurance	3

HYUNDAI GENESIS



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INTERMEDIATE Page 158

Overall Crash Test Rating	8
Safety Features	7
Rollover	9
PM.	-
Repair Costs	-
Warranty	10
Fuel Economy	5
Complaints	6
Insurance	3

LEXUS HS



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INTERMEDIATE Page 187

Overall Crash Test Rating	9
Safety Features	10
Rollover	6
PM.	-
Repair Costs	-
Warranty	7
Fuel Economy	10
Complaints	-
Insurance	3

MERCURY MILAN



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INTERMEDIATE Page 211

Overall Crash Test Rating	7
Safety Features	4
Rollover	8
PM.	6
Repair Costs	9
Warranty	3
Fuel Economy	8
Complaints	10
Insurance	5

MITSUBISHI GALANT



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INTERMEDIATE Page 213

Overall Crash Test Rating	5
Safety Features	3
Rollover	8
PM.	8
Repair Costs	10
Warranty	9
Fuel Economy	7
Complaints	10
Insurance	1

NISSAN ALTIMA



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INTERMEDIATE Page 217

Overall Crash Test Rating	8
Safety Features	6
Rollover	8
PM.	7
Repair Costs	7
Warranty	2
Fuel Economy	8
Complaints	9
Insurance	3

BUICK LUCERNE



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LARGE Page 99

Overall Crash Test Rating	6
Safety Features	7
Rollover	8
PM.	9
Repair Costs	7
Warranty	7
Fuel Economy	4
Complaints	5
Insurance	8

CHRYSLER 300



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LARGE Page 119

Overall Crash Test Rating	10
Safety Features	1
Rollover	7
PM.	8
Repair Costs	8
Warranty	4
Fuel Economy	5
Complaints	5
Insurance	5

DODGE CHARGER



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LARGE Page 126

Overall Crash Test Rating	10
Safety Features	1
Rollover	7
PM.	8
Repair Costs	8
Warranty	4
Fuel Economy	5
Complaints	5
Insurance	1

FORD TAURUS



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LARGE Page 142

Overall Crash Test Rating	9
Safety Features	9
Rollover	7
PM.	10
Repair Costs	3
Warranty	3
Fuel Economy	5
Complaints	3
Insurance	8

CHRYSLER T & C



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MINIVAN Page 122

Overall Crash Test Rating	7
Safety Features	6
Rollover	4
PM.	8
Repair Costs	10
Warranty	4
Fuel Economy	4
Complaints	5
Insurance	10

DODGE GR. CARAVAN



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MINIVAN Page 128

- Overall Crash Test Rating 7
- Safety Features 6
- Rollover 4
- PM. 4
- Repair Costs 10
- Warranty 4
- Fuel Economy 4
- Complaints 5
- Insurance 10

ACURA RDX



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SMALL SUV Page 82

- Overall Crash Test Rating 5
- Safety Features 9
- Rollover 4
- PM. 8
- Repair Costs 6
- Warranty 5
- Fuel Economy 5
- Complaints 10
- Insurance 8

HONDA CR-V



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SMALL SUV Page 148

- Overall Crash Test Rating 7
- Safety Features 9
- Rollover 3
- PM. 10
- Repair Costs 7
- Warranty 2
- Fuel Economy 7
- Complaints 10
- Insurance 10

BMW X5



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MID-SIZE SUV Page 96

- Overall Crash Test Rating 6
- Safety Features 9
- Rollover 3
- PM. 10
- Repair Costs 1
- Warranty 10
- Fuel Economy 2
- Complaints 9
- Insurance 5

KIA BORREGO



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MID-SIZE SUV Page 174

- Overall Crash Test Rating 9
- Safety Features 8
- Rollover 2
- PM. -
- Repair Costs -
- Warranty 8
- Fuel Economy 3
- Complaints 8
- Insurance 5

VOLVO XC90



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MID-SIZE SUV Page 270

- Overall Crash Test Rating 10
- Safety Features 10
- Rollover 3
- PM. 10
- Repair Costs 3
- Warranty 10
- Fuel Economy 2
- Complaints 4
- Insurance 10

AUDI Q7



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LARGE SUV Page 90

- Overall Crash Test Rating 6
- Safety Features 10
- Rollover 3
- PM. 9
- Repair Costs 2
- Warranty 9
- Fuel Economy 2
- Complaints 7
- Insurance 3

CAD. ESCALADE ESV



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LARGE SUV Page 116

- Overall Crash Test Rating 10
- Safety Features 10
- Rollover 1
- PM. 6
- Repair Costs 2
- Warranty 7
- Fuel Economy 1
- Complaints 8
- Insurance 1

CHEV. SUBURBAN



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LARGE SUV Page 116

- Overall Crash Test Rating 10
- Safety Features 9
- Rollover 1
- PM. 7
- Repair Costs 4
- Warranty 6
- Fuel Economy 2
- Complaints 5
- Insurance 8

CHEVROLET TAHOE

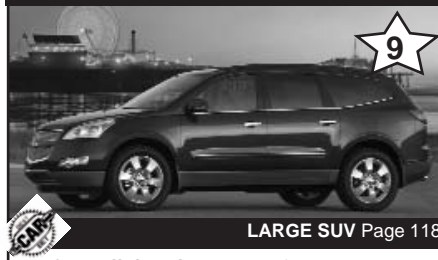


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LARGE SUV Page 117

- Overall Crash Test Rating . . . 10
- Safety Features 9
- Rollover 1
- PM. 7
- Repair Costs 4
- Warranty 6
- Fuel Economy 2
- Complaints 7
- Insurance 8

CHEV. TRAVERSE

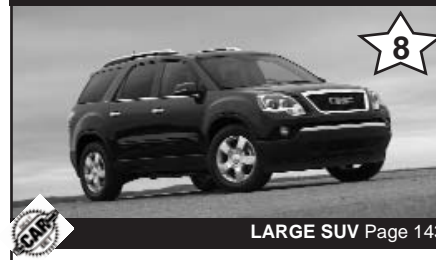


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LARGE SUV Page 118

- Overall Crash Test Rating . . . 7
- Safety Features 10
- Rollover 4
- PM. 8
- Repair Costs 4
- Warranty 6
- Fuel Economy 4
- Complaints 10
- Insurance 8

GMC ACADIA



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LARGE SUV Page 143

- Overall Crash Test Rating . . . 7
- Safety Features 10
- Rollover 4
- PM. 9
- Repair Costs 4
- Warranty 6
- Fuel Economy 4
- Complaints 4
- Insurance 8

GMC YUKON



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LARGE SUV Page 117

- Overall Crash Test Rating . . . 10
- Safety Features 9
- Rollover 1
- PM. 7
- Repair Costs 3
- Warranty 6
- Fuel Economy 2
- Complaints 5
- Insurance 8

GMC YUKON XL

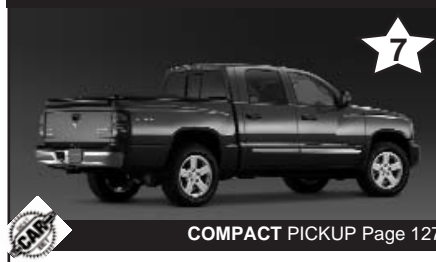


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LARGE SUV Page 116

- Overall Crash Test Rating . . . 10
- Safety Features 9
- Rollover 1
- PM. 7
- Repair Costs 4
- Warranty 6
- Fuel Economy 1
- Complaints 7
- Insurance 8

DODGE DAKOTA



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COMPACT PICKUP Page 127

- Overall Crash Test Rating . . . 9
- Safety Features 1
- Rollover 3
- PM. 8
- Repair Costs 9
- Warranty 4
- Fuel Economy 2
- Complaints 6
- Insurance 8

CHEV. SILVERADO



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STANDARD PICKUP Page 115

- Overall Crash Test Rating . . . 9
- Safety Features 9
- Rollover 3
- PM. 6
- Repair Costs 4
- Warranty 6
- Fuel Economy 2
- Complaints 8
- Insurance 8

FORD F-150



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STANDARD PICKUP Page 136

- Overall Crash Test Rating . . . 10
- Safety Features 7
- Rollover 2
- PM. 8
- Repair Costs 8
- Warranty 3
- Fuel Economy 2
- Complaints 10
- Insurance 8

GMC SIERRA



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STANDARD PICKUP Page 115

- Overall Crash Test Rating . . . 9
- Safety Features 9
- Rollover 3
- PM. 6
- Repair Costs 5
- Warranty 6
- Fuel Economy 2
- Complaints 7
- Insurance 5