

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. Vehicles with “Below Avg.” (3 or 4) or “Worst” (1 or 2) in Combined Crash Tests, “Worst” in Front or Side Crash Test Ratings, or an additional injury warning were not considered for as a “Best Bet.” 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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SUBCOMPACT Page 152

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|----------------------|----|
| Combined Crash Tests | 7 |
| Safety Features | 5 |
| Rollover | 6 |
| PM. | 8 |
| Repair Costs | 7 |
| Warranty | 1 |
| Fuel Economy | 10 |
| Complaints | 7 |
| Insurance | 1 |

HONDA CIVIC COUPE




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COMPACT Page 148

| | |
|----------------------|---|
| Combined Crash Tests | 7 |
| Safety Features | 4 |
| Rollover | 8 |
| PM. | 8 |
| Repair Costs | 8 |
| Warranty | 1 |
| Fuel Economy | 9 |
| Complaints | - |
| Insurance | 1 |

MAZDA 3



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COMPACT Page 199

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|----------------------|---|
| Combined Crash Tests | 9 |
| Safety Features | 5 |
| Rollover | 8 |
| PM. | 6 |
| Repair Costs | 5 |
| Warranty | 2 |
| Fuel Economy | 8 |
| Complaints | 7 |
| Insurance | 1 |

MITSUBISHI LANCER



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COMPACT Page 213

| | |
|----------------------|---|
| Combined Crash Tests | 6 |
| Safety Features | 4 |
| Rollover | 6 |
| PM. | 9 |
| Repair Costs | 6 |
| Warranty | 9 |
| Fuel Economy | 8 |
| Complaints | 4 |
| Insurance | 1 |

NISSAN SENTRA



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COMPACT Page 227

| | |
|----------------------|----|
| Combined Crash Tests | 6 |
| Safety Features | 5 |
| Rollover | 7 |
| PM. | 7 |
| Repair Costs | 10 |
| Warranty | 2 |
| Fuel Economy | 9 |
| Complaints | 9 |
| Insurance | 1 |

SUZUKI KIZASHI



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COMPACT Page 243

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|----------------------|----|
| Combined Crash Tests | 10 |
| Safety Features | 1 |
| Rollover | 8 |
| PM. | - |
| Repair Costs | - |
| Warranty | 4 |
| Fuel Economy | 7 |
| Complaints | - |
| Insurance | 5 |

ACURA TL



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INTERMEDIATE Page 83

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|---------------------------|----|
| Combined Crash Tests..... | 6 |
| Safety Features..... | 6 |
| Rollover..... | 9 |
| PM..... | 7 |
| Repair Costs..... | 7 |
| Warranty..... | 4 |
| Fuel Economy..... | 3 |
| Complaints..... | 10 |
| Insurance..... | 8 |

ACURA TSX



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INTERMEDIATE Page 84

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|---------------------------|----|
| Combined Crash Tests..... | 10 |
| Safety Features..... | 6 |
| Rollover..... | 9 |
| PM..... | 10 |
| Repair Costs..... | 8 |
| Warranty..... | 4 |
| Fuel Economy..... | 6 |
| Complaints..... | 3 |
| Insurance..... | 5 |

BMW 5 SERIES



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INTERMEDIATE Page 94

| | |
|---------------------------|----|
| Combined Crash Tests..... | 7 |
| Safety Features..... | 9 |
| Rollover..... | 8 |
| PM..... | 10 |
| Repair Costs..... | 2 |
| Warranty..... | 10 |
| Fuel Economy..... | 5 |
| Complaints..... | - |
| Insurance..... | 8 |

BUICK LACROSSE



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INTERMEDIATE Page 99

| | |
|---------------------------|----|
| Combined Crash Tests..... | 10 |
| Safety Features..... | 7 |
| Rollover..... | 7 |
| PM..... | 3 |
| Repair Costs..... | 5 |
| Warranty..... | 7 |
| Fuel Economy..... | 3 |
| Complaints..... | 3 |
| Insurance..... | 10 |

FORD FUSION



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INTERMEDIATE Page 140

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|---------------------------|---|
| Combined Crash Tests..... | 8 |
| Safety Features..... | 4 |
| Rollover..... | 8 |
| PM..... | 6 |
| Repair Costs..... | 9 |
| Warranty..... | 2 |
| Fuel Economy..... | 7 |
| Complaints..... | 7 |
| Insurance..... | 3 |

HONDA ACCORD



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INTERMEDIATE Page 145

| | |
|---------------------------|---|
| Combined Crash Tests..... | 8 |
| Safety Features..... | 5 |
| Rollover..... | 9 |
| PM..... | 5 |
| Repair Costs..... | 7 |
| Warranty..... | 1 |
| Fuel Economy..... | 8 |
| Complaints..... | 4 |
| Insurance..... | 5 |

HYUNDAI GENESIS



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INTERMEDIATE Page 160

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|---------------------------|----|
| Combined Crash Tests..... | 8 |
| Safety Features..... | 8 |
| Rollover..... | 9 |
| PM..... | 4 |
| Repair Costs..... | 5 |
| Warranty..... | 10 |
| Fuel Economy..... | 4 |
| Complaints..... | 2 |
| Insurance..... | 5 |

HYUNDAI SONATA



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INTERMEDIATE Page 162

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|---------------------------|----|
| Combined Crash Tests..... | 9 |
| Safety Features..... | 5 |
| Rollover..... | 8 |
| PM..... | 5 |
| Repair Costs..... | 9 |
| Warranty..... | 10 |
| Fuel Economy..... | 7 |
| Complaints..... | - |
| Insurance..... | 3 |

LEXUS HS



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INTERMEDIATE Page 189

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|---------------------------|----|
| Combined Crash Tests..... | 9 |
| Safety Features..... | 10 |
| Rollover..... | 6 |
| PM..... | - |
| Repair Costs..... | - |
| Warranty..... | 6 |
| Fuel Economy..... | 10 |
| Complaints..... | 1 |
| Insurance..... | 8 |

LINCOLN MKZ



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INTERMEDIATE Page 196

| | |
|--------------------------------|----|
| Combined Crash Tests | 8 |
| Safety Features | 5 |
| Rollover | 8 |
| PM. | 6 |
| Repair Costs | 3 |
| Warranty | 6 |
| Fuel Economy | 4 |
| Complaints | 10 |
| Insurance | 8 |

MAZDA 6



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INTERMEDIATE Page 201

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|--------------------------------|----|
| Combined Crash Tests | 8 |
| Safety Features | 3 |
| Rollover | 9 |
| PM. | 6 |
| Repair Costs | 7 |
| Warranty | 2 |
| Fuel Economy | 6 |
| Complaints | 10 |
| Insurance | 3 |

MITSUBISHI GALANT



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INTERMEDIATE Page 212

| | |
|--------------------------------|----|
| Combined Crash Tests | 5 |
| Safety Features | 2 |
| Rollover | 8 |
| PM. | 9 |
| Repair Costs | 10 |
| Warranty | 9 |
| Fuel Economy | 6 |
| Complaints | 10 |
| Insurance | 3 |

NISSAN ALTIMA



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INTERMEDIATE Page 216

| | |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Combined Crash Tests | 7 |
| Safety Features | 4 |
| Rollover | 8 |
| PM. | 8 |
| Repair Costs | 9 |
| Warranty | 2 |
| Fuel Economy | 7 |
| Complaints | 9 |
| Insurance | 3 |

TOYOTA AVALON



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INTERMEDIATE Page 246

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|--------------------------------|----|
| Combined Crash Tests | 9 |
| Safety Features | 7 |
| Rollover | 7 |
| PM. | 10 |
| Repair Costs | 4 |
| Warranty | 2 |
| Fuel Economy | 5 |
| Complaints | 2 |
| Insurance | 5 |

DODGE CHARGER



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LARGE Page 127

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|--------------------------------|----|
| Combined Crash Tests | 10 |
| Safety Features | 7 |
| Rollover | 8 |
| PM. | 3 |
| Repair Costs | 9 |
| Warranty | 3 |
| Fuel Economy | 3 |
| Complaints | 7 |
| Insurance | 1 |

LINCOLN TOWN CAR



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LARGE Page 197

| | |
|--------------------------------|----|
| Combined Crash Tests | 7 |
| Safety Features | 1 |
| Rollover | 9 |
| PM. | 2 |
| Repair Costs | 6 |
| Warranty | 6 |
| Fuel Economy | 2 |
| Complaints | 8 |
| Insurance | 10 |

CHRYSLER TOWN & COUNTRY



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MINIVAN Page 123

| | |
|--------------------------------|----|
| Combined Crash Tests | 6 |
| Safety Features | 9 |
| Rollover | 4 |
| PM. | 6 |
| Repair Costs | 8 |
| Warranty | 3 |
| Fuel Economy | - |
| Complaints | 2 |
| Insurance | 10 |

DODGE GRAND CARAVAN



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MINIVAN Page 129

| | |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Combined Crash Tests | 6 |
| Safety Features | 9 |
| Rollover | 4 |
| PM. | 6 |
| Repair Costs | 9 |
| Warranty | 3 |
| Fuel Economy | - |
| Complaints | 4 |
| Insurance | 8 |

VOLKSWAGEN ROUTAN



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SMALL SUV Page 263



| | |
|---------------------------|---|
| Combined Crash Tests..... | 6 |
| Safety Features..... | 9 |
| Rollover..... | 4 |
| PM..... | 9 |
| Repair Costs..... | 9 |
| Warranty..... | 8 |
| Fuel Economy..... | 2 |
| Complaints..... | 2 |
| Insurance..... | 8 |

MITSUBISHI OUTLANDER



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MID-SIZE SUV Page 214



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|---------------------------|---|
| Combined Crash Tests..... | 6 |
| Safety Features..... | 2 |
| Rollover..... | 3 |
| PM..... | 5 |
| Repair Costs..... | 6 |
| Warranty..... | 9 |
| Fuel Economy..... | 8 |
| Complaints..... | 6 |
| Insurance..... | 8 |

ACURA MDX



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MID-SIZE SUV Page 81



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|---------------------------|----|
| Combined Crash Tests..... | 7 |
| Safety Features..... | 9 |
| Rollover..... | 5 |
| PM..... | 6 |
| Repair Costs..... | 6 |
| Warranty..... | 4 |
| Fuel Economy..... | 2 |
| Complaints..... | 10 |
| Insurance..... | 10 |

ACURA ZDX



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MID-SIZE SUV Page 85



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|---------------------------|---|
| Combined Crash Tests..... | 8 |
| Safety Features..... | 9 |
| Rollover..... | 6 |
| PM..... | - |
| Repair Costs..... | - |
| Warranty..... | 4 |
| Fuel Economy..... | 2 |
| Complaints..... | - |
| Insurance..... | 8 |

AUDI Q5



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MID-SIZE SUV Page 90



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|---------------------------|---|
| Combined Crash Tests..... | 6 |
| Safety Features..... | 8 |
| Rollover..... | 5 |
| PM..... | 5 |
| Repair Costs..... | 2 |
| Warranty..... | 9 |
| Fuel Economy..... | 3 |
| Complaints..... | 9 |
| Insurance..... | 8 |

BMW X5



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MID-SIZE SUV Page 97



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|---------------------------|----|
| Combined Crash Tests..... | 5 |
| Safety Features..... | 6 |
| Rollover..... | 4 |
| PM..... | 10 |
| Repair Costs..... | 1 |
| Warranty..... | 10 |
| Fuel Economy..... | 2 |
| Complaints..... | 10 |
| Insurance..... | 8 |

BUICK ENCLAVE



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MID-SIZE SUV Page 98



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|---------------------------|----|
| Combined Crash Tests..... | 10 |
| Safety Features..... | 8 |
| Rollover..... | 4 |
| PM..... | 3 |
| Repair Costs..... | 3 |
| Warranty..... | 7 |
| Fuel Economy..... | 3 |
| Complaints..... | 5 |
| Insurance..... | 8 |

KIA BORREGO



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MID-SIZE SUV Page 176



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|---------------------------|---|
| Combined Crash Tests..... | 8 |
| Safety Features..... | 3 |
| Rollover..... | 3 |
| PM..... | 9 |
| Repair Costs..... | 8 |
| Warranty..... | 9 |
| Fuel Economy..... | 2 |
| Complaints..... | 5 |
| Insurance..... | 8 |

VOLVO XC90



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LARGE SUV Page 270



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|---------------------------|----|
| Combined Crash Tests..... | 10 |
| Safety Features..... | 5 |
| Rollover..... | 3 |
| PM..... | 10 |
| Repair Costs..... | 5 |
| Warranty..... | 10 |
| Fuel Economy..... | 2 |
| Complaints..... | 4 |
| Insurance..... | 10 |

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LARGE SUV Page 91

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|----------------------|----|
| Combined Crash Tests | 6 |
| Safety Features | 9 |
| Rollover | 4 |
| PM | 4 |
| Repair Costs | 2 |
| Warranty | 9 |
| Fuel Economy | 2 |
| Complaints | 8 |
| Insurance | 10 |

**CHEV. AVALANCHE
CADILLAC ESCALADE EXT**



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LARGE SUV Page 106

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|----------------------|-------|
| Combined Crash Tests | 7/7 |
| Safety Features | 2/2 |
| Rollover | 10/10 |
| PM | 6/7 |
| Repair Costs | 2/4 |
| Warranty | 5/2 |
| Fuel Economy | 6/7 |
| Complaints | 1/1 |
| Insurance | 8/3 |

**CHEV. SUBURBAN
GMC YUKON XL**



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LARGE SUV Page 117

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|----------------------|-------|
| Combined Crash Tests | 10/10 |
| Safety Features | 6/6 |
| Rollover | 1/1 |
| PM | 2/2 |
| Repair Costs | 5/5 |
| Warranty | 6/5 |
| Fuel Economy | 1/1 |
| Complaints | 7/8 |
| Insurance | 10/10 |

CHEVROLET TAHOE



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LARGE SUV Page 118

| | |
|----------------------|----|
| Combined Crash Tests | 10 |
| Safety Features | 6 |
| Rollover | 1 |
| PM | 2 |
| Repair Costs | 4 |
| Warranty | 6 |
| Fuel Economy | 1 |
| Complaints | 8 |
| Insurance | 10 |

CHEVROLET TRAVERSE



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LARGE SUV Page 119

| | |
|----------------------|----|
| Combined Crash Tests | 10 |
| Safety Features | 7 |
| Rollover | 4 |
| PM | 2 |
| Repair Costs | 4 |
| Warranty | 6 |
| Fuel Economy | 3 |
| Complaints | 9 |
| Insurance | - |

GMC ACADIA



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LARGE SUV Page 144

| | |
|----------------------|----|
| Combined Crash Tests | 10 |
| Safety Features | 7 |
| Rollover | 4 |
| PM | 3 |
| Repair Costs | 3 |
| Warranty | 5 |
| Fuel Economy | 3 |
| Complaints | 6 |
| Insurance | 10 |

JEEP GR. CHEROKEE



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LARGE SUV Page 172

| | |
|----------------------|----|
| Combined Crash Tests | 7 |
| Safety Features | 9 |
| Rollover | 2 |
| PM | 5 |
| Repair Costs | 7 |
| Warranty | 3 |
| Fuel Economy | 2 |
| Complaints | - |
| Insurance | 10 |

RAM DAKOTA



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COMPACT PICKUP Page 232

| | |
|----------------------|---|
| Combined Crash Tests | 9 |
| Safety Features | 1 |
| Rollover | 3 |
| PM | 1 |
| Repair Costs | 8 |
| Warranty | 3 |
| Fuel Economy | 1 |
| Complaints | 8 |
| Insurance | 8 |

FORD F-150



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STANDARD PICKUP Page 136

| | |
|----------------------|----|
| Combined Crash Tests | 10 |
| Safety Features | 3 |
| Rollover | 3 |
| PM | 6 |
| Repair Costs | 8 |
| Warranty | 2 |
| Fuel Economy | 1 |
| Complaints | 10 |
| Insurance | 8 |