New Car Ratings

Nowhere else will you find such comprehensive, independent ratings of 245 new cars. All ratings are based on the proprietary performance and fuel-economy tests gathered at our world-class test track, along with extensive subscriber surveys and government and insurance-industry safety data. Don't buy a new car without them.

HOW TO READ THE RATINGS CHARTS

**Overall Score** reflects a vehicle’s performance in our road tests, results from our Reliability and Owner Satisfaction surveys, the availability of a frontal crash prevention system, and, if applicable, results from crash tests by government and insurance-industry agencies. We now deduct points if a vehicle’s shifter lacks failsafes, is difficult to operate, and/or can be confused with other controls.

**Make, Model & Trim** reflect the particular vehicle we tested. We expect similar new models to perform comparably.

**Recommended Vehicles** did well in testing, have average or better predicted reliability, and performed adequately if included in crash tests. A model that scores Poor in the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety narrow-offset crash test can’t be recommended.

**Survey Results** reflect findings of annual Reliability and Owner Satisfaction surveys taken by Consumer Reports subscribers.

**Predicted Reliability** is based on about 500,000 vehicles owned by subscribers who reported problems with their vehicles in our 2016 Annual Auto Survey. It covers a model’s latest three years of data.

**Owner Satisfaction** is based on the percentage of owners who said they would definitely buy the same car again. The information is drawn from feedback on more than 300,000 vehicles less than 3 years old. Partial or limited data may be used for either survey if the car is new or redesigned, or if we have insufficient survey responses.

**Safety** identifies whether a vehicle has one or more frontal crash prevention systems, such as forward-collision warning and automatic emergency braking. NA means no such system is offered. Opt. means it’s available on some versions but not necessarily on the one we tested. Models with standard systems are rated from 1 to 5 based on how many of these features are standard.

**Road-Test Results** display test findings most relevant to each vehicle category. We buy and test about 60 vehicles each year, driving them for thousands of miles and putting them through more than 50 tests. Some tests, such as those for braking and fuel economy, are empirical and measured with instruments; those for seat comfort and agility are graded by our experts.

The energy consumption of electric vehicles is expressed in a miles-per-gallon equivalent rating (MPGe). Energy consumption for plug-in hybrids is listed in both electric and gas modes.

WE RATE CARS USING THESE SYMBOLS


WORSE BETTER

Go to CR.org/newcarbuyingguide for our comprehensive guide to buying a new car, including the best deals, advice on negotiating the price, tips on trade-ins, the pros and cons of leasing vs. buying, and a video on the most reliable brands.
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