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AUTO ISSUE

BEST & WORST NEW CARS

SAFER CARS FOR EVERYONE → NEW TECHNOLOGY THAT SAVES LIVES

ConsumerReports®

EXCLUSIVE
10 TOP
PICKS
OF THE YEAR



THE POWER OF PRIUS
A great green car just got better

▶ **BEST BUYS UNDER \$25,000**

▶ **USED CAR GEMS FOR \$10,000**

▶ **10 WAYS TO AVOID A CRASH**

Most and Least Reliable New Cars by Category

Whether you drive a family hauler, commuter car, or performance sedan, your goal is the same—to avoid the repair shop. This list is based on our Annual Auto Survey.

| MOST RELIABLE | CATEGORY | LEAST RELIABLE |
|----------------|----------------------------|---|
| Toyota Prius C | SUBCOMPACT CARS | Ford Fiesta |
| Subaru Impreza | COMPACT CARS | Fiat 500L* |
| Toyota Camry | MIDSIZED CARS | Chrysler 200* |
| Toyota Avalon | LARGE CARS | Chrysler 300 |
| Lexus CT 200h | LUXURY COMPACT CARS | Cadillac ATS |
| Lexus ES | LUXURY MIDSIZED/LARGE CARS | Mercedes-Benz S-Class |
| BMW 2 Series* | SPORTY CARS | Chevrolet Corvette |
| Toyota Sienna | MINIVANS | Chrysler Town & Country/ Dodge Grand Caravan |
| Toyota RAV4 | SMALL SUVs | Jeep Cherokee |
| Kia Sorento* | MIDSIZED SUVs | Nissan Pathfinder |
| Toyota Sequoia | LARGE SUVs | Chevrolet Suburban/ GMC Yukon XL |
| Audi Q3* | LUXURY COMPACT SUVs | Lincoln MKC* |
| Lexus GX | LUXURY MIDSIZED/LARGE SUVs | Cadillac Escalade* |
| Toyota Tundra | PICKUP TRUCKS | Ram 2500, Chevrolet Colorado/ GMC Canyon |

*Based on one model year of data instead of the usual three years.

Standouts and Stinkers From Our Road Tests

For some people, finding a great-driving vehicle tops their list of priorities. These are the vehicles that excelled in our tests—and those that missed the mark entirely.

| CATEGORY | HIGHEST SCORING | ROAD-TEST SCORE | LOWEST SCORING | ROAD-TEST SCORE |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| SUBCOMPACT CARS | Mini Cooper (base, AT) | 68 | Mitsubishi Mirage ES | 29 |
| COMPACT CARS | Volkswagen Golf SE (1.8T) | 82 | Fiat 500L Easy | 50 |
| MIDSIZED CARS | Subaru Legacy 2.5i Premium | 89 | Chrysler 200 Limited (4-cyl.) | 63 |
| LARGE CARS | Chevrolet Impala 2LTZ (3.6) | 91 | Ford Taurus Limited (3.5, V6) | 72 |
| LUXURY COMPACT CARS | BMW 328d xDrive | 86 | Lexus IS 300 (AWD) | 58 |
| LUXURY MIDSIZED/LARGE CARS | Tesla Model S P85D | 100 | Lincoln MKS (base, 3.7) | 66 |
| SPORTY CARS | BMW M235i | 98 | Hyundai Genesis Coupe 3.8 | 64 |
| MINIVANS | Honda Odyssey EX-L | 84 | Kia Sedona EX | 70 |
| SMALL SUVs | Subaru Forester 2.5i Premium | 85 | Fiat 500X Easy | 50 |
| MIDSIZED SUVs | Toyota Highlander Hybrid Limited | 85 | Jeep Wrangler Unlimited Sahara | 20 |
| LARGE SUVs | Dodge Durango Limited (V6) | 83 | Nissan Armada Platinum | 59 |
| LUXURY COMPACT SUVs | Porsche Macan S | 85 | Land Rover Discovery Sport HSE | 58 |
| LUXURY MIDSIZED/LARGE SUVs | BMW X5 xDrive35i, Volvo XC90 T6 | 84 | Cadillac Escalade Premium | 61 |
| PICKUPS | Ram 1500 Big Horn (V6, diesel) | 82 | Toyota Tundra SR5 (5.7L V8) | 63 |

Cars That Owners Would Buy Again—or Not

These models won—or broke—hearts, according to our Owner Satisfaction Survey, which asked people whether they would buy the same car again.

| MOST SATISFYING | CATEGORY | LEAST SATISFYING |
|--------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Honda Fit* | SUBCOMPACT CARS | Kia Rio* |
| Volkswagen Golf* | COMPACT CARS | Nissan Sentra |
| Subaru Legacy* | MIDSIZED CARS | Nissan Altima |
| Chrysler 300 | LARGE CARS | Ford Taurus |
| Audi A3* | LUXURY COMPACT CARS | Infiniti Q50, Mercedes-Benz CLA |
| Tesla Model S | LUXURY MIDSIZED/LARGE CARS | Acura RLX, Cadillac XTS |
| Chevrolet Corvette | SPORTY CARS | Hyundai Genesis Coupe* |
| Honda Odyssey | MINIVANS | Nissan Quest |
| Subaru Forester | SMALL SUVs | Jeep Compass*, Jeep Patriot |
| Kia Sorento* | MIDSIZED SUVs | Dodge Journey |
| Ford Expedition* | LARGE SUVs | Chevrolet Traverse/GMC Acadia |
| Porsche Macan* | LUXURY COMPACT SUVs | Mercedes-Benz GLA* |
| Acura MDX* | LUXURY MIDSIZED/LARGE SUVs | Infiniti QX60 |
| Ford F-150* | PICKUP TRUCKS | Nissan Frontier |

*Based on one model year of data instead of the usual three years.

UNSATISFYING
Owners turned up their noses at the Infiniti QX60.



Subaru Outback

OVERALL SCORE
80-81

This Outback wagon is roomy, refined, and utterly devoid of flash. It rides very comfortably, with secure handling. The 2.5-liter four-cylinder returns 24 mpg overall, and the unobtrusive continuously variable transmission operates more like a conventional automatic. Opting for the 3.6-liter six-cylinder makes the car quicker and quieter but gives up 2 mpg. The controls are all easy-to-use, including the touch-screen infotainment system. A rear camera is standard. Optional advanced safety gear includes blind-spot monitoring and Subaru's EyeSight safety suite, which adds forward-collision warning with automatic braking. Crash-test results are impressive.



PRICE \$24,995-\$33,395 ROAD-TEST SCORE 82-85
Reliability Satisfaction MPG 22-24

Tesla Model S

OVERALL SCORE
77

This sporty four-door luxury car seats five (or seven with the optional rear-facing jump seats) and just happens to be electric. With its optional 85-kWh battery—the largest available—it can travel between 180 and 225 miles per charge and can be fully charged in as little as 5 hours on a dedicated Tesla connector. Performance is exceptional, with thrilling acceleration, pinpoint handling, and a firm yet comfortable ride. A huge iPad-like center screen controls many functions. Drawbacks include tight access, restricted visibility, and range limitations, especially in cold weather. All-wheel drive, Autopilot active safety features, and the 691-hp P85D performance model are also available. Reliability has dropped to below average.



PRICE \$70,000-\$105,000 ROAD-TEST SCORE 99-100
Reliability Satisfaction MPGe 84-87

Subaru WRX/STI

OVERALL SCORE
70

With its blistering acceleration and tenacious cornering grip, the WRX is built for the enthusiast driver. A six-speed manual is standard, but a CVT is offered. Power is abundant and handling is nimble, but the ride is very stiff and choppy, and the stiff-feeling shifter and abrupt clutch engagement make the WRX frustrating as a daily driver. The higher-performance WRX STI has transmission and suspension differences along with a stronger 305-hp engine. New for 2016 is Subaru's Eyesight assistance package, which includes lane-keep assist, pre-collision braking, and lane-departure warning. Blind-spot detection and rear cross-traffic alert are also available. First-year reliability of the redesign has been average.



PRICE \$26,595-\$39,995 ROAD-TEST SCORE 75
Reliability Satisfaction MPG 26

Tesla Model X

TO BE TESTED

The electric-powered Model X is an SUV based on the Model S. Its most striking feature is the falcon-wing back doors that open up and out of the way, giving easy access to rear seats. Buyers can opt for five-, six-, or seven-passenger seating configurations. Like the S, the Model X has a large, flat battery pack under the floor. The base 70-kWh battery should give the car a range of less than 200 miles. The larger battery has a 90-kWh capacity with an EPA-estimated range of 257 miles, with the performance P90D version pegged at a 250-mile range. All-wheel drive is standard. Prices start at about \$80,000, and a well-equipped 90D hovers around \$110,000.



PRICE \$80,000-\$142,000
Reliability Satisfaction

Subaru Crosstrek

OVERALL SCORE
75-76

The Crosstrek is a small quasi-SUV version of the Impreza hatchback, with a raised ride height that gives it enough clearance to slosh through deeply rutted roads. It may appeal to those people who live at the end of a dirt road and don't want anything big and bulky. The cabin is rather noisy, the ride is stiff, and the 148-hp, 2.0-liter four-cylinder engine occasionally has to work hard, but fuel economy is a gratifying 26 mpg. The costlier Hybrid barely improves on that, at 28 mpg. At least the Hybrid is a little quieter and sounds less strained. Either way, the regular Impreza hatch may be a better choice: It's quieter, quicker, cheaper, and better riding.



PRICE \$21,595-\$25,095 ROAD-TEST SCORE 74
Reliability Satisfaction MPG 26-28

TOYOTA

Toyota builds solid, efficient, and reliable vehicles that do everything well—albeit in a pleasant, unexciting package. Most Toyota models do well in our testing due to refined powertrains, good fuel economy, comfortable rides, quiet cabins, and intuitive controls. The Camry is a perennial best seller, and the RAV4 and Highlander are consistently among the top-scoring SUVs in their respective classes. The Prius has been our fuel-economy champion for more than 10 years, and its redesigned version looks promising. Hybrid technology is available throughout much of the Toyota line.

TESLA

The fully electric Model S hatchback and Model X SUV comprise Tesla's lineup. The Model S is a quick, surefooted, and practical four-door luxury car. Better than other electrics, Teslas have a range of more than 200 miles. Tesla has a nationwide network of fast, free charging stations that can charge the car to nearly full range in less than an hour, facilitating long-distance travel. All controls are accessed through a huge, iPad-like touch screen that is very capable and easy to use. Automatic updates are sent over the airwaves. Owner satisfaction is still tops, but reliability has slipped to below average.

Toyota 4Runner

OVERALL SCORE
61

Tough and ready to tackle off-roading adventures, the truck-based 4Runner falls short of most modern SUVs. Its rough-sounding 4.0-liter V6 is powerful and reasonably fuel-efficient. But the ride is unsettled, and handling is clumsy. The body leans while cornering, and the bobbing and bouncing ride chips away at driver confidence. Limited versions have a tighter suspension with somewhat better control, but at the expense of a stiffer ride. A high step-in and low ceiling compromise access and driving position. The SR5's 4WD system is part-time only. A third-row seat is optional, and the power-retractable rear window is handy. Reliability is well above average, but it scores too low to be recommended.



PRICE \$33,510-\$43,860 ROAD-TEST SCORE 55
Reliability Satisfaction MPG 18

LUXURY COMPACT, LUXURY MIDSIZED, and ULTRALUXURY SEDANS

☑ Recommended ! Caution (subpar crash-test results)

Better ← ● → Worse

| Recommended | MAKE & MODEL | PRICE | OVERALL SCORE | SURVEY RESULTS | | SAFETY | ROAD-TEST RESULTS | | | | | | | |
|-------------|--------------|-------|---------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------|-------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|------------|-------------------------|
| | | | | Predicted Reliability | Owner Satisfaction | | Road-Test Score | Overall MPG | Acceleration 0-60 MPH, Sec. | Dry Braking 60-0 MPH, Ft. | Avoidance Maneuver Speed, MPH | Routine Handling | Ride/Noise | Seat Comfort Front/Rear |

CARS: LUXURY COMPACT continued

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|----------|----|---|---|------|----|----|-----|-----|------|---|-----|-----|---|-----|
| ☑ | BMW 328i | \$43,195 | 75 | ○ | ● | Opt. | 84 | 28 | 6.3 | 132 | 54.5 | ● | ●/● | ●/○ | ○ | 2+1 |
| | Mercedes-Benz C300 (4MATIC) | \$47,560 | 65 | ● | ● | ● | 85 | 26 | 6.8 | 136 | 55.5 | ● | ●/● | ●/○ | ● | 2+1 |
| | Lexus IS300 (AWD)** | \$43,823 | 65 | ● | ○ | Opt. | 58 | 21 | 8.7 | 138 | 53.5 | ● | ○/● | ●/● | ○ | 2+1 |
| | Cadillac ATS Luxury (turbo) | \$43,295 | 57 | ● | ● | Opt. | 79 | 23 | 6.5 | 125 | 57.5 | ● | ●/● | ●/● | ● | 2+1 |
| | Infiniti Q50 Premium (AWD)** | \$44,855 | 57 | ● | ● | Opt. | 75 | 21 | 5.6 | 126 | 54.0 | ● | ○/● | ●/● | ○ | 2+0 |
| | Acura TLX 2.4L | \$35,920 | 57 | ● | ● | Opt. | 79 | 27 | 7.4 | 129 | 54.5 | ● | ●/● | ●/○ | ○ | 2+2 |
| | Acura TLX SH-AWD | \$42,345 | 55 | ● | ● | Opt. | 75 | 25 | 6.5 | 129 | 55.0 | ● | ●/● | ●/○ | ● | 2+2 |

CARS: LUXURY MIDSIZED

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|---|--|----------|----|---|---|------|----|----|-----|-----|------|---|-----|-----|---|-----|
| ☑ | Mercedes-Benz E250 BlueTec (4MATIC) | \$62,980 | 87 | ○ | ● | ● | 93 | 30 | 8.3 | 131 | 54.0 | ● | ●/● | ●/● | ○ | 3+1 |
| ☑ | Audi A6 3.0 Premium Plus Quattro | \$56,295 | 84 | ● | ● | Opt. | 90 | 22 | 5.7 | 132 | 52.5 | ● | ●/● | ●/● | ○ | 3+1 |
| ☑ | Infiniti Q70 (V6) | \$53,825 | 82 | ○ | ● | Opt. | 90 | 21 | 5.8 | 128 | 54.5 | ● | ●/● | ●/● | ● | 3+2 |
| ☑ | Lexus GS 350** | \$58,858 | 82 | ● | ● | Opt. | 83 | 21 | 6.2 | 137 | 53.5 | ● | ●/● | ●/● | ○ | 3+1 |
| ☑ | Mercedes-Benz E350 | \$57,965 | 82 | ○ | ● | ● | 86 | 21 | 6.3 | 131 | 51.0 | ● | ●/● | ●/● | ● | 3+1 |
| ☑ | Lexus ES 350 | \$43,702 | 79 | ● | ● | Opt. | 78 | 25 | 6.7 | 139 | 51.5 | ○ | ●/● | ●/● | ○ | 3+2 |
| ☑ | Lexus ES 300h | \$44,017 | 79 | ● | ● | Opt. | 77 | 36 | 8.2 | 140 | 51.0 | ○ | ●/● | ●/● | ○ | 3+1 |
| ☑ | Infiniti Q70 Hybrid | \$58,655 | 78 | ○ | ● | Opt. | 83 | 25 | 5.6 | 131 | 52.0 | ● | ●/● | ●/● | ● | 2+1 |
| ☑ | Hyundai Genesis 3.8 (AWD) | \$52,450 | 78 | ○ | ● | Opt. | 89 | 20 | 7.2 | 129 | 53.0 | ● | ●/● | ●/● | ● | 3+1 |
| ☑ | Hyundai Equus Signature** | \$58,900 | 76 | ○ | ● | ○ | 80 | 19 | 6.5 | 140 | 49.0 | ● | ●/● | ●/● | ● | 4+0 |
| ☑ | Lincoln MKZ 2.0 EcoBoost | \$41,365 | 75 | ○ | ● | Opt. | 84 | 23 | 7.4 | 124 | 53.0 | ● | ●/● | ●/○ | ● | 3+2 |
| ☑ | Lincoln MKZ Hybrid | \$41,915 | 75 | ○ | ● | Opt. | 83 | 34 | 9.2 | 129 | 53.0 | ● | ●/● | ●/○ | ● | 2+2 |
| ☑ | Buick LaCrosse (Leather, eAssist) | \$34,935 | 75 | ○ | ● | Opt. | 80 | 26 | 9.2 | 130 | 52.0 | ● | ●/● | ●/● | ● | 2+1 |
| ☑ | Buick LaCrosse Premium I (V6) | \$37,555 | 72 | ○ | ● | Opt. | 76 | 20 | 7.2 | 137 | 52.5 | ● | ●/● | ●/● | ● | 3+1 |
| ☑ | Cadillac CTS Luxury (V6, AWD) | \$58,780 | 70 | ○ | ● | Opt. | 81 | 21 | 6.8 | 127 | 54.5 | ● | ●/● | ●/○ | ● | 2+2 |
| | BMW 535i | \$58,375 | 66 | ● | ● | Opt. | 81 | 23 | 6.1 | 137 | 51.5 | ● | ●/● | ●/● | ● | 3+1 |
| | Cadillac XTS Premium | \$57,200 | 62 | ● | ○ | Opt. | 82 | 22 | 7.2 | 128 | 53.0 | ● | ●/● | ●/● | ● | 4+1 |
| | Acura RLX Tech | \$55,345 | 59 | ● | ○ | ● | 75 | 23 | 6.5 | 128 | 51.5 | ○ | ○/● | ●/● | ● | 2+3 |
| ! | Lincoln MKS (base, 3.7) | \$50,070 | 59 | ○ | ○ | Opt. | 66 | 20 | 7.1 | 137 | 51.5 | ○ | ●/● | ●/● | ● | 4+0 |

CARS: ULTRALUXURY

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|---|------------------------------------|-----------|----|----|----|------|-----|-----------------|-----|-----|------|---|-----|-----|---|-----|
| ☑ | BMW 750i xDrive | \$110,645 | 87 | ○* | ●* | Opt. | 99 | 21 | 5.3 | 131 | 52.5 | ● | ●/● | ●/● | ○ | 2+4 |
| ☑ | Lexus LS 460L | \$82,504 | 86 | ● | ● | Opt. | 89 | 21 | 6.2 | 140 | 48.5 | ● | ●/● | ●/● | ○ | 3+2 |
| ☑ | Audi A8 L** | \$91,275 | 86 | ●* | ● | Opt. | 91 | 21 | 5.5 | 126 | 52.0 | ● | ●/● | ●/● | ● | 3+1 |
| | Tesla Model S P85D | \$127,820 | 77 | ● | ● | ● | 100 | 87 ¹ | 3.5 | 118 | 55.5 | ● | ●/● | ●/○ | ● | 4+3 |
| | Tesla Model S (85 kWh) | \$89,650 | 77 | ● | ● | ● | 99 | 84 ¹ | 5.6 | 128 | 53.5 | ● | ●/● | ●/○ | ● | 4+3 |
| | Porsche Panamera S** | \$105,110 | 73 | ○* | ●* | Opt. | 81 | 20 | 5.5 | 116 | 56.0 | ● | ●/● | ●/● | ● | 1+2 |
| | Mercedes-Benz S550 (4MATIC) | \$114,475 | 73 | ● | ● | ● | 96 | 18 | 5.1 | 128 | 51.0 | ● | ●/● | ●/● | ● | 2+3 |
| | Jaguar XJL Portfolio** | \$81,575 | 70 | ●* | ●* | NA | 82 | 19 | 5.5 | 138 | 52.5 | ● | ●/● | ●/● | ○ | 2+1 |
| | Maserati Ghibli S Q4 | \$89,010 | 59 | ●* | ●* | NA | 71 | 19 | 5.4 | 115 | 53.5 | ● | ●/○ | ●/○ | ○ | 2+2 |

¹ Miles-per-gallon equivalent (MPGe). ² Miles per gallon while running on gas engine.

Vehicles That Get the Best—and Worst—Gas Mileage

We know: Gas is super-cheap—for now. But remember that the average age of cars on U.S. roads is 11 years old, so it's likely you'll see a gas-price spike with your next car. Make your wallet happy by choosing a vehicle with high MPG in our tests.

| BEST | |
|---|----------------------------------|
| ELECTRIC CARS AND PLUG-IN HYBRIDS | |
| | MPG |
| BMW i3 Giga | 139 ^① |
| Mitsubishi i-MiEV SE | 111 ^① |
| Ford Focus Electric | 107 ^① |
| Nissan Leaf SL | 106 ^① |
| Ford C-Max Energi | 94 ^① /37 ^② |
| Tesla Model S P85D | 87 ^① |
| Tesla Model S (85kWh) | 84 ^① |
| SUBCOMPACT CARS | |
| | MPG |
| Toyota Prius C Two | 43 |
| Mitsubishi Mirage ES | 37 |
| Smart ForTwo Passion | 36 |
| Ford Fiesta SE (3-cyl., manual) | 35 |
| Scion iA | 35 |
| Ford Fiesta SE (sedan) | 33 |
| Honda Fit EX | 33 |
| COMPACT CARS | |
| | MPG |
| Toyota Prius V Three | 41 |
| Ford C-Max Hybrid SE | 37 |
| Volkswagen Jetta Hybrid | 37 |
| Mazda3 i Touring | 33 |
| Honda Civic LX | 32 |
| Mazda3 i Grand Touring (2.0L, manual) | 32 |
| Toyota Corolla LE Plus | 32 |
| Volkswagen Jetta SE (1.4T) | 32 |
| MIDSIZE CARS | |
| | MPG |
| Ford Fusion SE Hybrid | 39 |
| Hyundai Sonata Hybrid SE | 39 |
| Toyota Camry Hybrid XLE | 38 |
| Mazda6 Sport | 32 |
| Nissan Altima 2.5 S | 31 |
| Chrysler 200 Limited (4-cyl.) | 30 |
| Honda Accord LX (4-cyl.) | 30 |
| LUXURY AND LARGE CARS | |
| | MPG |
| Lexus CT 200h Premium | 40 |
| Lexus ES 300h | 36 |
| Toyota Avalon Hybrid Limited | 36 |
| BMW 328d xDrive | 35 |
| Lincoln MKZ Hybrid | 34 |
| Mercedes-Benz E250 BlueTec (AWD) | 30 |
| SPORTS/SPORTY CARS (TESTED WITH MANUAL TRANS.) | |
| | MPG |
| Mazda MX-5 Miata Club | 34 |
| Mini Cooper S | 30 |
| Scion FR-S | 30 |
| Subaru BRZ Premium | 30 |
| SMALL SUVs | |
| | MPG |
| Honda HR-V LX | 29 |
| Lexus NX 300h | 29 |
| Mazda CX-3 Touring | 28 |
| Subaru Crosstrek Hybrid | 28 |
| Hyundai Tucson Sport (1.6T) | 26 |
| Mercedes-Benz GLA250 | 26 |
| Mini Countryman S | 26 |
| Subaru Forester 2.5i Premium | 26 |
| Subaru Crosstrek Premium | 26 |

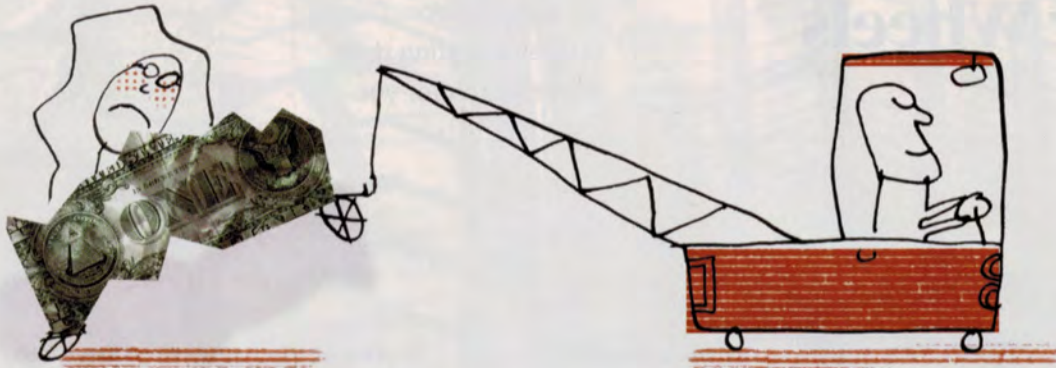


GOING GREEN
The Ford Fusion SE Hybrid returned an excellent 39 mpg overall in our tests.

| BEST continued | |
|--------------------------------------|------------|
| MIDSIZE SUVs | |
| | MPG |
| Toyota Highlander Hybrid Limited | 25 |
| Jeep Grand Cherokee Limited (diesel) | 24 |
| Hyundai Santa Fe Sport (2.4L) | 23 |
| Chevrolet Equinox 1LT (4-cyl.) | 21 |
| Ford Edge SEL (2.0 EcoBoost) | 21 |
| Kia Sorento EX (V6) | 21 |
| Nissan Murano SL | 21 |
| LUXURY AND LARGE SUVs | |
| | MPG |
| Lexus RX 450h | 29 |
| Lexus RX 350 | 22 |
| Acura MDX Tech | 21 |
| BMW X5 xDrive35i | 21 |
| MINIVANS | |
| | MPG |
| Ford Transit Connect XLT (2.5L) | 21 |
| Honda Odyssey EX-L | 21 |
| Kia Sedona EX | 20 |
| Toyota Sienna XLE (FWD) | 20 |

^① Electric consumption in miles per gallon equivalent (MPGe). ^② Miles per gallon when running on gasoline.

THE WORST OF THE WORST



These 2006-15 models have a record of below-average overall reliability. They're listed alphabetically by make and model. The true stinkers are shown in red; they're models with much-worse-than-average overall reliability based on multiple years of data. We recommend skipping all of them.

Acura

RLX '14
TLX '15

Audi

A4 '06-07, '09-11
A5 '10-11

BMW

1 Series '12
3 Series '06-09, '11
4 Series '15
5 Series '06-08, '10-12, '15
i3 '14
X3 '06-08, '11
X5 '11-14

Buick

Enclave '08-11
LaCrosse '06-08, '10-11
Lucerne '07, '09-11
Rainer '06
Regal '11
Rendezvous '06
Terraza '06

Cadillac

ATS '13-14
CTS '06, '08-10
DTS '06-07
Escalade '15
SRX '10-13
XTS '13

Chevrolet

Avalanche '07-08, '11
Camaro '13
Cobalt '07
Colorado '08, '15
Corvette '15
Cruze '11-13
Equinox '06-11
HHR '06, '10
Impala '06-08, '13
Malibu '06-08
Silverado 1500 '08-09, '14-15
Sonic '13
Suburban '08-09, '15
Tahoe '15
TrailBlazer '06
Traverse '09-11
Uplander '06

Chrysler

200 '12-13, '15
300 '13-14
Pacifica '07
PT Cruiser '06-08
Sebring '06
Town & Country '06-13

Dodge

Caliber '07
Caravan '06-07
Challenger '13-14
Charger '13
Dakota '06
Dart '13-14
Durango '11-12, '14
Grand Caravan '06-13
Journey '09, '12-14
Ram 1500 '09-10
Ram 2500 '06
Stratus '06

Fiat

500 '12-13, '15
500L '14

Ford

C-Max '13
Edge '12
Escape '06-08, '10, '13
Expedition '12
Explorer '06, '10-12
F-150 '11-12
F-250 '06, '08, '11, '13
F-350 '06, '08
Fiesta '11-14
Focus '12-14
Fusion '13
Mustang '12-13, '15
Taurus '10-11
Taurus X '06

GMC

Acadia '07-14
Canyon '08, '15
Envoy '06
Sierra 1500 '08-09, '14-15
Terrain '10-11
Yukon '15
Yukon XL '08-09, '15

Honda

Pilot '10, '15

Hyundai

Elantra '10-11
Genesis '10, '12
Genesis Coupe '13
Santa Fe '10, '15
Sonata '12
Veracruz '08, '11

Infiniti

Q50 '14
JX '13
QX60 '14

Jeep

Cherokee '14-15
Grand Cherokee '07, '10-14
Liberty '06
Patriot '08, '14
Wrangler '06-09, '12-13

Kia

Forte '12
Rio '13
Rondo '08
Sedona '06
Sorento '11

Lincoln

MKC '15
MKZ '13

Mazda

Mazda5 '06-08
Mazda6 '07
CX-7 '10
Tribute '06-08, '10

Mercedes-Benz

C-Class '12, '15
CLA '14
CLK '08
GL-Class '13-15
M-Class '07-10, '12
S-Class '14

Mercury

Mariner '06-08, '10
Mountaineer '06, '10

Mini

Cooper '06-12, '14
Countryman '11-12

Nissan

Altima '13-14
Frontier '06, '15
Juke '11-12
Leaf '13
Maxima '06-07
Pathfinder '13-14
Quest '12
Rogue '14
Sentra '13
Xterra '06

Pontiac

G5 '06, '08-09
Montana SV6 '06
Torrent '06-09

Porsche

911 '12
Cayman '14
Macan '15

Ram

1500 '13-14
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Saab

9-3 '08

Saturn

Aura '09
Ion '07
Outlook '07-09
Vue '08

Smart

ForTwo '08-09

Subaru

Forester '06-07
Impreza '07-10
Legacy '06-08
Outback '06-08

Tesla

Model S '12-13, '15

Volkswagen

Beetle '14
CC '10, '12
Eos '08, '12
Golf '15
GTI '10-13
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Tiguan '09-12

Volvo

S60 '07
V60 '15
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