

Vehicle Ratings

The charts on the following pages provide a quick reference guide to all of the vehicles currently on sale for which CONSUMER REPORTS has test data. At a glance, you can see how each compares with its competitors in: overall test score, predicted-reliability Ratings, owner-satisfaction Ratings, owner-cost Ratings, and real-world fuel economy.

THE CONSUMER REPORTS DIFFERENCE

These charts are the result of the most comprehensive, consumer-oriented auto-testing program in the U.S.

Our auto tests are conducted by a full-time team of auto and tire engineers and support staff members, using a dedicated, state-of-the-art, 327-acre Auto Test Center.

We buy all of the cars we test from dealerships anonymously; last year, we spent about \$2.7 million on them. Each vehicle is evaluated for months and driven for thousands of miles.

More than 50 tests and evaluations are performed on every vehicle, including proprietary tests such as real-world fuel-economy runs, an accident-avoidance maneuver, and a special antilock brake test.

Our editorial staff includes veteran automotive journalists who have extensive experience covering the industry.

All of our experts offer consumers an insider's perspective on vehicles and the industry. Their enthusiasm for cars goes far beyond CONSUMER REPORTS testing, with many of them involved in competitive motor sports and instructing at driving schools.


CR's reliability and owner satisfaction Ratings are based on our 2011 Annual Auto Survey, which is conducted and sent to our print and website subscribers by the CR National Research Center. Respondents reported on the problems they had on 1.3 million

vehicles in any of 17 trouble spots during the previous year. This allows us to provide the most comprehensive auto-reliability information available to consumers.

KEY TO THE RATINGS

The vehicles are divided by category and ranked according to their overall test scores. Some models are included in different categories, if appropriate. Sometimes we also include vehicles that are viable alternatives to those in a specific category.

Recommended vehicles. These are vehicles that meet CONSUMER REPORTS' stringent testing, reliability, and safety standards.

To earn our Recommendation, noted with , vehicles must perform well in our testing; have average or better reliability; and perform adequately, if included in a government or industry safety test. In addition, pickups and SUVs must not have tipped up in the government's rollover test if tested. For 2012, electronic stability control (ESC) is standard on all passenger cars and light trucks.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has strengthened its crash-test requirements now take into account female passengers and include, in addition to front- and side-crash tests, a new pole test to measure side impact. Turn to the Safety charts, starting on page 184, for more information on crash-test results.

> **Price as tested** is the approximate manufacturer's suggested retail price, including options and destination charge. Vehicles are typically equipped with an automatic transmission (unless otherwise noted); and power locks, windows, and mirrors; air conditioning.

> **Overall road-test score** is based on results from more than 50 tests and evaluations.

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Recommended	Make & model	Price as tested	Overall road-test score	Survey Results		Owner cost	Fuel economy	Highs	Lows
				Predicted reliability	Owner satisfaction				
			0 100 P I F I G I V G I E				Overall MPG		
MINIVANS									
	Honda Odyssey EX-L	\$36,830	83	●	●	●	19	Ride, powertrain refinement, seat comfort, cargo flexibility, access, fuel economy, crash-test results.	Cornering limits, road noise, reliability.
	Nissan Quest SL	39,040	81	NA	NA	●	19	Ride, quietness, powertrain, fuel economy, plush interior, seats fold flat.	Agility.
✓	Toyota Sienna XLE (FWD)	35,810	80	○	●	●	20	Ride, transmission, interior space and flexibility, rear seat, fuel economy, crash-test results.	Handling, steering, road noise, fit and finish.
	Toyota Sienna XLE (AWD)	38,201	79	●	●	●	19	Ride, transmission, interior room & flexibility, rear seat, fuel economy, crash-test results.	Handling, steering, road noise, fit and finish, reliability.
	Kia Sedona EX	33,990	77	●	●	●	18	Controls, transmission, interior flexibility, access.	Agility, wind noise, driving position, front-seat comfort, touchy throttle, tilt only steering wheel, reliability.
	Chrysler Town & Country Touring-L	37,505	74	●	○	●	17	Ride, quietness, foldaway second-row seats, cargo flexibility, standard safety aids.	Fuel economy, cornering limits, unrefined transmission, complicated radio controls, reliability.
	Dodge Grand Caravan R/T	37,295	74	●	●	●	17	Ride, quietness, foldaway second-row seats, cargo flexibility, standard safety aids.	Fuel economy, cornering limits, unrefined transmission, radio controls, reliability.
✓	Toyota Sienna LE (4-cyl.)	29,369	74	○	○	○	20	Ride, interior space, versatility, crash-test results.	Handling, acceleration, noise, fit and finish, cloth seats' support.

Manufacturer Model Configuration (trans, eng size, cyl)	MPG		Annual Fuel Cost	Notes
	City/Hwy	Comb		
E350 Wagon				
A-5, 6.8L, 10cyl	10/13	11	\$4,622	
E350 Wagon FFV				
A-4, 5.4L, 8cyl	11/15	13	\$3,910	
	9/11	10	\$4,785	E85
GMC				
Savana 1500 2WD (Passenger)				
A-4, 5.3L, 8cyl	13/17	14	\$3,631	
	10/13	11	\$4,350	E85
Savana 1500 AWD (Passenger)				
A-4, 5.3L, 8cyl	13/17	14	\$3,631	
	9/12	10	\$4,785	E85
Savana 2500 2WD (Passenger) MDPV				
A-6, 4.8L, 8cyl	11/17	13	\$3,910	
	8/12	10	\$4,785	E85
	11/16	13	\$3,910	
	8/11	9	\$5,316	E85
Savana 3500 2WD (Passenger) MDPV				
A-6, 4.8L, 8cyl	11/17	13	\$3,910	
	8/12	10	\$4,785	E85
	10/15	12	\$4,236	
	8/11	9	\$5,316	E85

SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLE 2WD

AZURE DYNAMICS				
Transit Connect Electric Van				
A-1, -L, -cyl	62/62	62	\$972	Elec
Transit Connect Electric Wagon				
A-1, -L, -cyl	62/62	62	\$972	Elec
FORD				
Transit Connect Van				
A-4, 2.0L, 4cyl	21/27	23	\$2,212	
Transit Connect Wagon FWD				
A-4, 2.0L, 4cyl	22/27	24	\$2,120	
VPG				
MV-1				
A-4, 4.6L, 8cyl	13/18	15	\$3,392	
MV-1 CNG				
A-4, 4.6L, 8cyl	11/16	13	\$2,411	CNG

MINIVANS 2WD

CHRYSLER				
Town and Country				
A-6, 3.6L, 6cyl	17/25	20	\$2,543	
	12/18	14	\$3,416	E85
DODGE				
Grand Caravan				
A-6, 3.6L, 6cyl	17/25	20	\$2,543	
	12/18	14	\$3,416	E85
HONDA				
Odyssey				
A-5, 3.5L, 6cyl	18/27	21	\$2,420	
A-6, 3.5L, 6cyl	19/28	22	\$2,314	
KIA				
Sedona				
A-6, 3.5L, 6cyl	18/25	21	\$2,420	

Manufacturer Model Configuration (trans, eng size, cyl)	MPG		Annual Fuel Cost	Notes
	City/Hwy	Comb		
MAZDA				
5				
A-S5, 2.5L, 4cyl	21/28	24	\$2,120	
M-6, 2.5L, 4cyl	21/28	24	\$2,120	
NISSAN				
Quest				
AV 3.5L, 6cyl	19/24	21	\$2,420	
TOYOTA				
Sienna 2WD				
A-S6, 2.7L, 4cyl	19/24	21	\$2,420	
A-S6, 3.5L, 6cyl	18/25	21	\$2,420	
VOLKSWAGEN				
Routan				
A-6, 3.6L, 6cyl	17/25	20	\$2,543	
	12/18	14	\$3,416	E85

MINIVANS 4WD

TOYOTA				
Sienna AWD				
A-S6, 3.5L, 6cyl	17/23	19	\$2,675	

SPORT UTILITY VEHICLES 2WD

ACURA				
RDX 2WD				
A-S5, 2.3L, 4cyl	19/24	21	\$2,613	P T
BUICK				
Enclave FWD				
A-6, 3.6L, 6cyl	17/24	19	\$2,675	
CADILLAC				
Escalade 2WD				
A-6, 6.2L, 8cyl	14/18	16	\$3,178	
	10/15	12	\$3,986	E85
Escalade ESV 2WD				
A-6, 6.2L, 8cyl	14/18	16	\$3,178	
	10/15	12	\$3,986	E85
Escalade Hybrid 2WD				
AV, 6.0L, 8cyl	20/23	21	\$2,420	HEV
SRX 2WD				
A-S6, 3.6L, 6cyl	17/24	19	\$2,675	
	12/18	14	\$3,416	E85
CHEVROLET				
Avalanche 1500 2WD				
A-6, 5.3L, 8cyl	15/21	17	\$2,990	
	11/16	13	\$3,680	E85
Captiva FWD				
A-6, 2.4L, 4cyl	20/28	23	\$2,212	
A-6, 3.0L, 6cyl	17/24	19	\$2,675	
Equinox FWD				
A-6, 2.4L, 4cyl	22/32	26	\$1,958	
A-6, 3.0L, 6cyl	17/24	20	\$2,543	
A-6, 2.4L, 4cyl	22/32	26	\$1,958	
	15/22	18	\$2,660	E85
A-6, 3.0L, 6cyl	17/24	20	\$2,543	
	12/18	14	\$3,416	E85
Suburban 1500 2WD				
A-6, 5.3L, 8cyl	15/21	17	\$2,990	
	11/16	13	\$3,680	E85