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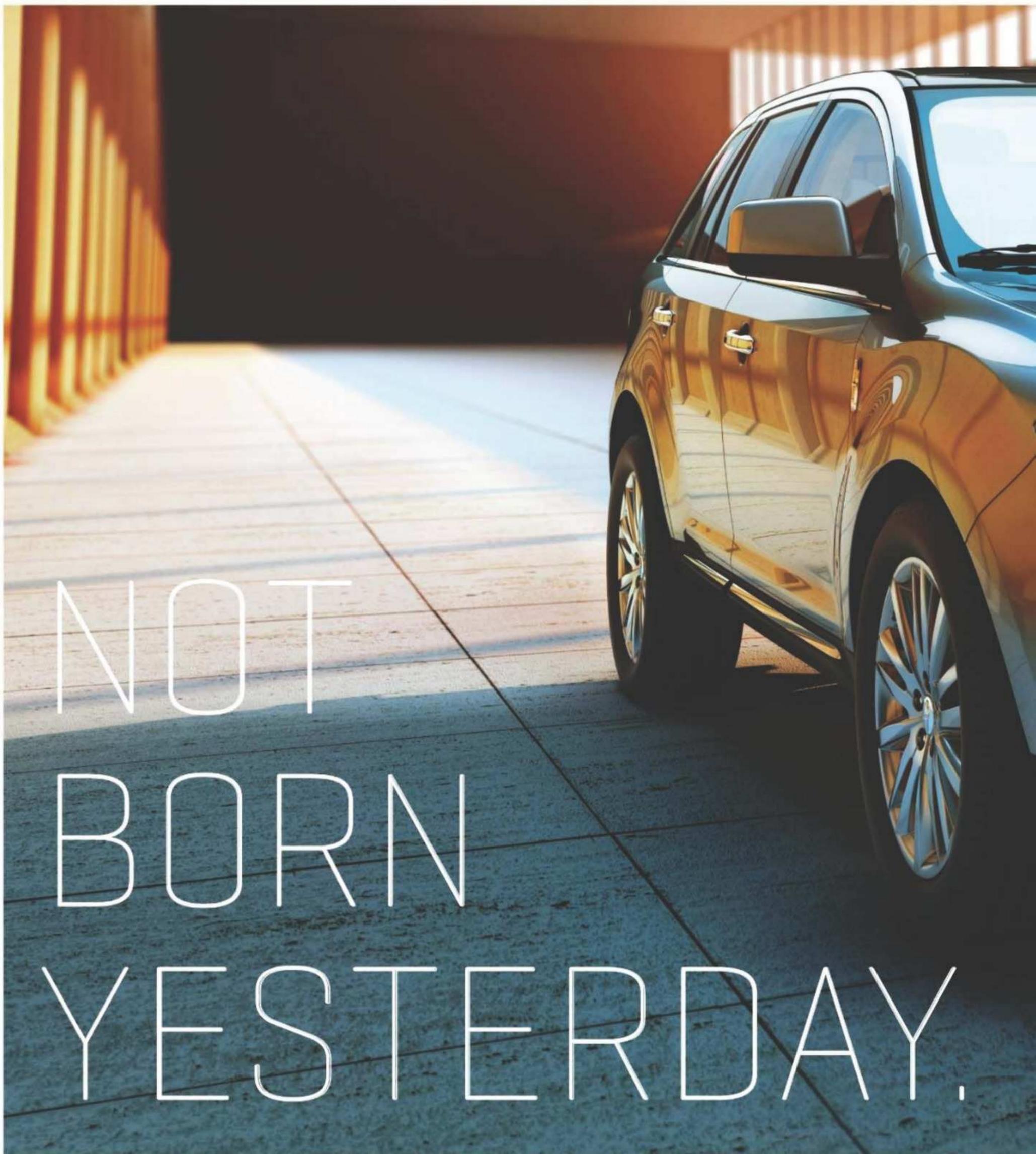


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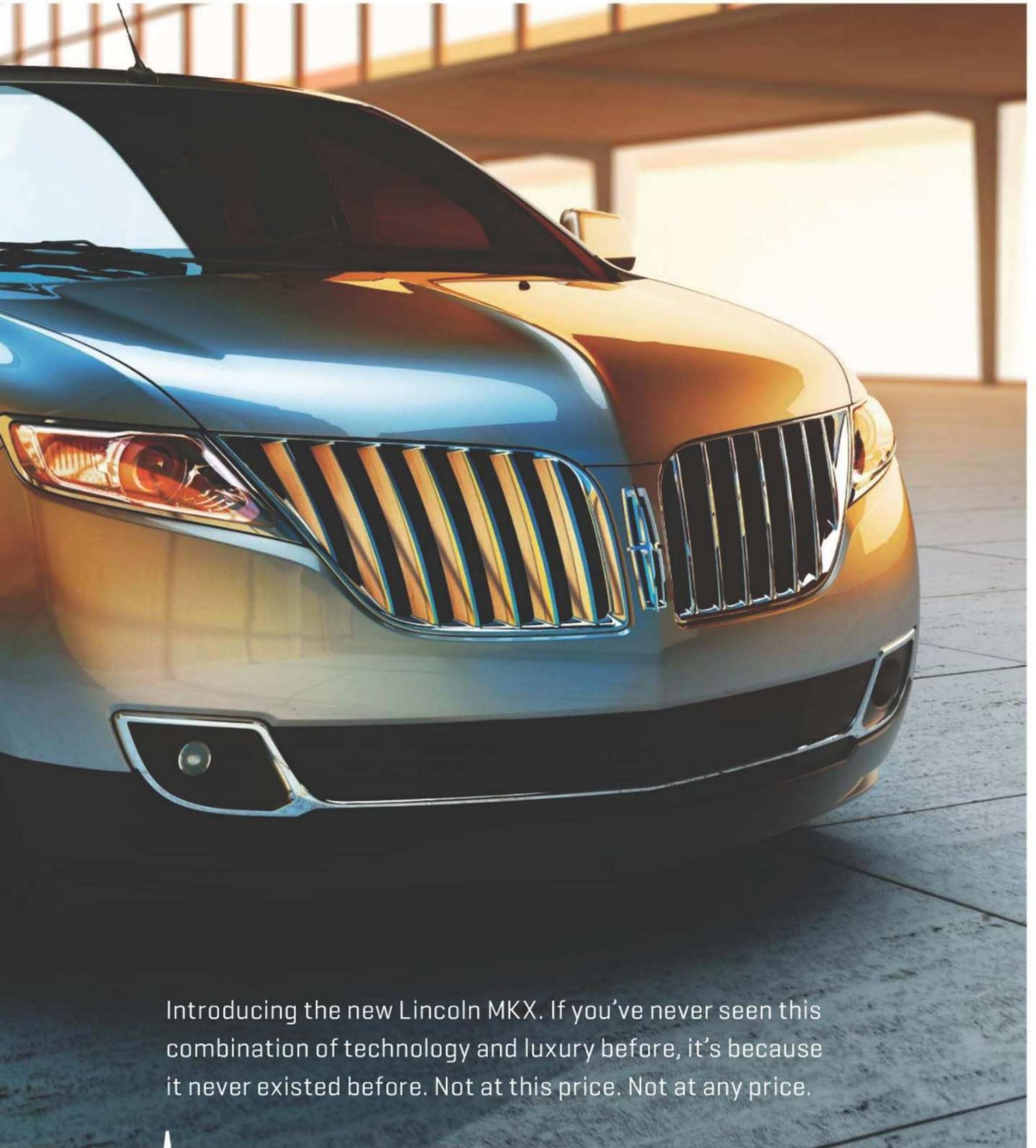
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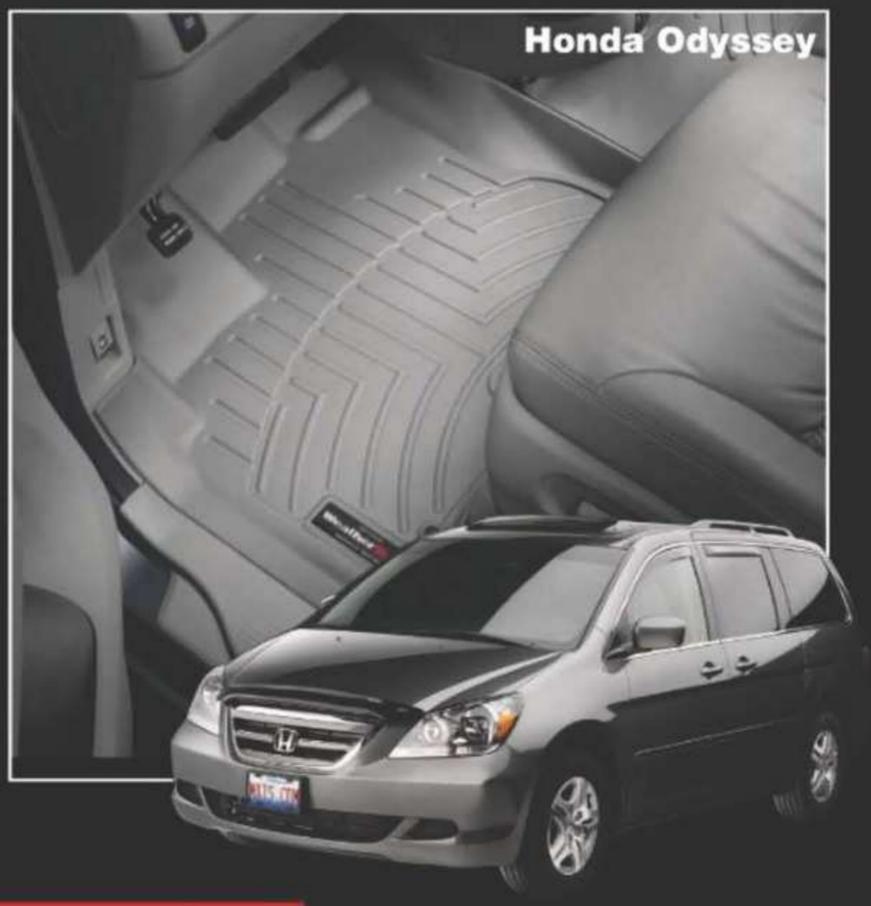
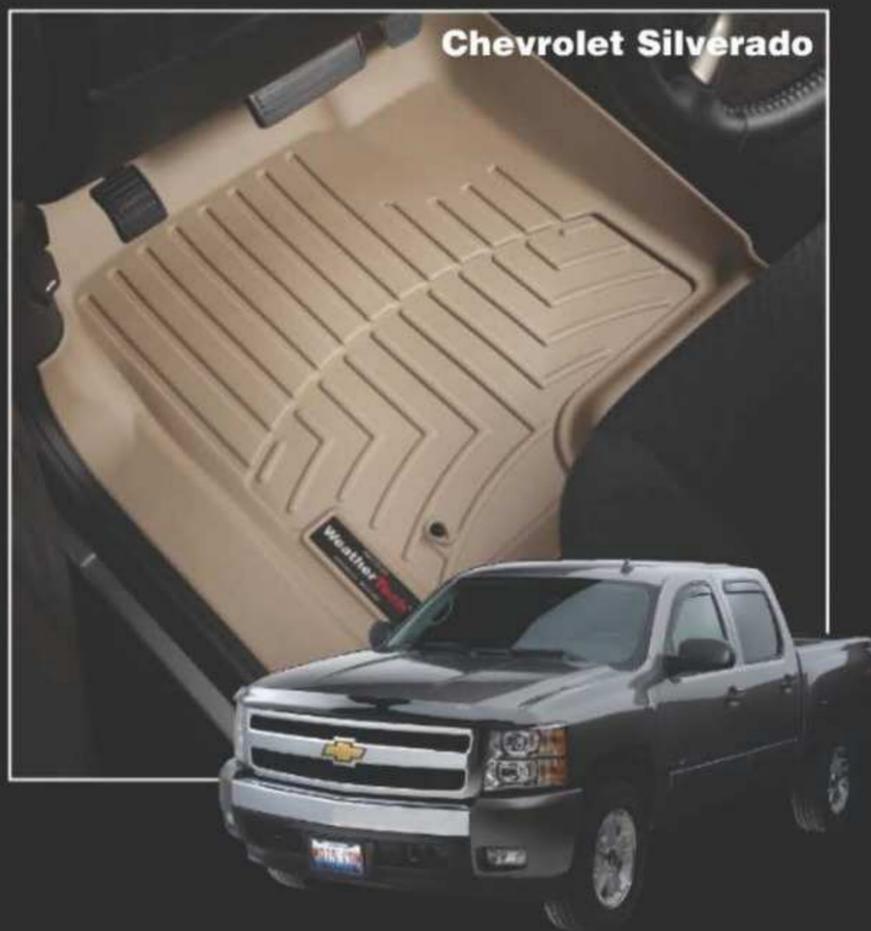
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BY PETER BOHR



Cash-back rebates, zero-percent financing and cut-rate leases are common incentives offered by automakers to entice buyers. But there's another buyer incentive that you may not have heard much about: A free trip to Europe.

That's right, buy a new car and you may get a European trip for free—or nearly so, anyway. All you have to do is take delivery of your new car at the factory in Europe. Seeing where your new car was built can be quite a thrill all by itself. But in some cases, the savings you'll receive could pay for your travels.

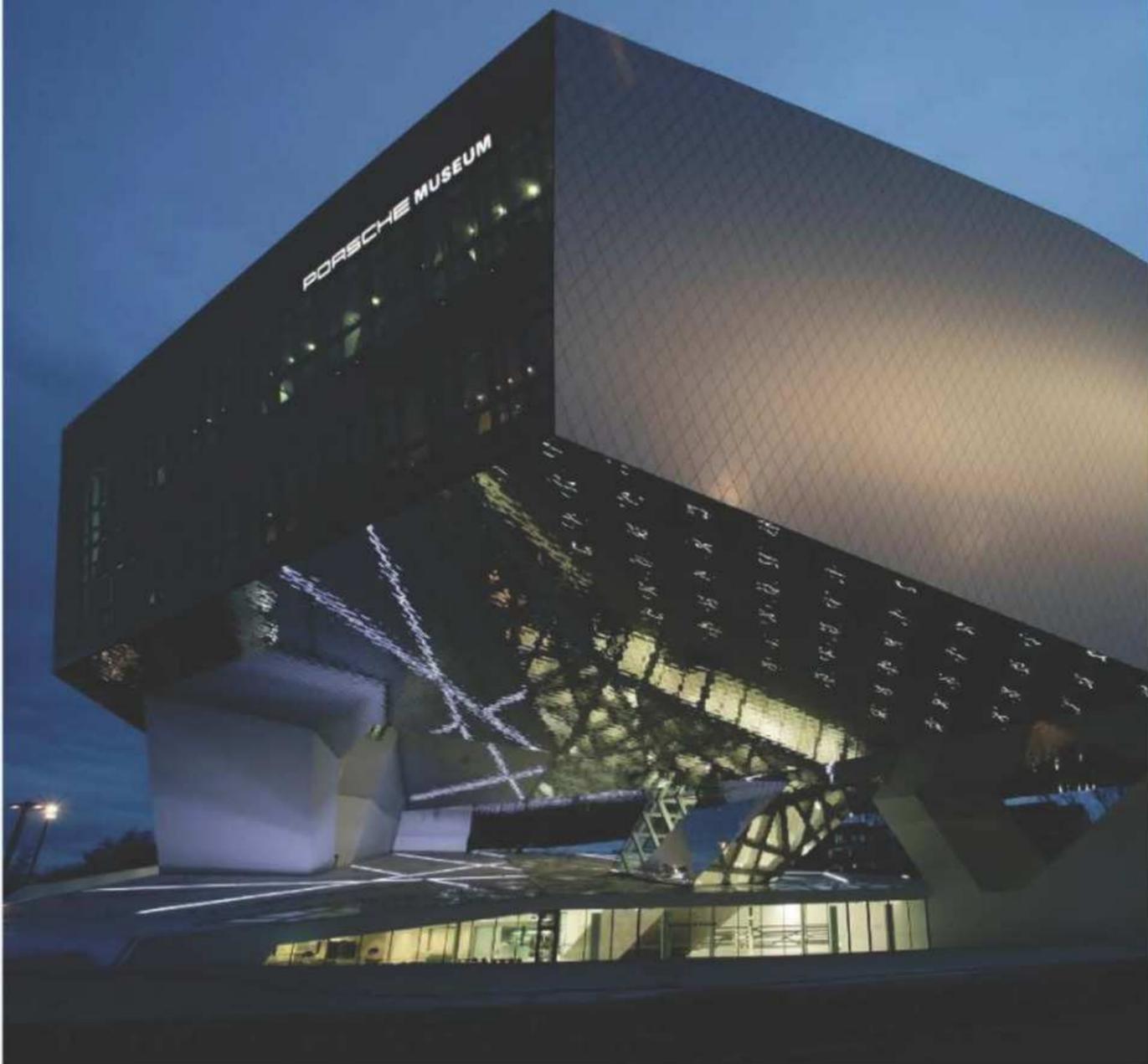
Several European automakers—Audi, BMW, Mercedes-Benz, Porsche and Volvo—have well-established “Euro-

pean delivery” programs. Most offer a hefty discount on the price of a car when you participate in the program. They also provide VIP perks that may include a complimentary night's stay in a luxury hotel, sumptuous meals, even free or two-for-one round-trip airfare from the U.S. And they all give tours of their factories, allowing you to see firsthand how your new car was created—something that no stateside dealer can offer when

you buy a car off the lot.

These programs have been so successful for European automakers that one American manufacturer—General Motors—has gotten in on the action with a factory delivery program of its own. Order a new Corvette with factory option R8C and you'll receive a guided tour of GM's Bowling Green, Kentucky, assembly plant, followed by the presentation of your new Vette at the nearby





» Porsche's modern museum, full of significant race cars and road cars, is a must-see for any enthusiast visiting the Stuttgart area.

National Corvette Museum.

Moreover, BMW not only has a factory delivery program in Germany, but allows buyers to pick up their new cars at its assembly plant in South Carolina. This program isn't limited to the vehicles that BMW builds at its U.S. plant; buyers of German-built BMWs can choose to pick up their new cars in South Carolina

as well. The program includes one-on-one driving instruction at the BMW Performance Center near the factory.

So how much can you expect to save with factory delivery? In the cases of Corvette and Porsche, you'll actually pay extra for the privilege. But Audi, BMW, Mercedes-Benz and Volvo each offer discounts on their vehicles delivered in Europe, typically between 5 and 8 percent off the manufacturer's suggested retail price (MSRP) as found on their cars at their U.S. dealers.

The more expensive the car, the more

you'll save. Mercedes, for instance, gives a 7-percent discount on most models. Should you buy a Mercedes-Benz C300 Sport Sedan with a base price of \$33,990 (at the time of this writing), your European delivery price would be \$31,611, for a savings of \$2,379. Should you buy an S600 sedan with a base price of \$149,700, the European delivery price is \$139,221, for a savings of \$10,479. Any options you select will also be discounted by 7 percent.

And the savings don't stop there. Mercedes throws into the deal taxi vouchers

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AUDI gives a 3-percent discount on A3 models and a 5-percent discount on most other models. Chauffeured airport pick-up, one night of hotel accommodations, meals and beverages on delivery day, 15 days of comprehensive/collision insurance and all shipping/customs charges to the U.S. are provided at no extra charge. Buyers are guests of Audi at the Audi Mobile Museum and on the Ingolstadt factory tour. www.audiusa.com

BMW EUROPE offers up to a 7-percent discount on most models. BMW's European delivery program offers two-for-one roundtrip airfare on Lufthansa from the

U.S. to Germany. Complimentary refreshments are offered on delivery day at the automaker's recently built BMW Welt. The program also includes tours of the BMW Museum and the factory in Munich. Fourteen days of comprehensive/collision insurance and all shipping/customs charges to the U.S. are provided at no extra charge. BMW also offers several self-guided European driving tours for an extra charge. In the U.S., BMW offers buyers delivery in Greenville, South Carolina. There is no discount off MSRP, but there is no extra cost for the delivery program, which includes chauffeured service from the airport, dinner for two and one night's accommoda-

tions at a first-class hotel. The program also includes driving instruction at the BMW Performance Center and guided tours of the BMW Zentrum museum and the factory. www.bmwusa.com

GENERAL MOTORS, in conjunction with the National Corvette Museum, offers factory option R8C for \$490, which can be ordered through any Chevrolet dealer. The delivery option includes guided tours of the Bowling Green, Kentucky, Corvette Assembly Plant and the National Corvette Museum, followed with a presentation of the new vehicle by delivery team specialists. www.corvettemuseum.com



for use in Stuttgart, the location of the Mercedes' Sindelfingen factory, plus one night's hotel accommodations, a three-course meal at the Sindelfingen Delivery Center restaurant, tickets to Mercedes' recently remodeled museum and of course, a guided factory tour—all for free. If you wish, a concierge service will help make travel plans and hotel reservations for a grand European tour with your new car.

Mercedes also offers European delivery customers several self-guided driving packages for an extra charge. One of them

takes you from the factory through the Black Forest and into the Austrian Alps. It's a five-night excursion for \$1300, including first-class hotels and several meals, for two people—something of a bargain considering that high-quality European hotel rates can be quite costly.

At the delivery center, your new Mercedes will be presented to you by a uniformed technician who will give you all the time you need to become familiar with the car's features before you take off on your excursion. As is typical of other automakers' programs, Mercedes

» If you pick up your Mercedes Benz in Germany, you'll be treated to a tour of the remodeled museum and the Sindelfingen factory.

provides a couple of week's worth of temporary European car registration and insurance, at no extra charge.

Some buyers fly into Stuttgart, take delivery of their car and promptly leave it there for shipping home, barely having driven it, says Anne Doris Koralus, order administrator in the U.S. for Mercedes' European delivery program.

MERCEDES-BENZ gives a 7-percent discount on most models built in Europe. Taxi fare from the Stuttgart airport to the factory, one night of hotel accommodations, a breakfast or lunch on delivery day, 15 days of comprehensive/collision insurance and all shipping/customs charges to the U.S. are provided at no extra charge. Buyers are guests of Mercedes at the Mercedes-Benz Museum and on the Sindelfingen factory tour. Mercedes-arranged, self-guided driving tours also are available for an extra charge. Occasionally, Mercedes offers two-for-one round-trip airfare from the U.S. on Lufthansa. Mercedes also waives the U.S. destination fee for European delivery customers. www.mbusa.com

PORSCHE charges extra for European delivery, starting at \$1150 for a Boxster with the price rising for more expensive models. Delivery is available either at Porsche's Leipzig factory for the Cayenne and Panamera, or at its Zuffenhausen factory for other models. Cab fare from the airport to the factory, one night of hotel accommodations, a three-course lunch, 16 days of comprehensive/collision insurance and all shipping/customs charges to the U.S. are included. Tours are offered at both factories. At Zuffenhausen, buyers are guests of Porsche at the recently completed Porsche Museum; at Leipzig, buyers receive driving instruction on an FIA-certified test track. www.porsche.com/usa

VOLVO gives an approximate 8-percent discount on most models. Included in Volvo's Overseas Delivery Program are two complimentary round-trip tickets from the U.S. to Europe and use of Scandinavian Airlines business lounges in the U.S. Also included at no extra charge are one night's hotel accommodations in Gothenburg, lunch on delivery day and a factory tour. A chauffeured car provides transport between the airport, hotel and factory. Fifteen days of comprehensive/collision insurance, all shipping/customs charges to the U.S. and inland transport to the dealer are included as well. Volvo also offers a wide variety of self-guided driving tours for an extra charge. www.volvocars.com/us

However, most buyers take the opportunity for a road trip in their new cars, thus avoiding the costs of rental cars or other ground transport as they tour the continent. Many buyers also are eager to experience their new cars on the *Autobahn* or the back roads of Europe, for which their cars were designed.

When your road trip ends, you can drop off your car for shipping at any of several locations around Europe—there are about a dozen in the case of Mercedes. Shipping costs, marine insurance, customs duty and wharf handling fees are paid by the automaker, at no extra charge to you. Once the car arrives in the U.S. and clears customs, it is transported to your nearest dealer, where you take delivery all over again. Mercedes also waives the usual destination fee for European delivery customers, a savings of \$875.

“In all, the factory delivery experience is so sparkling that it develops loyalty to the brand,” says Korallus. “European delivery customers not only become repeat buyers, they become advocates for Mercedes. And when they buy another Mercedes, most won’t take delivery of their car any other way.”

Mercedes’ European delivery program is more than 40 years old. Audi’s is little more than 4 years old. But Gary Warzecha, U.S. manager of Audi’s European delivery program, also thinks that developing enthusiasm for the brand is a big payoff for the automaker. “Every week I get emails from customers who

are driving their new Audis in Europe saying what a great time they’re having.”

So, does all this seem to be a win-win situation for both the automakers and their customers? Indeed, it is. But there are a few caveats. For some, the most important one is having to wait for the car to be shipped to the U.S., typically around six weeks to the East Coast and eight weeks to the West Coast from the time you drop it off in Europe. If your old car is on the verge of expiring and you need a new car immediately, European delivery probably won’t work for you.

Trading your old car into the dealer on a new car that will be factory delivered can be tricky if you need to hang on to your old car while you wait for your new car’s arrival. That’s because you’ll have to do the deal—pay cash, sign a loan or a lease agreement—before you jet off to Europe. But Korallus says that the dealers try to be flexible and accommodating regarding trade-ins. Alternatively, you can sell your old car privately after the new car arrives.

Don’t expect to take a lengthy European holiday with your new car. You’ll be allowed to drive the car for no longer than two to six months, depending upon the circumstances. Otherwise you’ll probably be subject to a very hefty VAT (value added tax).

To initiate a factory delivery, you simply walk into any U.S. dealership and order your car, generally two to four months before you expect to arrive in Europe. You’ll need to time the delivery

to avoid factory holidays—Europeans seem to take lots of them. And if you expect to drive in Germany, Sweden or in several other European countries during the winter, summer tires won’t do. You’ll be required to equip your new car with all-season or dedicated winter tires.

The cars available for European delivery are built to specifications that meet all U.S. emissions and safety requirements. Prices for factory-delivered cars are set by the automakers with no haggling necessary on your part to receive a discount. Unlike buying a new car off the dealer’s lot, you’ll be able to equip the car precisely the way you want it rather than having to settle for a car that was ordered by the dealer—often, equipped in a way to maximize the dealer’s profits. Dealers may not make as much profit on European-delivered cars, but then they don’t have to pay interest on the cars while they sit in their showrooms unsold.

You can always try dickering with the dealer to get the price reduced even further—though given the dealer’s lower margin, you’re unlikely to succeed. Still, the factory-promised prices can be a good deal. Even in difficult economic times, it takes a skilled haggler to get 7 or 8 percent off a European luxury car that’s built to order.

For many buyers, however, any savings received are forgotten rather quickly once they return home. But the memories of the factory delivery experience last for a lifetime. 



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ACURA MDX

\$42,580–\$54,105

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
16 mpg city >>> 21 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Audi Q5
- BMW X5
- Infiniti EX
- Mercedes M-Class
- Lexus GX

Pro:

Handling and control

Con:

Unremarkable styling

What's New:

Unchanged

There's something extremely appealing about a vehicle that can go almost anywhere in complete comfort and luxury—but Acura's MDX was the first to up the ante by adding sports-car handling to the package. Key to this is the MDX's Super Handling All-Wheel Drive, which directs power front to rear as well as side to side for supreme traction and control. A very well-equipped base package includes such niceties as a power moonroof, HID headlights, 18-in. wheels, leather-trimmed interior, tri-zone climate control and Bluetooth telephone interface. Three available option packages—Technology, Advance and Entertainment—pile on features such as a back-up camera, navigation, adaptive cruise control, active suspension, a rear entertainment system and more.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/all-wheel drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	108.3 in.
Length/width/height	191.6/78.5/68.2 in.
Curb weight	4550 lb
Engines	3.7-liter sohc 24V V-6, 300 bhp
Transmission	6A
Seating capacity	7
Fuel capacity	21.0 gal.
Luggage capacity	15.0/42.9/83.5 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	6 years/70,000 miles

CROSSOVER SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Ground clearance	8.2 in.
Max tow capacity	5000 lb

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ACURA RDX

\$32,620–\$37,720

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
19 mpg city >>> 25 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- BMW X3
- Infiniti EX35
- Land Rover LR2
- Lexus RX
- Mercedes GLK

Pro:

Lots of std equipment

Con:

Thirsty turbo 4-cyl.

What's New:

Unchanged

Although many consumers purchase an SUV on the slim chance they may venture off road, there are just as many who value the roominess and versatility these vehicles offer. Either way, the Acura RDX offers something for you, with a choice of front-wheel drive or Super Handling All-Wheel Drive. As you might expect, standard features are plentiful, and include leather-trimmed seats, premium 7-speaker audio system with USB port, and a rearview camera. The available Technology Package adds navigation with Real-Time Traffic, 10-speaker Acura/ELS Surround audio system and GPS-linked, solar-sensing dual-zone automatic climate control. Comprehensive safety features are complemented by a 60/40 folding rear seat and up to 60.6 cu. ft. of storage.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/fwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	104.3 in.
Length/width/height	182.5/73.6/65.1 in.
Curb weight	3743 lb
Engines	2.3-liter turbo dohc 16V I-4, 240 bhp
Transmission	5A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	18.0 gal.
Luggage capacity	27.8/60.6 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	6 years/70,000 miles

CROSSOVER SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Ground clearance	6.3 in.
Max tow capacity	1500 lb

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ACURA RL

est \$48,000–\$55,000

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
16 mpg city >>> 22 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- BMW 535i
- Cadillac STS
- Hyundai Genesis
- Lexus GS
- Mercedes E-Class

Pro:

New 6-speed trans.

Con:

Doesn't look like \$50K

What's New:

Revised style

If you're seeking understated luxury, power and a competent chassis, consider Acura's flagship model, the RL. Although it was thoroughly redesigned two years ago, the 2011 model receives updates such as a revised front fascia, 18-in. alloy wheels and a Sequential SportShift 6-speed automatic transmission that yields both better acceleration and improved fuel economy. Standard Super Handling All-Wheel Drive and a powerful 3.7-liter V-6 provide energetic performance. A 10-speaker surround sound audio system, Bluetooth Hands-FreeLink wireless interface, and GPS-linked, solar-sensing climate control are standard, while satellite-linked navigation, Active Front Lighting, a Collision Mitigation Braking System and Adaptive Cruise Control are available.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/all-wheel drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	110.2 in.
Length/width/height	195.8/72.7/57.2 in.
Curb weight	4083 lb
Engines	3.7-liter sohc 24V V-6, 300 bhp
Transmission	5A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	19.4 gal.
Luggage capacity	13.1 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	6 years/70,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	std

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TL

est \$35,000-\$44,000

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
18 mpg city >>> 26 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Audi A6
- BMW 335i
- Lexus IS 350
- Infiniti G37
- Mercedes C350

Pro:

High-tech features

Con:

Odd front styling

What's New:

Unchanged

The Acura TL is a luxury sedan with an emphasis on performance and technology. Having undergone major revisions last year, including a new 6-speed manual transmission, the TL continues unchanged for 2011 and is offered with a 280-hp 3.5-liter V-6 and front-wheel drive, or a potent 305-hp V-6 and Super Handling All-Wheel Drive. The TL is so well equipped with features like an 8-speaker audio system, dual-zone adaptive climate control, power moonroof and leather-trimmed interior, that the Technology Package is the only one offered. Check this box, and you'll get perks like a 410-watt Acura/ELS Surround audio system; Acura Navigation system with Voice Recognition and rearview camera; and GPS-linked, solar-sensing dual-zone climate control.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/fwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	109.3 in.
Length/width/height	195.3/74.0/57.2 in.
Curb weight	3708 lb
Engines	3.5-liter sohc 24V V-6, 280 bhp; 3.7-liter sohc 24V V-6, 305 bhp
Transmission	5A, 6M
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	18.5 gal.
Luggage capacity	13.1 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	6 years/70,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	std

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TSX, Sport Wagon

est \$30,000-\$38,500

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
21 mpg city >>> 30 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- BMW 328i
- Infiniti G37
- Lexus IS 250
- Mercedes C-Class
- Subaru Legacy

Pro:

Elegant styling

Con:

No V-6 manual

What's New:

Sport Wagon

Acura has never been a company that's been afraid to take risks—and this year, they're gambling that America is ready for its new TSX Sport Wagon. They could be right. After all, it offers a choice of a 2.4-liter 4-cylinder or 3.5-liter V-6, good fuel economy and seating for five, plus the handling of a sports sedan and the versatility of an SUV. Standard features include a power moonroof, dual-zone automatic climate control, leather seats, premium audio system and Bluetooth connectivity. The TSX sedan, meanwhile offers similar features and echoes the new wagon's styling with updated front and rear fascias and new 17-in. alloy wheels. Available technologies include a new hard drive-based navigation system with a full VGA color screen.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	106.5 in.
Length/width/height	185.6/72.4/56.6 in.
Curb weight	3400 lb
Engines	2.4-liter dohc 16V I-4, 201 bhp; 3.5-liter sohc 24V V-6, 280 bhp
Transmission	6M, 5A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	18.5 gal.
Luggage capacity	12.6 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	6 years/70,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	std

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ACURA

ZDX

est \$46,000-\$56,000

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
16 mpg city >>> 23 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Audi Q5
- BMW X6
- Cadillac SRX
- Lexus RX
- Mercedes R-Class

Pro:

Impressive std features

Con:

MDX more practical

What's New:

Unchanged

The Acura ZDX is a vehicle that defies categorization. Is it a car? Not really. An SUV? Certainly not. A crossover? That's subject to interpretation. Introduced last year, the ZDX was dubbed "segment-bending" vehicle by Acura, bestowed with the 3.7-liter V-6 and Super Handling All-Wheel Drive from the popular MDX and the swooping roofline of a sports sedan. The panoramic glass roof, hidden rear door handles and 19-in. wheels pump up the cool factor—and of course, the list of standard features is long. Every ZDX interior features Acura's first hand-stitched leather dashboard, door panels and center console, plus Bluetooth connectivity, power tailgate and premium audio system. Also offered are the popular Technology and Advance option packages.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/all-wheel drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	108.3 in.
Length/width/height	192.4/78.5/62.8 in.
Curb weight	4410 lb
Engines	3.7-liter sohc 24V V-6, 300 bhp
Transmission	6A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	21.0 gal.
Luggage capacity	27.5/57.3 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	6 years/70,000 miles

CROSSOVER SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Ground clearance	7.9 in.
Max tow capacity	1500 lb

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ASTON MARTIN

DB9, Volante

\$187,615–\$201,115

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
11 mpg city >>> 17 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Bentley Continental GT
- Ferrari 612 Scaglietti
- Maserati Gran Turismo
- Porsche 911 Turbo

Pro:

Classic Grand Tourer

Con:

Pricey

What's New:

ADS suspension

Aston Martin says changes to the 2011 DB9 are the most significant since the car was first introduced in 2003. Fortunately, the iconic British car company hasn't altered many things, as there was little wrong with the most successful Aston of all time. The 2+2 car continues to be powered by the 470 bhp V-12 coupled to a 6-speed manual or Touchtronic auto transmission. Styling changes are subtle but include a new front bumper with reshaped lower intake, and recontoured side sills. The Adaptive Damping System (ADS) is similar to that already found on the DBS and Rapide. A button on the center console allows the driver to switch damping modes for the desired ride/handling balance. ADS means that the Sport Package is no longer needed.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/rear drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	107.9 in.
Length/width/height	185.5/74.0/51.2 in.
Curb weight	3880 lb
Engines	5.9-liter dohc 48V V-12, 470 bhp
Transmission	6M, 6A
Seating capacity	2+2
Fuel capacity	21.1 gal.
Luggage capacity	6.6 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	3 years/unlimited miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	std
Bluetooth	std

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ASTON MARTIN

DBS, Volante

est \$270,000–\$287,000

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
11 mpg city >>> 17 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Ferrari 599 GTB
- Lamborghini Gallardo
- Maserati Gran Turismo
- Mercedes SLS AMG

Pro:

Road-going racer

Con:

Very pricey

What's New:

No changes

With Aston Martin's rich racing heritage, especially at Le Mans, it's only appropriate that it should sell a road-going version of the racing DBR9—and that describes the DBS. Although the DBS has the same V-12 engine as the DB9, it manages to pump out 40 more horsepower that, coupled with its slightly lower weight, delivers more scintillating performance. Several carbon-fiber body panels help keep the weight down while ceramic brake rotors shave off a few more pounds and help bring the car to a stop more rapidly. Designed from the start as a convertible, the DBS has a stiff chassis structure even when the Volante's top is down. The Coupe has only two seats but the Volante is a 2+2, so kids or small adults can also enjoy the ride.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/rear drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	107.9 in.
Length/width/height	185.9/75.0/50.4 in.
Curb weight	3737 lb
Engines	5.9-liter dohc 48V V-12, 510 bhp
Transmission	6M, 6A
Seating capacity	2, 2+2
Fuel capacity	20.5 gal.
Luggage capacity	6.6 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	3 years/unlimited miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	std
Bluetooth	std

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ASTON MARTIN

One-77

est \$1,770,000

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
est 10 mpg city >>> 16 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Bentley Supersports
- Bugatti Veyron
- Lamborghini Murciélago SV
- Lexus LFA

Pro:

A stunning exotic

Con:

Extraordinarily pricey

What's New:

All-new vehicle

If you thought all Aston Martins were supercars, then you haven't seen the One-77. This is a real supercar that pushes the iconic British marque up into that rarified segment where cars cost over one million greenbacks. A lucky 77 people will be able to buy this extremely limited-edition car that costs a mere £1.2 million when built to order and the price in dollars depends on the exchange rate at the time of purchase. It's powered by a front mid-mounted 7.3-liter naturally aspirated V-12 that pumps out over 700 bhp, giving the car a top speed of over 200 mph. The car's lightweight body structure is made from carbon fiber and the body panels are handmade from aluminum with skilled craftsmen using traditional tools, such as an English Wheel.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/rear drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	109.9 in.
Length/width/height	180.2/78.7/48.2 in.
Curb weight	est 3300 lb
Engines	7.3-liter dohc 48V V-12, est 750 bhp
Transmission	6PSM
Seating capacity	2
Fuel capacity	na
Luggage capacity	na
Powertrain warranty	3 years/unlimited miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	std
Bluetooth	std

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Glossary

Some common terms and abbreviations you'll see in our *2011 Buyer's Guide*.

A: automatic, as in 5A for a 5-speed automatic transmission

ABS: anti-lock braking system

avail.: available

awd: full-time all-wheel drive

beam: a rigid axle that does not transmit power

bhp: brake horsepower

body-on-frame: body structure attached to a separate frame

curb weight: weight of a vehicle, with all fluid reservoirs full and all normal equipment in place

CVT: continuously variable transmission

dohc: double overhead camshafts

drivetrain: the power-transmitting components of a vehicle

E85: a fuel that's 85-percent ethanol, 15-percent gasoline

F: flat, as in F-4 for a flat-4 engine

flex-fuel: capable of running on gasoline or any blend up to 85-percent ethanol

fwd: front-wheel drive

HID: high-intensity discharge (xenon) headlights

I: inline, as in I-4 for an inline-4 engine

ind: independent suspension

lb.-ft.: pound-feet, a unit of measure for torque

limited-slip differential: a system that forces both wheels to transmit drive torque, regardless of available traction

live: a single axle with a differential that transmits power

M: manual, as in 5M for a 5-speed manual transmission

na: not available

ohv: overhead valves

payload: the difference between a truck's GVWR (gross vehicle weight rating) and its curb weight

PSM: paddle-shift manual transmission

rwd: rear-wheel drive

sohc: single overhead camshaft

std: standard

unit-body: body, floorpan and chassis are a single structure

V: number of valves, as in 16V for an I-4 with 4 valves per cylinder.

4wd: part-time 4-wheel drive, usually with low-range gearing



ASTON MARTIN

Rapide

\$197,850

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:

13 mpg city >>> 19 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Bentley Flying Spur
- Jaguar XJR
- Maserati Quattroporte
- Mercedes CLS AMG
- Porsche Panamera

Pro:

Elegant, fast

Con:

No manual trans.

What's New:

All-new vehicle

The last time Aston Martin produced a stylish 4-door sports car called Rapide it was based off the DB4 and sold under the Lagonda name. This time it sticks with the Aston Martin badge and is essentially a DB9 with one foot added to its length, giving enough leg room for two adults in the rear. The Rapide is powered by the same 5.9-liter V-12 found in the DB9 and despite the added weight it is not much slower. The interior is even more luxurious than the DB9's with a choice of eight different types of wood veneer. Needless to say there are plenty more luxurious options—such as cooled front and rear seats, choices of leather and a rear entertainment system—that can quickly add a few thousand dollars to the sticker price.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/rear drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	117.7 in.
Length/width/height	197.6/75.9/53.5 in.
Curb weight	4299 lb
Engines	5.9-liter dohc 48V V-12, 510 bhp
Transmission	6A
Seating capacity	4
Fuel capacity	23.9 gal.
Luggage capacity	11.2 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	3 years/unlimited miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	std
Bluetooth	std

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ASTON MARTIN

Vantage

est \$120,000–\$178,345

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
12 mpg city >>> 19 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Audi R8
- Chevy Corvette ZR1
- Ferrari 458 Italia
- Lambo Gallardo
- Porsche 911 GT3

Pro:

V-12 with manual trans.

Con:

Not much

What's New:

V-12 now in U.S.A.

The good news for 2011 is the U.S. availability of the V12 Vantage with the same 510-bhp V-12 engine found in the DBS. The V12 Vantage is only available as a coupe and there is no automatic transmission option. Of course, the “entry-level” Vantage with the V-8 is no slouch and it starts at a far more reasonable price of \$120,750. The soft-top V8 Vantage goes by the Roadster name instead of Volante. Also new this year is the V8 Vantage N420, which is a limited-edition motorsport-inspired model inspired by the successes Aston Martin has enjoyed with road-going cars at the famous 24 Hours of Nürburgring. Check out the V12 Vantage Carbon Black limited-edition model with carbon-fiber body panels and carbon black paint.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/rear drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	102.5 in.
Length/width/height	172.5/73.5/50.0 in.
Curb weight	3595 lb
Engines	4.7-liter dohc 32V V-8, 420 bhp 5.9-liter dohc 48V V-12, 510 bhp
Transmission	6M, 6PSM
Seating capacity	2
Fuel capacity	21.1 gal.
Luggage capacity	10.6 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	3 years/unlimited miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	std
Bluetooth	std

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AUDI

A3

\$27,000–\$32,250

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
21 mpg city >>> 30 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Lexus CT 200h
- Mazda3
- Mitsubishi Lancer Sportback
- VW Jetta Sportwagen

Pro:

Diesel mpg

Con:

Tight rear seat

What's New:

Bluetooth available

After a hard-fought battle in the price-sensitive entry-level luxury arena, the Audi A3 gets to take a one-year cool-down lap, meaning the changes for 2011 are minimal. Fun and functional urban transportation, Audi’s front-drive 5-door 5-passenger hatchback starts nicely with standard leather and Bluetooth availability for under \$30,000 and gets even nicer inside if you nudge the price over the \$30K mark. For 2011 A3 power, Audi again brings two 2.0-liter 4-cylinder engines to the party—the first runs on gasoline and offers a frisky turbocharged 200 bhp, while the other delivers award-winning “clean” diesel power and boasts 30 mpg in the city and 42 mpg on the open road. Quattro all-wheel drive is an option on all non-diesel models of the versatile A3.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/fwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	101.5 in.
Length/width/height	169.0/77.4/56.0 in.
Curb weight	3219 lb
Engines	2.0-liter turbo dohc 16 V I-4, 200 bhp; 2.0-liter turbodiesel dohc 16 V I-4, 140 bhp
Transmission	6M, 6PSM
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	14.5 gal.
Luggage capacity	19.5/39.0 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	4 years/50,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.

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AUDI

A4, S4

\$31,950–\$45,900

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
22 mpg city >>> 30 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Acura TL
- BMW 3 Series
- Cadillac CTS
- Lexus IS
- Mercedes C-Class

Pro:

Balanced performance

Con:

Wagon cargo-limited

What's New:

8-speed automatic

Audi A4/S4 models just might be the hardest-working luxury cars in the business. They’re roomy, stylish, well appointed and fuel efficient. Plus, they’ve got rewarding performance chops. Still, you have to fight for recognition in any class led by BMW and Lexus. For 2011, the A4 Quattro sedan and wagon come to the battle with an available 8-speed Tiptronic automatic transmission to enhance both acceleration and gas mileage. The A4’s only engine is a potent 2.0-liter turbocharged four. In front-drive guise, the A4 sedan enjoys a fuel-miser CVT transmission. New last year, the 333-bhp S4 sedan, the performance jewel in the A4 crown, has been winning just about every comparison test it enters in print and online. For Audi, the hard work is paying off.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/fwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	110.6 in.
Length/width/height	185.2/71.9/56.2 in.
Curb weight	3527 lb
Engines	2.0-liter turbo dohc 16 V I-4, 211 bhp; 3.0-liter supercharged dohc 24V V-6, 333 bhp
Transmission	CVT, 6M, 8A, 7PSM
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	16.9 gal.
Luggage capacity	12.0 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	4 years/50,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.

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AUDI

A5, S5, Cabrio

\$36,500–\$64,350

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
21 mpg city >>> 31 mpg hwy



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|----------------------|--------------------|
| Compare To: | Pro: |
| • BMW 3 Series | Beautiful design |
| • Cadillac CTS Coupe | Con: |
| • Infiniti G37 Coupe | Tight rear seats |
| • Lexus IS | What's New: |
| • Volvo C70 | 8-speed automatic |

Despite stiff competition from BMW, Mercedes, Infiniti and Lexus, the 2011 Audi A5/S5 family is still a standout collection of coupes and convertibles. The reasons are simple: They look like heaven, feel like luxury and handle impressively with standard Quattro all-wheel drive. The V-6 is dropped from the A5 line for 2011, but the remaining engine—a 211-bhp 2.0-liter turbo 4-cylinder—offers 258 lb.-ft. of accelerative torque and helps keep the price down. A5 fuel economy and performance both get a boost thanks to an available new 8-speed Tiptronic automatic transmission. The big-gun S5 models carry over with a 354-bhp V-8 in the coupe and a 333-bhp supercharged V-6 (coupled to an oh-so-smooth 7-speed S tronic automatic) in the Cabriolet.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/all-wheel drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	108.3 in.
Length/width/height	182.1/73.0/54.0 in.
Curb weight	3583 lb
Engines	2.0-liter turbo dohc 16V I-4, 211 bhp; 3.0-liter supercharged 24V V-6, 333 bhp; 4.2-liter dohc 32V V-8, 354 bhp
Transmission	6M, 6A, 8A, 7PSM
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	16.9 gal.
Luggage capacity	12.2 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	4 years/50,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.
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AUDI

A6, S6

\$45,200–\$76,100

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
21 mpg city >>> 30 mpg hwy



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| Compare To: | Pro: |
| • BMW 5 Series | Balance, balance |
| • Infiniti M | Con: |
| • Jaguar XF | No manual |
| • Mercedes E-Class | What's New: |
| • Volvo S60 | Edgier exterior |

It's hard to stand out in a class defined by Mercedes-Benz and BMW, but the 2011 Audi A6/S6 sedans and wagon soldier on. Fortunately, they are exemplary soldiers, and prime examples of Audi's ability to combine design, engineering and luxury. From the elegant, aggressive Audi front grille and sumptuous interior to the power and poise offered up by the lineup of V-6 and V-8 engines, every A6 earns its first-class reputation. Real wood, leather and brushed aluminum are not scarce. The superb handling advantages of Audi's Quattro all-wheel drive bless all but the front-drive base A6 model. And at the performance peak, the 435-bhp V-10 and Nappa leather sport seats in the Audi S6 just about provide the dictionary definition of "sports sedan."

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/fwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	111.9 in.
Length/width/height	193.5/73.0/57.4 in.
Curb weight	3858 lb
Engines	3.2-liter dohc 24V V-6, 265 bhp; 3.0-liter supercharged dohc 24V V-6, 300 bhp; 4.2-liter dohc 32V V-8, 350 bhp; 5.2-liter dohc 40V V-10, 435 bhp
Transmission	CVT, 6A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	21.1 gal.
Luggage capacity	15.9 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	4 years/50,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	std
Bluetooth	std
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AUDI A7

A7 Sportback

est \$50,000–\$70,000

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
est 25 mpg city >>> 30 mpg hwy



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| Compare To: | Pro: |
| • BMW Gran Turismo | Strong visual impact |
| • Porsche Panamera | Con: |
| • Volvo XC60 | Not inexpensive |
| | What's New: |
| | All-new vehicle |

If the term "Sportback" doesn't conjure up an immediate image in your mind, don't sweat it. Audi's all-new-for-2011 A7 Sportback throws a little bit of everything into the design mix. The A7 is a 5-door, 4-seat hatchback with a coupe profile, a sedan's demeanor and a very cool wide rear hatch that opens/closes electrically on station wagon-like cargo space. Beneath its seductive skin, every 2011 A7 turns into a model of consistency, featuring one engine (a 300-bhp supercharged V-6), one transmission (an 8-speed Tiptronic that elegantly improves both fuel economy and acceleration), and superb roadholding poise of Quattro all-wheel drive. And like all Audis, smart luxury and convenience features ring throughout the A7 interior.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/fwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	114.6 in.
Length/width/height	195.7/75.2/55.9 in.
Curb weight	3737 lb
Engines	3.0-liter turbodiesel dohc 24V V-6, 204 bhp; 2.8-liter dohc 24V V-6, 204 bhp; 3.0-liter turbodiesel dohc 24V V-6, 245 bhp; 3.0-liter supercharged 24V V-6, 300 bhp
Transmission	CVT, 7A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	19.8 gal.
Luggage capacity	18.9/49.1 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	4 years/50,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	std
Bluetooth	std
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AUDI

A8, A8L

est \$80,000–\$90,000

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
17 mpg city >>> 27 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- BMW 7 Series
- Jaguar XJ
- Lexus LS 460
- Mercedes S-Class
- Porsche Panamera

Pro:

Superb interior

Con:

No S...yet

What's New:

All-new vehicle

For those of you keeping score, an Audi A8 sedan is one of the signs that you're winning. All new for 2011, the A8 and long-wheelbase A8 L possess a sinister countenance, led by snarling headlights, a grille the size of a black hole, and standard 19-in. wheels. Inside, roomy overindulgence rules, bathed in leather and wood. Highlights for 2011 include heated 18-way-adjustable power front seats, Bose surround-sound, and a touchpad nav system that reads your handwriting. Naturally, a Bang & Olufsen sound system that defies the imagination is optional. Always at the ready are a 372-bhp V-8 and 8-speed automatic transmission, plus air suspension and Quattro all-wheel drive.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/all-wheel drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	117.8 in.
Length/width/height	202.2/76.7/57.5 in.
Curb weight	4409 lb
Engines	4.2-liter dohc 32V V-8, 372 bhp
Transmission	8A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	23.8 gal.
Luggage capacity	13.2 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	4 years/50,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	std
Bluetooth	std
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AUDI

Q5

\$35,200–\$42,500

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
20 mpg city >>> 27 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- BMW X3
- Infiniti EX35
- Mercedes GLK
- Volkswagen Tiguan
- Volvo XC60

Pro:

High value, comfort

Con:

Average cargo space

What's New:

Fuel-smart 4-cylinder

In the spirit of bringing costs down and fuel economy up, Audi has added a potent-yet-practical 4-cylinder engine to the 2011 Audi Q5 luxury crossover line. The 200-bhp 2.0-liter four's quick acceleration and gasoline-saving abilities benefit further from a new 8-speed Tiptronic automatic transmission. A 270-bhp V-6 model with an edgier exterior and a 6-speed Tiptronic is also available, but less interesting now that the 4-cylinder drivetrain is here. All Q5s maintain excellent on-road composure with the help of Quattro all-wheel drive, and even their off-road capability is above the class average. And every 2011 Q5 treats you with style that includes leather seating, wood trim and the epic audio of an optional Bang & Olufsen sound system.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/all-wheel drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	110.5 in.
Length/width/height	182.2/74.0/65.1 in.
Curb weight	4090 lb
Engines	2.0-liter turbo dohc 16V I-4, 211 bhp; 3.2-liter dohc 24V V-6, 270 bhp
Transmission	8A, 6A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	19.8 gal.
Luggage capacity	29.1/57.3 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	4 years/50,000 miles
CROSSOVER SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Ground clearance	7.9 in.
Max tow capacity	4400 lb
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AUDI

Q7

\$45,700–\$62,900

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
16 mpg city >>> 22 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Acura MDX
- BMW X5
- Mercedes-Benz GL
- Porsche Cayenne
- Volvo XC90

Pro:

More torque

Con:

No V-8s

What's New:

Supercharged V-6

Luxury has always been a given in the 7-passenger Audi Q7, but sometimes price has been a challenge. For 2011, Q7 interior indulgences are still a prime attraction, but Audi also has some tricks to improve both pricing and fuel economy. For starters, a supercharged 3.0-liter V-6 replaces last year's V-6 and V-8 gasoline models. Tuned to 272 bhp in the base Q7 and 333 bhp in the further-upscale Q7 "S line," this new-to-the-Q7 engine offers slightly less horsepower but significantly more torque for towing than the outgoing engines. For diesel lovers, the Q7 TDI offers decent diesel mpg numbers (17/25) and 406 lb.-ft. of stump-pulling torque. And every 2011 Q7 gets to savor the performance and fuel-saving luxury of an 8-speed Tiptronic automatic transmission.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/all-wheel drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	118.2 in.
Length/width/height	200.3/78.1/68.4 in.
Curb weight	5192 lb
Engines	3.0-liter supercharged dohc 24V V-6, 272 bhp; 3.0-liter supercharged 24V V-6, 333 bhp; 3.0-liter turbodiesel dohc 24V V-6, 225 bhp
Transmission	8A
Seating capacity	7
Fuel capacity	26.4 gal.
Luggage capacity	10.9/42.0/72.5 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	4 years/50,000 miles
SUV SPECIFICS	
Low-range gearing	na
Ground clearance	8.1 in.
Max tow capacity	6600 lb
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AUDI

R8, R8 Spyder

est \$114,000-\$161,000

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
12 mpg city >>> 19 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Aston Martin Vantage
- Chevy Corvette ZR1
- Lambo Gallardo
- Nissan GT-R
- Porsche 911 Turbo

Pro:

Lust never sleeps...

Con:

Thirsty

What's New:

V-8 Spyder

The year 2011 opens a whole new chapter in the story of Audi's mid-engine, all-wheel-drive dream car, the R8. The least of the news is that the R8 coupe's V-8 engine gets a modest bump in bang, up to 430 horsepower. Bigger news is that the V-8 will finally find its way into the R8 Spyder convertible sometime during the year, joining the V-8 coupe and the 525-bhp 5.2-liter V-10 coupe and Spyder. At 3.3 seconds to 60 mph, the R8 5.2 coupe notched one of the quickest times we've ever recorded. Looking like sin waiting to happen outside, the R8 coupe and Spyder are pure Nappa leather luxury within. The biggest R8 news, however, is anticipatory: the coming of the R8 GT, a lightweight 560-bhp super coupe. Look for it as a late 2011 model, or possibly a 2012.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	mid engine/all-wheel drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	104.3 in.
Length/width/height	174.6/76.0/49.3 in.
Curb weight	3605 lb
Engines	4.2-liter dohc 32V V-8, 420 bhp; 5.2-liter dohc 40V V-10, 525 bhp
Transmission	6M, 6PSM
Seating capacity	2
Fuel capacity	23.8 gal.
Luggage capacity	3.5 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	4 years/50,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	std
Bluetooth	std

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AUDI

TT, TTS

\$37,800-\$48,900

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
21 mpg city >>> 29 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- BMW 1 Series
- Mazda RX-8
- Mercedes-Benz SLK
- Nissan 370Z
- Porsche Boxster

Pro:

Unmistakable shape

Con:

Pricy for a 4-cylinder

What's New:

TT RS coming!

The 2011 model year turns up the exterior aggressiveness of the Audi TT and TTS sport coupes and convertibles, especially at the front end, with extra snarl added to the grilles of both. TTs get new 18-in. wheels, while TTS models roll on 19-in. stock. Inside, the aggression turns into indulgence and leather with roomy 10-way power front sport seats. Quattro all-wheel drive, and the confidence that awd delivers, is standard on every TT and TTS (the latter endowed with Audi's adaptive suspension). Motivation for both comes from a turbocharged 2.0-liter 4-cylinder engine that dispenses all of 265 bhp at its peak (TTS). The TT line gets a little bump in horsepower for 2011 (up to 211) and a big boost of torque (now 258 lb.-ft.—the same as in TTS models).

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/all-wheel drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	97.2 in.
Length/width/height	164.5/72.5/53.2 in.
Curb weight	3142 lb
Engines	2.0-liter turbo dohc 16V I-4, 211 bhp; 2.0-liter turbo dohc 16V I-4, 265 bhp
Transmission	6PSM
Seating capacity	2, 2+2
Fuel capacity	15.9 gal.
Luggage capacity	13.1 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	4 years/50,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	std

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BENTLEY

Continental Flying Spur

est \$170,000-\$270,000

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
est 10 mpg city >>> 17 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Aston Martin Rapide
- BMW 760Li
- Maserati Quattroporte
- Rolls-Royce Ghost

Pro:

Potent Speed model

Con:

Pricy, heavy

What's New:

Minor changes

Typically a 2-door coupe is designed and developed based on a 4-door variant, and most of the time the styling does not translate well; but not so for the Flying Spur. The Continental sedan is able to keep the strong stance of the coupe and extends the roofline nicely to accommodate rear passengers. The upgraded 600-bhp Speed is a rocket ship, yet hidden underneath is a very stately ride and handling character. The 6-speed automatic transmission is buttery smooth and puts all of the 553 lb.-ft. of torque down to the asphalt via permanent all-wheel drive. Either driving the car or riding as a rear seat passenger, you'll love the calming atmosphere inside the car. You'll feel a bit like royalty parading down the boulevard.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/all-wheel drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	120.7 in.
Length/width/height	208.3/75.4/58.1 in.
Curb weight	5455 lb
Engines	6.0-liter twin-turbo dohc 48V W-12, 557 bhp; 6.0-liter twin-turbo dohc 48V W-12, 600 bhp
Transmission	6A
Seating capacity	5, 4
Fuel capacity	23.8 gal.
Luggage capacity	16.7 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	3 years/unlimited miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	std
Bluetooth	std

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BENTLEY

Continental GT

est \$170,000–\$270,000

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
est 10 mpg city >>> 17 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Ferrari 612 Scaglietti
- Maserati GranTurismo
- Mercedes CL63 AMG
- Rolls-Royce Ghost

Pro:

Crisper lines

Con:

Heavy

What's New:

40/60 torque split

There's an all-new Bentley Continental GT for 2011, the first time the successful car has had a redesign. The new car has more of a sculpted look, with crisper lines giving the GT a more defined appearance. Inside, Bentley says there are even higher standards of design, luxury and craftsmanship, which will be complemented by even more dynamic performance. A sweeping dashboard now features a state-of-the-art navigation system, and there's more back-seat room than before. The output of Bentley's 6.0-liter twin-turbo W-12 has been increased to 567 bhp, and there even will be an all-new high-output V-8 arriving in late 2011. For improved dynamics, the awd Continental now has 60 percent of its power sent to the rear wheels.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/all-wheel drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	108.1 in.
Length/width/height	189.2/76.5/55.3 in.
Curb weight	5115 lb
Engines	6.0-liter twin-turbo dohc 48V W-12, 567 bhp; 4.0-liter twin-turbo dohc 32V V-8, est 450 bhp
Transmission	6A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	24.0 gal.
Luggage capacity	12.6 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	3 years/unlimited miles

CAR SPECIFICS

- Side airbags** std
- Navigation** std
- Bluetooth** std

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BENTLEY

Mulsanne

\$275,000–\$300,000

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
est 10 mpg city >>> 18 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Maybach 62
- Rolls-Royce Phantom

Pro:

Elegant, torquey

Con:

Thirsty

What's New:

All-new vehicle

Taking up the flagship role for this time-honored British marque is the all-new Mulsanne sedan, powered by an impressive twin-turbo 6.8-liter V-8 rated at 505 bhp. Though the horsepower is not too impressive these days, even when compared to the car's younger siblings like the Continental, the Mulsanne's whopping 752 lb.-ft. of torque will definitely get your attention. According Bentley, that power channeled through an 8-speed automatic transmission driving the rear wheels can launch the 5700-lb. heavy-weight from 0 to 62 mph in a mere 5.4 seconds. Inside, a mix of old-world charm and modern amenities complement the car's road performance. Styling details such as the polished wood veneer that wraps around the entire cabin will make anyone feel special in the car.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/rear drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	128.6 in.
Length/width/height	219.5/75.8/59.9 in.
Curb weight	5700 lb
Engines	6.8-liter turbo ohv V-8, 505 bhp
Transmission	8A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	25.4 gal.
Luggage capacity	15.6 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	3 years/unlimited miles

CAR SPECIFICS

- Side airbags** std
- Navigation** std
- Bluetooth** std

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BMW

1 Series

\$29,150–\$40,350

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
18 mpg city >>> 28 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Acura TSX
- Audi TT
- Mini Cooper S
- Volvo C30
- Volkswagen GTI

Pro:

Rear-drive fun

Con:

Odd styling

What's New:

1 Series M coming!

Although it might appear little has changed for BMW's diminutive rear-drive 1 Series coupes and convertibles, there are two major updates to the 135i. The first is a switch to the N55 single-turbo inline-6 from the previous N54 twin-turbo setup. Power remains the same—300 bhp and 300 lb.-ft. of torque—but BMW says the new twin-scroll turbo is more responsive. Second is the availability of the 7-speed DCT dual-clutch gearbox (\$1575), replacing the 6-speed Steptronic automatic (which is still optional in the 128i). In a last bit of good news, BMW says the long-awaited 1 Series M Coupe—sporting the N54 twin-turbo inline-6 with about 335 bhp, stiffer suspension and M3 brakes—will hit U.S. dealers mid-year 2011 as a 2012 model.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/rear drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	104.7 in.
Length/width/height	172.2/68.8/56.0 in.
Curb weight	3252 lb
Engines	3.0-liter dohc 24V I-6, 230 bhp; 3.0-liter turbo dohc 24V I-6, 300 bhp
Transmission	6M, 6A, 7PSM
Seating capacity	4
Fuel capacity	14.0 gal.
Luggage capacity	10.0 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	4 years/50,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

- Side airbags** std
- Navigation** avail.
- Bluetooth** avail.

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BMW

3 Series, M3

\$33,150–\$67,050

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
18 mpg city >>> 28 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Audi A4
- Cadillac CTS
- Infiniti G37
- Lexus IS
- Mercedes C-Class

Pro:

Superb handling

Con:

328i underwhelms

What's New:

Mild refresh

The 3 Series coupe and convertible models get a mild refresh for 2011, including new head- and taillights, hood, grille, side skirts and front and rear fascias. All 335i models (sedan, coupe and convertible) receive the new N55 single-turbo inline-6, while the new 335is (in both coupe and convertible) uses a higher-output version of the N54 twin-turbo inline-6, rated at 320 bhp and 332 lb.-ft. of torque (with an overboost function for 370 lb.-ft.). The 335is will be available with the DCT gearbox (\$1575), marking the dual-clutch system's first appearance in a 3 Series other than the M3. Speaking of the M3, there's a new M3 Competition Package for even sharper handling. Look for an all-new 3 Series sedan toward the end of 2011 as a 2012 model.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/rwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	108.7 in.
Length/width/height	178.2/71.5/55.9 in.
Curb weight	3362 lb
Engines	3.0-liter dohc 24V I-6, 230 bhp; 3.0-liter twin-turbo dohc 24V I-6, 300 bhp; 3.0-liter turbo dohc 24V I-6, 320 bhp; 3.0-liter turbodiesel dohc 24V I-6, 265 bhp; 4.0-liter dohc 32V V-8, 414 bhp
Transmission	6M, 6A, 7PSM
Seating capacity	5/4
Fuel capacity	16.1 gal.
Luggage capacity	12.0 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	4 years/50,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.

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BMW

5 Series

\$44,550–\$62,000

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
22 mpg city >>> 32 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Audi A6
- Cadillac CTS
- Jaguar XF
- Lexus GS
- Mercedes E-Class

Pro:

Fresh styling

Con:

No M5 for 2011

What's New:

All-new vehicle

Completely restyled inside and out, the sixth-generation BMW 5 Series sedan rides on 7 Series-based architecture and suspension. The base 528i's 3.0-liter inline-6 makes 240 bhp and comes standard with an 8-speed automatic transmission, but enthusiasts will look to the 535i and its new, more responsive N55 single-turbo inline-6 with 300 bhp. Enthusiasts with thicker wallets will be interested in the silky power of the 550i's twin-turbo 4.4-liter V-8, which produces 400 bhp. The rear-drive 535i and 550i can be ordered with either a 6-speed manual transmission or an 8-speed automatic and can be optioned with all-wheel drive—535i xDrive and 550i xDrive. We'll have to wait another year for the all-new, twin-turbo V-8 M5—a car rumored to have nearly 600 bhp.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/rwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	108.7 in.
Length/width/height	178.2/71.5/55.9 in.
Curb weight	3814 lb
Engines	3.0-liter dohc 24V I-6, 240 bhp; 3.0-liter turbo dohc 24V I-6, 300 bhp; 4.4-liter twin-turbo dohc 32V V-8, 400 bhp
Transmission	6M, 8A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	18.5 gal.
Luggage capacity	14.0 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	4 years/50,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	std

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BMW

5 Series Gran Turismo

\$56,000–\$66,200

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
20 mpg city >>> 29 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Acura ZDX
- Audi A8
- Jaguar XF
- Lexus GS
- Mercedes-Benz CLS

Pro:

Bi-modal trunk

Con:

Odd styling

What's New:

535i xDrive model

We still haven't quite warmed up to BMW's 5 Series Gran Turismo, partially due to its odd "I'm not sure if I'm a hatch or a trunk" styling, as well as its less-than-stellar (by BMW's standards) handling. This past April BMW added a second model to the lineup, the 535i, with a base price of \$56,875. The 535i GT sports the new N55 single-turbo inline-6 with 300 bhp mated to an 8-speed automatic (the latter, just as in the 550i). It's certainly no slouch, BMW claiming 0–60 mph in 6.2 seconds. New this year is a third model, the 535i xDrive Gran Turismo. Very similar to the standard 535i, but with awd, the xDrive version differs in that it isn't available with Integral Active Steering. Pricing for the 535i xDrive starts at \$59,175.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/rwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	120.9 in.
Length/width/height	196.8/74.8/61.4 in.
Curb weight	4641 lb
Engines	3.0-liter turbo dohc 24V I-6, 300 bhp; 4.4-liter twin-turbo dohc 32V V-8, 400 bhp
Transmission	8A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	18.5 gal.
Luggage capacity	20.8/60.0 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	4 years/50,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	std

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BMW

7 Series, Hybrid

\$70,150–\$137,000

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
17 mpg city >>> 25 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Audi A8
- Jaguar XJ
- Lexus LS 600h L
- Maserati Quattroporte
- Mercedes S-Class

Pro:

The enthusiast's choice

Con:

Too high-tech?

What's New:

Alpina B7

When it comes to the driver's car of large, luxury sedans, look no further than BMW's 7 Series. For 2011, there are more models than ever. Besides the twin-turbo V-8-powered 750i, 750Li, 750i xDrive, 750Li xDrive and range-topping twin-turbo V-12 760Li, BMW has added base 740i and 740Li models, which utilize a twin-turbo 3.0-liter inline-6 with 315 bhp mated to a 6-speed automatic (pricing starts at \$71,025). The ActiveHybrid 7, which pairs a twin-turbo V-8 with a 3-phase synchronous electric motor, garners an EPA-rated 17/26 mpg but carries a \$103,175 price tag. Saving the best for last, the new Alpina B7 offers factory covered-under-warranty tuning to deliver more power (500 bhp and 516 lb.-ft. of torque from a 4.4-liter twin-turbo V-8) and better handling.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/fwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	120.9 in.
Length/width/height	199.8/74.9/58.3 in.
Curb weight	4344 lb
Engines	3.0-liter twin-turbo dohc 24V I-6, 315 bhp; 4.4-liter twin-turbo dohc 32V V-8, 400 bhp; 6.0-liter twin-turbo dohc 48V V-12, 544 bhp; 4.4-liter twin-turbo dohc 32V V-8/electric motor, 455 hp combined (Hybrid)
Transmission	6A, 8A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	21.7 gal.
Luggage capacity	14.0 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	4 years/50,000 miles; Hybrid components 8 years/100,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

- Side airbags std
- Navigation std
- Bluetooth std

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BMW

X1

est \$31,000–\$35,000

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
est 26 mpg city >>> 31 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Acura RDX
- Honda CR-V
- Hyundai Tucson
- Mini Countryman
- Nissan Juke

Pro:

Excellent handling

Con:

Expensive

What's New:

All-new model

BMW's diminutive X1 has been on sale in Europe since late 2009, and it will finally arrive on our shores in the second quarter of 2011. As with all of BMW's "X" models, the X1 comes standard with all-wheel drive. Two models will be available: an X1 xDrive28i with a new normally aspirated inline-6, and an X1 xDrive35i with BMW's new N55 turbo 3.0-liter inline-6 with 300 bhp. We're expecting BMW to offer the X1 with both a 6-speed manual and an 8-speed automatic. At 175.4 in. long, the X1 is a full 7.9 in. shorter than the all-new X3. We also expect the X1 will bring a level of driving excitement previously unseen in the small SUV segment. One downside is that the X1 looks like little more than a shrunken first-generation X3.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/all-wheel drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	108.7 in.
Length/width/height	175.4/70.8/60/8 in.
Curb weight	3715 lb
Engines	3.0-liter dohc 24V I-6, 255 bhp; 3.0-liter twin-turbo dohc 24V I-6, 300 bhp
Transmission	6M, 6A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	16.6 gal.
Luggage capacity	14.8/47.7 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	4 years/50,000 miles

CROSSOVER SPECIFICS

- Side airbags std
- Ground clearance 7.6 in.
- Max tow capacity 4400 lb

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BMW

X3

est \$36,000–\$42,000

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
est 17 mpg city >>> 24 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Acura RDX
- Audi Q5
- Cadillac SRX
- Infiniti EX35
- Mercedes GLK350

Pro:

New turbo inline-6

Con:

Pricey

What's New:

All-new vehicle

An all-new BMW X3, with very much of a baby X5 look to it, is scheduled to hit U.S. dealers early in 2011. This second-generation model is a bit bigger than the one it replaces—3.4 in. longer, 1.1 in. wider, 0.5 in. taller, 0.5 in. more ground clearance and with a 0.6-in.-longer wheelbase—but the new X3 actually weighs less than its predecessor. You'll also now have the choice of two engines: The X3 xDrive28i uses a 3.0-liter inline-6 with 240 bhp (down from the current 260 bhp) while the xDrive35i features BMW's new N55 turbo inline-6 with 306 bhp. Regardless of the engine, both X3s come with new quick-shifting 8-speed automatic transmissions and all-wheel drive. The X3 will be built at BMW's Spartanburg, South Carolina, plant.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/all-wheel drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	110.6 in.
Length/width/height	183.0/74.1/65.4 in.
Curb weight	4145 lb
Engines	3.0-liter dohc 24V I-6, 240 bhp; 3.0-liter twin-turbo dohc 24V I-6, 306 bhp; 2.0-liter turbodiesel dohc 24V I-4, 184 bhp
Transmission	8A, 6M
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	17.7 gal.
Luggage capacity	19.4/47.7 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	4 years/50,000 miles

CROSSOVER SPECIFICS

- Side airbags std
- Ground clearance 8.3 in.
- Max tow capacity 5200 lb

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BMW

X5, X5 M

\$45,800–\$85,500

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
17 mpg city >>> 25 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Acura MDX
- Audi Q7
- Jeep Grand Cherokee
- Mercedes M-Class
- Volvo XC90

Pro:

More power

Con:

Expensive

What's New:

Turbocharged engines

There are big changes for BMW's X5 for 2011, most notably in terms of its drivetrains. The base model becomes the X5 xDrive35i due to the adoption of the new N55 single-turbo 3.0-liter inline-6 with 300 bhp and an 8-speed automatic transmission, replacing the previous normally aspirated inline-6 with 265 bhp/6-speed automatic combo. As a result, fuel mileage has also improved, to 17/25 mpg from 15/21. Interestingly, BMW says the 35i now accelerates to 60 mph in 6.4 seconds, making it as quick as last year's V-8. Speaking of the V-8, it's been updated to twin-turbo spec, with 400 bhp and 450 lb.-ft. of torque (also with an 8-speed auto). The monstrous 547-bhp X5 M returns, as does the fuel-efficient turbodiesel X5 xDrive35d. Active Cruise Control is a new option on all X5s.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/all-wheel drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	115.5 in.
Length/width/height	191.2/76.1/69.9 in.
Curb weight	4960 lb
Engines	3.0-liter turbo dohc 24V I-6, 300 bhp; 3.0-liter turbodiesel dohc 24V I-4, 265 bhp; 4.4-liter twin-turbo dohc 32V V-8, 400 bhp; 4.4-liter twin-turbo dohc 32V V-8, 547 bhp
Transmission	8A, 6A
Seating capacity	5, 7
Fuel capacity	22.5 gal.
Luggage capacity	23.2/35.8/75.2 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	4 years/50,000 miles

CROSSOVER SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Ground clearance	8.7 in.
Max tow capacity	3500 lb

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BMW

X6, X6 M, Hybrid X6

\$56,500–\$89,000

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
17 mpg city >>> 25 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Acura ZDX
- BMW 5 Gran Turismo
- Infiniti FX
- Mercedes M-Class
- Porsche Cayenne

Pro:

X6 M defies physics

Con:

Heavy, space-inefficient

What's New:

8-speed automatic

On one hand, BMW's space- and fuel-inefficient X6 doesn't make a whole lot of sense. On the other, you've got to respect the X6's amazing performance abilities (considering its size and weight), if not its "out there" styling. For 2011, the all-wheel-drive X6 xDrive35i (turbo 3.0-liter inline-6 with 300 bhp) and X6 xDrive50i (twin-turbo 4.4-liter V-8 with 400 bhp) receive BMW's new 8-speed automatic transmission, replacing the previous 6-speed, along with the adoption of Brake Energy Regeneration. The hilariously fast 547-bhp X6 M returns as well, along with the \$88,900 ActiveHybrid X6, the latter using a 4.4-liter twin-turbo V-8 combined with two electric motors for a somewhat efficient 17/19 mpg along with a whopping 575 lb.-ft. of torque.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/all-wheel drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	115.5 in.
Length/width/height	192.0/78.1/66.5 in.
Curb weight	4894 lb
Engines	3.0-liter turbo dohc 24V I-6, 300 bhp; 4.4-liter twin-turbo dohc 32V V-8, 400 bhp; 4.4-liter twin-turbo dohc 32V V-8/electric motor, 480 hp combined (Hybrid); 4.4-liter twin-turbo dohc 32V V-8, 547 bhp
Transmission	8A, 6A, CVT
Seating capacity	4
Fuel capacity	22.5 gal.
Luggage capacity	25.5/59.7 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	4 years/50,000 miles; Hybrid components 8 years/100,000 miles

CROSSOVER SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Ground clearance	8.3 in.
Max tow capacity	6000 lb

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BMW

Z4 Roadster

\$46,000–\$61,050

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
18 mpg city >>> 28 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Audi TT
- Infiniti G37 Convertible
- Mercedes SLK350
- Nissan 370Z Roadster
- Porsche Boxster

Pro:

Folding hardtop

Con:

Slightly floaty handling

What's New:

Citrus Yellow pkg

BMW's retractable hardtop Z4 Roadster has never achieved sports-car respect in the fashion of a Nissan 370Z or Porsche Boxster. But the new Z4 sDrive35i might change that. Released this past spring as a 2011 model, the Z4 35i features an uprated single-turbo inline-6 with 335 bhp and 332 lb.-ft. of torque, along with stiffer suspension, new 18-in. wheels and a host of styling updates. BMW says the Z4 sDrive35i can hit 60 mph in 4.7 sec. The other Z4 models—the sDrive30i and sDrive35i—carry on unchanged, with the former using a normally aspirated 255-bhp 3.0-liter inline-6 and the latter a twin-turbo inline-6 with 300 bhp. New for 2011 is a Citrus Yellow package, which adds lots of black Alcantara and yellow stitching throughout the interior.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/rwd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	98.3 in.
Length/width/height	166.9/70.5/50.8 in.
Curb weight	3241 lb
Engines	3.0-liter dohc 24V I-6, 255 bhp; 3.0-liter twin-turbo dohc 24V I-6, 300 bhp; 3.0-liter turbo dohc 24V I-6, 335 bhp
Transmission	6M, 6A, 7PSM
Seating capacity	2
Fuel capacity	14.5 gal.
Luggage capacity	8.0 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	4 years/50,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.

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BUICK

Enclave

\$35,615-\$44,095

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
17 mpg city >>> 24 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Acura MDX
- Ford Explorer
- GMC Acadia
- Lincoln MKT
- Volvo XC90

Pro:

Carries eight people

Con:

Pricy options

What's New:

Optional wheels

The swooping, chrome-accessorized Enclave body looks compact, and belies that this Buick will hold eight people and weighs more than 4700 lb. Inside, it's a roomy crossover SUV and benefits from Buick's focus on sound-deadening insulation. An optional 60/40 split middle row of seats fits three adults without overcrowding; the third row does likewise. The engine is a 4-cam direct-injected 3.6-liter V-6 rated at 288 bhp and it drives either the front- or optional all-wheel-drive version through a 6-speed automatic transmission, which has a neutral function that allows it to be flat-towed behind an RV. In the cargo area behind the Enclave's third row of seats is an extensive "cargo management" system of handy movable partitions and tie-downs.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/fwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	119.0 in.
Length/width/height	201.5/79.0/72.5 in.
Curb weight	4780 lb
Engines	3.6-liter dohc 24V V-6, 288 bhp
Transmission	6A
Seating capacity	7, 8
Fuel capacity	22.0 gal.
Luggage capacity	23.2/67.5/115.3 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/100,000 miles
CROSSOVER SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Ground clearance	8.4 in.
Max tow capacity	4500 lb
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BUICK

LaCrosse

\$26,495-\$33,265

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
19 mpg city >>> 30 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Chevrolet Impala
- Chevrolet Malibu
- Ford Taurus
- Chrysler 300
- Toyota Avalon

Pro:

Spacious seating

Con:

Awd on V-6 only

What's New:

Carryover model

The LaCrosse is perhaps the quietest, most luxurious 4-cylinder car around, possessing traits Buick has focused on for decades. It comes in two 4-cylinder models, the CX and the CXL, the latter with leather upholstery. The 2.4-liter produces 182 bhp, sufficient for relaxed driving while returning 30 mpg on the EPA highway test cycle. A 280-bhp V-6 and all-wheel drive are optional in the CXL, which transforms the car into a heavier-feeling but capably quick cruiser. The V-6 is also the heart of the sportier CXL model, which is available with electronically controlled suspension damping and 19-in. wheels and tires, as well as a special suspension that is firm enough for sporty driving while keeping bumps, vibrations and noise isolated from the cabin.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/fwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	111.7 in.
Length/width/height	196.9/73.1/59.2 in.
Curb weight	3829 lb
Engines	2.4-liter dohc 16V I-4, 182 bhp; 3.6-liter dohc 24V V-6, 280 bhp
Transmission	6A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	18.4 gal.
Luggage capacity	13.3 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/100,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.
www.buick.com	

BUICK

Lucerne

\$29,730-\$44,460

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
17 mpg city >>> 27 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Cadillac DTS
- Chevrolet Impala
- Chrysler 300
- Hyundai Genesis
- Toyota Avalon

Pro:

Plush seats

Con:

Slow shifting

What's New:

Std stability control

The largest Buick sedan, the Lucerne carries over touchstones Buick is known for, including a torquey old-school 227-bhp V-6 pushrod engine and a 4-speed automatic transmission. Its suspension is soft, something Buick folks like. Another Buick value is the ability to carry mom and dad, both kids, and grandma and grandpa to the pancake house on Sundays, which means an optional front bench seat that ups the passenger count to six. This seat option is not available in the Super model, which comes standard with a 292-bhp Cadillac 4.6-liter V-8, quicker steering, electromagnetic variable damping, and flashy chrome 18-in. wheels and tires. Inside the Super is a leather-covered instrument panel and suede leather door panels in tasteful earth tone colors.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/fwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	115.6 in.
Length/width/height	203.2/73.8/58.0 in.
Curb weight	3735 lb
Engines	3.9-liter ohv V-6, 227 bhp; 4.6-liter dohc 32V V-8, 292 bhp
Transmission	4A
Seating capacity	5, 6
Fuel capacity	18.5 gal.
Luggage capacity	17.0 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/100,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.
www.buick.com	

BUICK

Regal

\$26,245-\$31,030

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
19 mpg city >>> 30 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Acura TSX
- Audi A4
- Ford Fusion
- Mazda6
- Nissan Altima

Pro:

Sporty manners

Con:

Lacks rear head room

What's New:

All-new vehicle

Young Chinese have been buying a steady stream of Regals in the past year, and the same car (with small changes for safety's sake) is now available to Americans. The 190.2-in. 2011 Regal is conceptually a 7-in. shorter version of the 4-cylinder Lacrosse, and about the same size as Nissan's Altima. Two 4-cylinder engines, a 182-bhp 2.4-liter direct-injection high-revver and a 2.0-liter turbocharged 220-bhp powerplant, use 6-speed automatic transmissions to drive the front wheels. The turbo model has a sportier suspension, brakes and tires, and was developed at Germany's famous Nürburgring. The Regal doesn't feel like a front-driver because it responds to steering inputs quickly and doesn't plow at all in a corner, even under hard acceleration.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/fwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	107.8 in.
Length/width/height	190.2 / 73.1 / 58.4 in.
Curb weight	3600 lb
Engines	2.4-liter dohc 16V I-4, 182 bhp; 2.0-liter turbo dohc 16V I-4, 220 bhp
Transmission	6A, 6M
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	18.5 gal.
Luggage capacity	14.3 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/100,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	std
Bluetooth	avail.

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BUGATTI

Veyron

est \$1,700,000-\$2,000,000

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
8 mpg city >>> 14 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Aston Martin One-77
- Ferrari 599 GTO
- Lamborghini LP570-4 Superleggera
- Lexus LFA

Pro:

Unsurpassed speed

Con:

Scant luggage space

What's new:

The Super Sport

The big news at Bugatti is the Veyron 16.4 Super Sport, a new version of the French-built supercar that went 268 mph in a test last summer at VW's giant Ehra-Lessien test track. This is not your ordinary Veyron. With enlarged turbos and intercoolers, the Super Sport's quad-turbo W-16 engine produces 1200 bhp and a whopping 1106 lb.-ft. of torque. To increase stability and safety, Bugatti tweaks the aerodynamics a bit and fits the car with improved suspension damping and larger anti-roll bars. Moreover, the weave of the carbon-fiber chassis has been revised for added strength, while new NACA ducts on the roof supply the engine with all the air it needs. For the record, Bugatti has sold about 300 Veyrons since the car was introduced in 2005.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	mid engine/all-wheel drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	106.7 in.
Length/width/height	175.7 / 78.7 / 46.9 in.
Curb weight	4470 lb
Engines	8.0-liter quad-turbo dohc W-16, 1001 bhp; 8.0-liter quad-turbo dohc W-16, 1200 bhp
Transmission	7PSM
Seating capacity	2
Fuel capacity	26.4 gal.
Luggage capacity	1.3 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	2 years/35,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	std
Bluetooth	std

www.bugatti.com

CADILLAC

CTS

\$35,165-\$49,520

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
16 mpg city >>> 26 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Audi A4
- BMW 3 Series
- Lexus IS 350
- Mercedes C-Class
- Volvo S60

Pro:

Crisp handling

Con:

Tight rear seats

What's New:

Coupe

A stunning new coupe joins the CTS sedan and Sport Wagon. Arguably the best-looking Cadillac, it has distinct cues including 2+2 hardtop styling sans B-pillars, touch-pad door handles and a nearly horizontal rear window. Underneath, the Coupe rides on the same platform as its siblings, offering a choice of rear- or all-wheel drive. A 270-bhp 3.0-liter direct-injection V-6 is standard on the sedan and wagon. The coupe nets a 304-bhp 3.6-liter V-6, which is optional on the others. The CTS sedan ushered in a renaissance at Cadillac with its combination of sharp styling, sporty handling and high-quality interior materials and fit and finish. The Cadillac CTS Sport Wagon was a gutsy addition last year, targeting European competitors with its unmistakable good looks.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/rwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	113.4 in.
Length/width/height	191.6 / 72.5 / 58.0 in.
Curb weight	3861 lb
Engines	3.0-liter dohc 24V V-6, 270 bhp; 3.6-liter dohc 24V V-6, 304 bhp
Transmission	6M, 6A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	18.0 gal.
Luggage capacity	13.6 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/100,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.

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CADILLAC

CTS-V

\$63,465-\$71,675

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
14 mpg city >>> 19 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Audi S6
- BMW M3
- Lexus IS F
- Mercedes C63 AMG
- Porsche Panamera

Pro:

Amazing performance

Con:

Thirsty

What's New:

Coupe, Sport Wagon

The Cadillac Genie has finally granted enthusiasts wishes number two and three. For 2011, the CTS-V now comes in sedan plus all-new Coupe and Sport Wagon variants. All three serve up a dreamy combo of a 556-bhp 6.2-liter supercharged V-8 and 6-speed manual or 6-speed automatic transmission with button shifters. With a stump-pulling 551 lb.-ft. of torque on tap, the V can accelerate to 60 mph in less than 4 seconds, according to Cadillac. Magnetic Ride Control promises to tame the beast with lightning-quick damping adjustment while Brembo brakes bring things to a halt. Other goodies include 19-in. alloy wheels with Michelin Pilot Sport 2 tires, leather-trimmed Recaro sport bucket seats with microfiber inserts and an electric parking brake for a less-cluttered footwell.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/rear drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	113.4 in.
Length/width/height	191.6/72.5/58.0 in.
Curb weight	4222 lb
Engines	6.2-liter supercharged ohv V-8, 556 bhp
Transmission	6M, 6A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	18.0 gal.
Luggage capacity	13.6 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/100,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	std
Bluetooth	std

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CADILLAC

DTS

est \$47,000-\$60,000

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
15 mpg city >>> 23 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Buick Lucerne
- Chrysler 300
- Lincoln Town Car
- Mercury Marquis
- Toyota Avalon

Pro:

Room for six

Con:

Floaty ride

What's New:

OnStar updates

Cadillac's flagship continues to appeal to heads of state, the livery trade and retirees seeking a plush, comfortable full-size sedan that upholds the notion of traditional American luxury. A cushy ride and seats that coddle like living room Barcaloungers bring to mind great names from Cadillac's past like the Fleetwood. The 4.6-liter Northstar V-8 does an admirable job of transferring power to the front wheels via a dated 4-speed automatic transmission. A Platinum package includes Magnetic Ride Control to help quell body movements. Opting for the DTS-L adds 8 in. to the wheelbase for limousine-like rear seat leg room. The market is rapidly evaporating for cars like the DTS, which is likely to set sail into the sunset in the not too distant future.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	115.6 in.
Length/width/height	207.6/74.8/57.6 in.
Curb weight	4009 lb
Engines	4.6-liter dohc 32V V-8, 275 bhp; 4.6-liter dohc 32V V-8, 292 bhp
Transmission	4A
Seating capacity	5,6
Fuel capacity	18.5 gal.
Luggage capacity	18.8 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/100,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.

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CADILLAC

Escalade, Hybrid

\$63,160-\$88,140

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
14 mpg city >>> 18 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Chevy Suburban
- GMC Yukon
- Range Rover
- Lexus LX 570
- Lincoln Navigator

Pro:

Tough, comfortable

Con:

Bling overdose?

What's New:

Navigation radio upfits

Featured in rock videos, rap songs and countless McMansion driveways, the Escalade has become a celebrity in its own right. The 'Slade comes big on bling from the factory, yet owners often opt for even more eye candy such as available 22-in. chrome alloy wheels. Cadillac's full-size luxury SUV comes in regular and long-wheelbase ESV models plus the cargo-flexible EXT pickup. The standard 403-bhp 6.2-liter V-8 provides plenty of punch for rear- and 4wd models. Opting for the 2-mode gas-electric Hybrid ups EPA city fuel economy estimates to a respectable 20 mpg. The Escalade can be enhanced with Luxury, Premium and Platinum Edition option packages. Revisions to navigation radio for 2011 include compact flash memory-based maps plus Aux and USB ports.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/rwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/live
Wheelbase	116.0 in.
Length/width/height	202.5/79.0/74.3 in.
Curb weight	5490 lb
Engines	6.2-liter ohv V-8, 403 bhp; 6.0-liter ohv V-8/electric motor, 332 hp (Hybrid)
Transmission	6A, electric variable 4A
Seating capacity	5, 6, 7, 8
Fuel capacity	26.0 gal.
Luggage capacity	16.9/60.3/108.9 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/100,000 miles; Hybrid components 8 years/100,000 miles

SUV SPECIFICS

Low-range gearing	na
Ground clearance	9.0 in.
Max tow capacity	8300 lb

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CADILLAC

SRX

\$33,830-\$52,360

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
18 mpg city >>> 25 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- BMW X3
- Land Rover LR2
- Lexus RX 350
- Mercedes GLK350
- Volvo XC60

Pro:

Turbo performance

Con:

Equinox roots

What's New:

All-new vehicle

The all-new second-generation SRX crossover that made its debut for 2010 is based on a premium version of the Theta platform that underpins the Chevy Equinox and GMC Terrain. Cadillac has done a sophisticated job of giving the SRX its own upscale identity. Vertical headlights and taillights set the tone while the sculpted flanks add dynamism best enhanced by optional 20-in. alloy wheels. A 265-bhp 3.0-liter direct-injection V-6 is standard while a 300-bhp 2.8-liter turbocharged V-6 is optional. A 6-speed automatic transmission transfers power to the ground via front- or all-wheel drive. Opting for the Luxury, Performance or Premium packages ups the ante with features such as adjustable pedals, a power tailgate and front and rear heated leather seats.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/fwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	110.5 in.
Length/width/height	190.3/75.2/65.7 in.
Curb weight	4224 lb
Engines	3.0-liter dohc 24V V-6, 265 bhp; 2.8-liter twin-turbo dohc 24V V-6, 300 bhp
Transmission	6A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	21.0 gal.
Luggage capacity	29.2/61.2 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/100,000 miles

CROSSOVER SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Ground clearance	7.0 in.
Max tow capacity	3500 lb

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CADILLAC

STS

est \$48,000-\$57,000

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
17 mpg city >>> 26 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Hyundai Genesis
- Infiniti M37
- Lexus GS 350
- Mercedes E350
- Volvo S80

Pro:

Direct-injected V-6

Con:

V8 STS-V gone

What's New:

OnStar refinements

Cadillac continues to whittle away at the midsize STS luxury sedan lineup. Last year it discontinued the STS-V high-performance model. For 2011 the standard STS continues, albeit without a V-8 engine option. The simplified lineup is now reduced to a 302-bhp 3.6-liter V-6 engine with a choice of rear- or all-wheel drive. This is not necessarily a bad thing since the direct-injection V-6, shared with the CTS, is strong enough that few will miss the V-8. However, it doesn't bode well for the future of the STS, which has been eclipsed by the more popular CTS, since there is nothing left to cut. Yet for those of us who still need larger accommodations than the Cadillac CTS provides, the STS obliges with greater passenger volume and a larger trunk to boot.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/rwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	116.4 in.
Length/width/height	196.7/72.6/57.6 in.
Curb weight	3973 lb
Engines	3.6-liter dohc 24V V-6, 302 bhp
Transmission	6A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	17.0 gal.
Luggage capacity	13.8 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/100,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.

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CHEVROLET

Avalanche, Hybrid

\$36,110-\$49,310

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
15 mpg city >>> 21 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Chevrolet Silverado
- Dodge Ram
- GMC Sierra
- Ford F-150
- Honda Ridgeline

Pro:

Clever midgate

Con:

Ungainly looks

What's New:

Hybrid added

Although the Chevrolet Avalanche is a pickup, it's actually based on the smoother-riding Suburban SUV. The body has many details that add strength and utility, however. The angled buttresses behind the 5-seat cab add strength. The bed walls of the pickup box have storage for tools and space for ice to keep picnic supplies cold. The bed walls also hold a special honeycomb aluminum cover that will support the weight of several adults or a quad-wheel ATV. Behind the rear seats is a unique "midgate" that flips down. With the Avalanche's rear seats folded, a 4x8 sheet of plywood will fit inside the weathertight 5 ft. 3 in. bed, with the remainder inside the cab. A new Hybrid model has been added to the Chevrolet Avalanche lineup for 2011.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/rwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/live
Wheelbase	130.0 in.
Length/width/height	221.3/79.1/76.6 in.
Curb weight	5478 lb
Engines	5.3-liter ohv V-8, 310 bhp; 6.0-liter ohv V-8/two electric motors, 332 hp
Transmission	6A
Seating capacity	5, 6
Fuel capacity	31.5 gal.
Max payload	1350 lb
Powertrain warranty	5 years/100,000 miles

TRUCK SPECIFICS

Cabs	4D
Bed lengths	63.3 in.
Max tow capacity	8100 lb

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CHEVROLET



Aveo

\$11,965–\$15,365

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
27 mpg city >>> 35 mpg hwy



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| Compare To: | Pro: |
| • Ford Fiesta | Great mpg |
| • Hyundai Accent | Con: |
| • Kia Rio | Sluggish automatic |
| • Mazda2 | What's New: |
| • Toyota Yaris | Carryover model |

The Aveo illustrates why thrifty Europeans like hatchbacks on their compacts. This small Chevrolet comes in two body shapes, a 4-door sedan with a trunk and a 5-door hatchback. The sedan is more than 15 in. longer than the hatchback, yet the hatchback has exactly the same passenger space as the sedan plus a slightly larger cargo area. The hatch bonus is that with the rear seats folded, cargo space more than doubles. Built in South Korea, the Aveo feels refined. Its comfortable interior uses pleasing fabrics, and vibrations and noise are kept to an impressive minimum. The efficient 1.6-liter 4-cylinder makes 108 bhp, though the base Aveo uses inexpensive 14-in. tires, preventing the car from feeling as nimble as its competitors.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/beam
Wheelbase	97.6 in.
Length/width/height	169.7/67.3/59.3 in.
Curb weight	2568 lb
Engines	1.6-liter dohc 16V I-4, 108 bhp
Transmission	5M, 4A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	11.9 gal.
Luggage capacity	12.4 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/100,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	na
Bluetooth	na
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CHEVROLET

Camaro

est \$22,680–\$39,000

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
17 mpg city >>> 28 mpg hwy



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| Compare To: | Pro: |
| • Dodge Challenger | Strong V-6 |
| • Ford Mustang | Con: |
| • Hyundai Genesis | Small trunk |
| • Infiniti G37 | What's New: |
| • Nissan 370Z | V-6 now 312 bhp |

The Camaro has the biggest codpiece of the three modern American muscle cars: A massive bulge covers its hood. Two V-6-powered models, the LS and well-equipped LT, get great fuel economy and ride higher than the V-8 SS model. All are comfortable on the highway, and don't bounce or hop on rough roads because of the well-located independent rear suspension. The 426-bhp V-8 in the 6-speed manual SS is all muscle—our test car got to 60 mph in 4.6 seconds. A 6-speed automatic version comes with a 400-bhp V-8, and the transmission will match revs for you on downshifts. GM says the convertible version of the Camaro will arrive early in 2011, while aftermarket performance models are available from historical tuners like Yenko, Lingenfelter, Callaway and others.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/rear drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	112.3 in.
Length/width/height	190.4/75.5/54.2 in.
Curb weight	3769 lb
Engines	3.6-liter dohc 32V V-6, 312 bhp; 6.2-liter ohv V-8, 400 bhp; 6.2-liter ohv V-8, 425 bhp
Transmission	6M, 6A
Seating capacity	4
Fuel capacity	19.0 gal.
Luggage capacity	11.3 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/100,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	na
Bluetooth	avail.
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CHEVROLET

Colorado

\$16,985–\$28,075

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
18 mpg city >>> 25 mpg hwy



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| Compare To: | Pro: |
| • Dodge Dakota | Good warranty |
| • Ford Ranger | Con: |
| • Nissan Frontier | No V-8 with manual |
| • Suzuki Equator | What's New: |
| • Toyota Tacoma | OnStar 9.0 |

The Colorado doesn't have a 300-bhp V-8 engine because Chevrolet thinks its drivers are speed freaks, but because it ups the trailer towing ability to 6000 lb. That means you can tow a fully laden 22-ft. Airstream Sport with plenty of capacity to spare. Also, we still haven't found a pickup whose looks we like better. Other praiseworthy things are the torque-laden inline-4 and 5-cylinder engines, which come standard with a crisp-shifting 5-speed manual (except on the heavier crew cab models, where a 4-speed automatic is standard). The manual doesn't come with the beefy V-8, either. Details abound: The 3-position tailgate will open to the same height as the wheelwells, so you can carry a 4x8 sheet flat in the 5-ft. bed.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/rwd, 4wd
Suspension, f/r	ind/live
Wheelbase	111.3 in.
Length/width/height	192.4/67.6/64.9 in.
Curb weight	3366 lb
Engines	2.9-liter dohc 16V I-4, 178 bhp; 3.7-liter dohc 20V I-5, 223 bhp; 5.3-liter ohv V-8, 310 bhp
Transmission	5M, 4A
Seating capacity	2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Fuel capacity	19.6 gal.
Max payload	1422 lb
Powertrain warranty	5 years/100,000 miles
TRUCK SPECIFICS	
Cabs	2D, 4D
Bed lengths	61.1/72.8 in.
Max tow capacity	6000 lb
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CHEVROLET Corvette, Z06, ZR1

\$48,950–\$111,100

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
16 mpg city >>> 26 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Audi R8
- Ford Shelby GT500
- Nissan GTR
- Nissan 370Z
- Porsche Cayman

Pro:

Great acceleration

Con:

Annoying skip-shift

What's New:

Carbon Z06

You can buy cars more powerful than the 430-hp base Corvette, but only one for the \$50,000 price—the supercharged Shelby GT500 Mustang. Both are affordable legends, but the Corvette has the slick looks and Nürburgring credentials. With the autocross-aimed Grand Sport (also available as a convertible) or the Z06 performance model or the 205-mph ZR1, the Corvette continues to set new records. The Z06 model gets standard new Goodyear F1 G:2 tires, and can have optional larger Michelin Pilot Sport tires with a new Carbon limited-edition package, while the potent ZR1 supercar keeps its 638-hp supercharged V-8 for its third year. All models are now available with cool-looking dark surrounds on the headlights, or standard body-color units.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/rear drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	105.7 in.
Length/width/height	174.6/72.6/49.0 in.
Curb weight	3208 lb
Engines	6.2-liter ohv V-8, 430 bhp; 6.2-liter ohv V-8, 436 bhp; 7.0-liter ohv V-8, 505 bhp; 6.2-liter supercharged ohv V-8, 638 bhp
Transmission	6M, 6A
Seating capacity	2
Fuel capacity	19.0 gal.
Luggage capacity	11.3 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/100,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.

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CHEVROLET

Cruze

\$16,275–\$21,975

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
est 26 mpg city >>> 36 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Ford Focus
- Honda Civic
- Hyundai Elantra
- Mazda3
- Toyota Corolla

Pro:

Strong turbo motor

Con:

Twitchy steering

What's New:

All-new model

Four models of the Cruze, which replaces the compact Cobalt, are on sale this fall. We drove the refined Eco model, it's anything but an economy car. Priced mid-range in the Cruze lineup, it has its own low-slung body pieces for aerodynamics. It also features low-rolling-resistance tires, and its twin-cam 1.4-liter turbo 4-cylinder is responsive, mated to either 6-speed manual or automatic transmissions. On the road, body roll is minimal, but grip is not notably high. The Cruze is quiet on the highway, the turbo four running smooth and vibration-free. A 1.8-liter four comes on the base LS, making about the same horsepower as the turbo engine, yet the turbo produces more torque—the Eco is likely to get 40 mpg on EPA's highway cycle.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/beam
Wheelbase	105.7 in.
Length/width/height	181.0/70.7/58.1 in.
Curb weight	3102 lb
Engines	1.8-liter dohc 16V I-4, 136 bhp; 1.4-liter turbo dohc 16V I-4, 138 bhp
Transmission	6M, 6A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	15.6 gal.
Luggage capacity	15.4 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/100,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.

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CHEVROLET

Equinox

\$22,615–\$29,970

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
22 mpg city >>> 32 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Ford Escape
- Hyundai Sante Fe
- Jeep Patriot
- Honda CR-V
- Nissan Rogue

Pro:

Monster rear seat room

Con:

Upshifts too soon

What's New:

E85 capability for V-6

There are a number of cool things about the Chevrolet Equinox crossover SUV, the first being a "MultiFlex" rear seat, which gives the 5-seater huge rear seat room. Also, the rear seats stuff themselves into the front seatbacks so, with minimal effort, you can turn the cargo area into a full-size SUV space. Another nifty trick is the height-programmable hydraulic power liftgate, which opens and closes quickly, yet can be set to not swing up into your open garage door. There are two available engines, a 2.4-liter 4-cylinder and an optional 3.0-liter V-6, which for 2011 will run on E85 ethanol. The spacious Equinox gets impressive fuel mileage, although the 6-speed automatic transmission upshifts too soon for enthusiastic driving.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/fwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	112.5 in.
Length/width/height	187.8/72.5/66.3 in.
Curb weight	3770 lb
Engines	2.4-liter dohc 16V I-4, 182 bhp; 3.0-liter dohc 24V V-6, 264 bhp
Transmission	6A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	18.8 gal.
Luggage capacity	31.4/63.7 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/100,000 miles

CROSSOVER SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Ground clearance	7.8 in.
Max tow capacity	3500 lb

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CHEVROLET

Express/GMC Savana

est \$24,655-\$34,185

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
15 mpg city >>> 20 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Ford E-Series
- Mercedes Sprinter

Pro:

Clever rear doors

Con:

Poor fuel economy

What's New:

Fleet CNG and LPG fuel

GM's full-size vans still offer an amazing array of configurations, although a light-duty diesel model remains only a dream for biofuel fans. The 2500 heavy-duty diesel version is promised for 2011, featuring the same 6.6-liter Duramax engine that we like in the Silverado HD. For now, GM will offer the 6.0-liter V-8 in the HD vans with the ability to run on either compressed natural gas (CNG) or liquified petroleum gas (LPG or propane). Refilling these fuel tanks is not very convenient for normal motorists. The current Express and Savana keep their clever rear doors that open to expose the entire rear body for easy loading, and they also have 4-wheel drive available in the 1500 light-duty series, with a 5.3-liter V-8 that will run on E85 ethanol.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/rwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/live
Wheelbase	135.0 in.
Length/width/height	224.0/79.0/81.6 in.
Curb weight	4941 lb
Engines	4.3-liter ohv V-6, 195 bhp; 4.8-liter ohv V-8, 280 bhp; 5.3-liter ohv V-8, 310 bhp; 6.0-liter ohv V-8, 323 bhp; 6.6-liter turbodiesel ohv 32V V-8, 250 bhp
Transmission	4A, 6A
Seating capacity	2, 8, 12, 15
Fuel capacity	31.0 gal.
Luggage capacity	204.0/237.3 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/100,000 miles

VAN SPECIFICS

Power side doors	na
Rear entertainment	na
Max tow capacity	10,000 lb

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CHEVROLET

HHR

\$18,720-\$21,420

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
22 mpg city >>> 30 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Ford Transit Connect
- Honda Element
- Kia Soul
- Nissan Cube
- Scion xB

Pro:

Panel-van utility

Con:

No more SS

What's New:

1 year XM with MyLink

A few folks we know traded in full-size vans for the panel-van HHR, which has electric rear doors and a platform floor instead of seats. So configured, you can load the rear cargo area from the sides or the back, like a van. One of our HHR fans is actually a full-time traffic engineer, and he praises the nimbleness and frugality of the little truck. We've used it for dog crate access, camping, boxes, tools, bikes, and our favorite, fishing rods. The 5-passenger HHR has an optional rear-vision camera, and both HHRs come with a competent 5-speed manual standard (a 4-speed automatic is optional), which makes them a bit more fun and efficient. Cargo area is impressive for such a frugal and tidy package, and upright seating gives a good view.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	103.6 in.
Length/width/height	176.2/69.1/62.5 in.
Curb weight	3155 lb
Engines	2.2-liter dohc 16V I-4, 155 bhp; 2.4-liter dohc 16V I-4, 172 bhp
Transmission	5M, 4A
Seating capacity	2, 5
Fuel capacity	16.2 gal.
Luggage capacity	25.2/63.1 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/100,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	na
Bluetooth	avail.

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CHEVROLET

Impala

\$24,390-\$29,930

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
19 mpg city >>> 29 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Ford Taurus
- Honda Accord
- Hyundai Azera
- Nissan Maxima
- Toyota Avalon

Pro:

Highway comfort

Con:

Anonymous styling

What's New:

E85 for base V-6

Respectable handling and confident self-centering steering keep the Impala a rental favorite for road warriors tasked with long miles of freeway duty—where it will also get 29 mpg. In addition, Bluetooth connectivity is becoming standard on more models, so the odds that the next rental you get will be so-equipped are improving—especially since six states require hands-free cell phone use. Another unique feature of the front-drive Impala is the 3-passenger front bench seat that is a no-cost option. This means the Impala is taking the place of the ancient Buick LeSabre as the car that will take dad, mom, two kids, and grandma and grandpa to the pancake house on Sunday. The two V-6 engines available are old-school pushrod devices, affordable and gutsy.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	110.5 in.
Length/width/height	200.4/72.9/58.7 in.
Curb weight	3555 lb
Engines	3.5-liter ohv V-6, 211 bhp; 3.9-liter ohv V-6, 230 bhp
Transmission	4A
Seating capacity	5, 6
Fuel capacity	17.5 gal.
Luggage capacity	18.6 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/100,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	na
Bluetooth	avail.

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CHEVROLET

Malibu

\$21,975-\$27,015

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
22 mpg city >>> 33 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Dodge Avenger
- Ford Fusion
- Honda Accord
- Nissan Altima
- Toyota Camry

Pro:

Refined ride

Con:

No manual gearbox

What's New:

6-speed standard

The Malibu is similar in size to the slightly larger Impala, but just because the two cars share the bowtie logo on their grilles doesn't mean they drive alike. The Malibu feels light on its feet, which is great for handling response, and a real trick considering the Malibu could stand to skip a few lunches. With this confident foundation, the standard stability control, traction control and 6-speed transmission programming make both the high-tech 2.4-liter four version and the roaring 3.6-liter V-6 model into "point-and-shoot" sedans. Although there is a manual-shift feature—a switch on the shift knob—the driveline works much smoother without using it. The Malibu's fastback styling intrudes slightly on rear head room, but comfort in front is top-notch.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	112.3 in.
Length/width/height	191.8/70.3/57.1 in.
Curb weight	3432 lb
Engines	2.4-liter dohc 16V I-4, 155 bhp; 3.6-liter dohc 24V V-6, 252 bhp
Transmission	6A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	16.4 gal.
Luggage capacity	15.1 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/100,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	na
Bluetooth	avail.

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CHEVROLET

Silverado 1500, Hybrid

\$20,850-\$47,820

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
15 mpg city >>> 20 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Dodge Ram
- Ford F150
- GMC Sierra
- Nissan Titan
- Toyota Tundra

Pro:

Towing champ

Con:

No diesel

What's New:

OnStar 9.0

The Silverado is an entire company, not just a model name. There are so many ways to configure the Silverado for specific needs that you need a book to do it. Here's a primer: There are four engines, an inexpensive V-6 and three high-tech V-8s. The 195-bhp 4.3-liter V-6 offers only a minor fuel efficiency advantage over the three 300-plus-bhp V-8s. In fact, the largest V-8, a 6.0-liter, returns the best fuel efficiency in the 2-mode hybrid model. The next best fuel-sipper is the 5.3-liter XFE Crew Cab 4-door pickup. There are three body styles—2-door, extended cab and 4-door crew cab—and the more you spend, the more interior room you get. There are three lengths of bed, a 69.3-in. short box, a 6.5-footer and an 8-footer.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/rwd, 4wd
Suspension, f/r	ind/live
Wheelbase	119.0 in.
Length/width/height	205.6/79.9/73.8 in.
Curb weight	4633 lb
Engines	4.3-liter ohv V-6, 195 bhp; 4.8-liter ohv V-8, 302 bhp; 5.3-liter ohv V-8, 315 bhp; 6.0-liter ohv V-8/two electric motors, 332 hp (Hybrid); 6.2-liter ohv V-8, 403 bhp
Transmission	4A, 6A, electric variable 4A
Seating capacity	2, 3, 5, 6
Fuel capacity	26.0 gal.
Max payload	1768 lb
Powertrain warranty	5 years/100,000 miles; Hybrid components 8 years/100,000 miles

TRUCK SPECIFICS	
Cabs	2D, 4D
Bed lengths	69.3/78.9/97.7 in.
Max tow capacity	10,000 lb

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CHEVROLET

Silverado 2500/3500HD

\$33,760-\$44,945

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
na



Compare To:

- Dodge Ram 2500
- Ford F250/F350
- GMC Sierra HD
- Nissan Titan
- Toyota Tundra

Pro:

Huge tow capacity

Con:

Stiff ride, high bed

What's New:

All-new vehicle

The Chevy guys have been hanging around at 6 a.m. at the suburban corner gas station, taking notes while all the lawn service pickups fill up for a hard day of mowing, plowing, sprinkler maintenance and weed whacking. The new bodies get a louvered hood and a wide, chrome front bumper. A new system of frame assemblies, including a front sub-frame hydroformed in a process shared with the Corvette, is stronger. And everything else is bigger: body mounts, engine mounts and jounce bumpers, while front suspension pieces are forged steel and cast iron. The popular Duramax diesel engine has been heavily modified for greater output and reduced emissions. The gasoline 6.0-liter has also been tuned for more power and torque lower in the rev range.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/rwd, 4wd
Suspension, f/r	ind/live
Wheelbase	133.6 in.
Length/width/height	225.0/95.9/77.3 in.
Curb weight	5768 lb
Engines	6.0-liter ohv V-8, 360 bhp; 6.6-liter turbodiesel ohv 32V V-8, 397 bhp
Transmission	6A
Seating capacity	2, 3, 5, 6
Fuel capacity	26.0 gal.
Max payload	6635 lb
Powertrain warranty	5 years/100,000 miles

TRUCK SPECIFICS	
Cabs	2D, 4D
Bed lengths	78.8/97.7 in.
Max tow capacity	17,000 lb

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CHEVROLET

Spark



est \$10,500-\$14,000

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
est 30 mpg city >>> 40 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Chevrolet Aveo5
- Smart Fortwo
- Toyota Yaris

Pro:

True gas-sipper

Con:

Cheap enough?

What's New:

All-new vehicle

The 2012 Chevrolet Spark is the smallest car the company will sell, not quite as tiny as the Smart Fortwo, but not much bigger. Like the Smart, the 5-door hatchback Spark is meant for regular-sized humans, and actually seats five passengers. Although the Spark is a foot shorter than the smallest Aveo, its extended wheelbase means there is still plenty of leg room in the back for two grown-ups. The Spark, already on sale in Europe for about \$11,000 is built by Daewoo in Korea, but the version bound for sale in North America in early 2011 will likely be built in the U.S. In Europe, two gasoline engines are available, a 67-bhp 1.0-liter and an 81-bhp 1.2-liter, and even with a curb weight of about 1900 lb., we think the car is slightly under-powered for America.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/beam
Wheelbase	93.5 in.
Length/width/height	143.3/62.9/61.1 in.
Curb weight	1905 lb
Engines	1.2-liter dohc 16V I-4, 81 bhp
Transmission	5M, 4A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	9.3 gal.
Luggage capacity	6.0/20.0 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/100,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	na
Bluetooth	na
www.chevrolet.com	

CHEVROLET

Suburban

\$40,925-\$48,870

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
15 mpg city >>> 21 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Chevrolet Tahoe
- Ford Expedition
- Infiniti QX56
- Nissan Armada
- Toyota Sequoia

Pro:

Middle folding seats

Con:

Beyond family size

What's New:

Trailer brake controller

The 75th anniversary of the outdoorsman's wagon introduced by Chevrolet as the Suburban isn't a revolutionary event—the big SUV is mostly carry-over from last year. Both the iron-block and aluminum-block 320 -bhp V-8s and the 352-bhp V-8 that power the Suburban will burn E85 ethanol, and even though new sound-deadening technology is standard, some of the truck noise and vibrations enter the big cabin on the highway. The V-8 engines give quick launches, but don't mask the fact the Suburban is pushing a lot of air on the highway. Interior details continue to impress, including the finished underseat areas. We're impressed with the power-operated folding middle seat row, an option, as are the power liftgate and big 20-in. wheels and tires.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/rwd, 4wd
Suspension, f/r	ind/live
Wheelbase	130.0 in.
Length/width/height	222.4/79.1/76.8 in.
Curb weight	5687 lb
Engines	5.3-liter ohv V-8, 320 bhp; 6.0-liter ohv V-8, 352 bhp
Transmission	6A
Seating capacity	6, 7, 8, 9
Fuel capacity	31.5 gal.
Luggage capacity	45.8/90.0/137.4 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/100,000 miles
SUV SPECIFICS	
Low-range gearing	avail.
Ground clearance	8.9 in.
Max tow capacity	9400 lb
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CHEVROLET

Tahoe

\$37,570-\$54,160

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
15 mpg city >>> 21 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Ford Expedition
- Cadillac Escalade
- GMC Yukon
- Nissan Armada
- Toyota Sequoia

Pro:

Hybrid city mpg

Con:

No diesel

What's New:

20-in. chrome wheels

Continuous refinement to the full-size Tahoe has produced roomy and easy-folding third-row seats and a luxury-level interior, with all exposed metal surfaces covered by upholstery. It will carry more people than a minivan. There are two 5.3-liter V-8 engines available, both with the same performance, although the optional engine has a lightweight aluminum block. In addition, the Hybrid model uses a more powerful 6.0-liter V-8 with the 2-mode hybrid transmission and electric drive motor. This powertrain optimizes fuel mileage by starting from a stop on the electric motor and using the gasoline engine for cruising and acceleration. The Hybrid is rated at 21 mpg in the EPA city cycle, which is about the same as some midsize sedans.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/rwd, 4wd
Suspension, f/r	ind/live
Wheelbase	116.0 in.
Length/width/height	202.0/79.0/76.9 in.
Curb weight	5265 lb
Engines	5.3-liter ohv V-8, 320 bhp; 6.0-liter ohv V-8/two electric motors, 332 hp (Hybrid)
Transmission	6A, electric variable 4A
Seating capacity	6, 7, 8, 9
Fuel capacity	26.0 gal.
Luggage capacity	16.9/60.3/108.9 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/100,000 miles; Hybrid components 8 years/100,000 miles
SUV SPECIFICS	
Low-range gearing	avail.
Ground clearance	9.0 in.
Max tow capacity	8500 lb
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CHEVROLET

Traverse

\$29,224-\$39,975

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
17 mpg city >>> 24 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Ford Edge
- Honda Pilot
- Lincoln MKT
- Mazda CX-9
- Toyota Highlander

Pro:

Great room inside

Con:

LTZ model is pricey

What's New:

Colors

When you're on vacation, the third row of seats makes all the difference in a crossover SUV like the Traverse. It becomes nearly as useful at hauling stuff as a minivan, yet its tall-riding stance and available all-wheel drive can render foul weather reports harmless. We like the way the Traverse rides confidently on the highway and doesn't wander in windy conditions. It also has supportive wide seats; usually, supportive seats are too narrow. Middle-row seats slide forward for rear seat access. With the second and third rows of seats filled with luggage and teens, the direct-injected 281-bhp 3.6-liter V-6 will still launch the Traverse smartly. An optional dual exhaust adds 7 bhp, too little to notice while accelerating, but the sound is sportier.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/fwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	118.9 in.
Length/width/height	205.0/78.4/69.7 in.
Curb weight	4720 lb
Engines	3.6-liter dohc 24V V-6, 281 bhp
Transmission	6A
Seating capacity	7,8
Fuel capacity	20.0 gal.
Luggage capacity	24.4 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/100,000 miles
CROSSOVER SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Ground clearance	7.2 in.
Max tow capacity	5200 lb
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CHEVROLET

Volt

\$41,000

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
na >>> est 240-mile range



Compare To:

- Ford Fusion Hybrid
- Honda Insight
- Lexus HS 250h
- Nissan Leaf
- Toyota Prius

Pro:

Unique hybrid

Con:

Limited EV range

What's New:

All-new vehicle

The \$41,000 Chevrolet Volt is a Toyota Prius-sized front-drive sedan, powered by a 150-hp electric motor. Electricity comes from either the on-board lithium battery pack, or a generator connected to a 1.4-liter 4-cylinder engine. Unlike hybrid gas/electric cars, the engine is not connected to the wheels. On the road, the Volt feels like a normal car, except that it's unusually quiet, even when the gasoline engine automatically turns on to power the electric motor. Range is 40 miles on a full battery, which can be plugged into a power outlet and charged in three to eight hours, plus about 200 additional miles on gasoline. Late in 2010, cars will be delivered in California, New York and Texas first, with the rest of the country to follow within a year.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/beam
Wheelbase	105.7 in.
Length/width/height	177.0/70.8/56.3 in.
Curb weight	est 3500 lb
Engines	1.4-liter dohc 16V I-4 electric generator, electric drive motor, 150 hp
Transmission	none
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	est 10 gal.
Luggage capacity	10.6 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/100,000 miles; Hybrid battery 8 years/100,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	std
Bluetooth	std
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CHRYSLER

300

est \$28,000-\$47,000

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
est 18 mpg city >>> 26 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Acura TL
- Cadillac STS
- Infiniti M37
- Lexus GS
- Lincoln MKS

Pro:

Still a husky American

Con:

Not a fuel sipper

What's New:

All-new vehicle

The proportions of the all-new 2011 Chrysler 300 fortunately remain the same as the 2010 versions, which we've always liked as a quintessentially American muscle-sedan design. But with style pointers from new owners Fiat, such as a detailed chrome grille and integrated front and rear bumpers, the new 300 looks more polished. The broad-shouldered fenders are less Schwarzenegger and more Armstrong, too. Although the new 300 is expected to be on sale by mid 2011, the late-release official specifications can be found on roadandtrack.com. We have learned that the all-new 300 will offer the Hemi V-8; however, a more efficient 290-bhp V-6 will be the most popular powerplant. Improved noise control and aerodynamics are being touted by Chrysler insiders. Specs below (and photo) are for the 2010 model.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/rwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	120.0 in.
Length/width/height	196.8/74.1/58.4 in.
Curb weight	3803 lb
Engines	2.7-liter dohc 24V V-6, 178 bhp; 3.5-liter sohc 24V V-6, 250 bhp; 5.7-liter ohv V-8, 370 bhp; 6.1-liter ohv V-8, 425 bhp
Transmission	4A, 5A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	18.0 gal.
Luggage capacity	15.6 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/100,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.
www.chrysler.com	

CHRYSLER

Sebring/200

est \$20,000–\$35,000

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
est 21 mpg city >>> 30 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Ford Fusion
- Hyundai Azera
- Kia Optima
- Subaru Legacy
- Volkswagen Jetta

Pro:

Folding hardtop avail.

Con:

No awd

What's New:

Restyled body

Shhh. A redesign of the 2011 Chrysler Sebring sedan and convertible means better looks, performance and efficiency, but until the cars go on sale later in 2010, no details are being made public. We do know it will be called the 200. Insiders tell us the look is sleeker, and the interior is dramatically different as well as more luxurious. The sedan and the convertible are the same size as the current Sebrings, but the convertible is longer to fit either the folding hardtop or soft top. Four- and 6-cylinder engines, and 4- and 6-speed automatic transmissions will primarily differentiate the models, as was the case for 2010. The performance of the convertible should suffer relative to the sedan because of the added weight of the folding hardtop. Specs below (and photo) are for the 2010 model.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/fwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	108.9 in.
Length/width/height	190.6/71.2/59.0 in.
Curb weight	3310 lb
Engines	2.4-liter dohc 16V I-4, 190 bhp; 2.7-liter dohc 24V V-6, 186 bhp; 3.5-liter sohc 24V V-6, 235 bhp
Transmission	4A, 6A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	16.9 gal.
Luggage capacity	13.6 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/100,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.

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CHRYSLER

Town & Country

est \$25,000–\$35,000

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
est 17 mpg city >>> 24 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Dodge Caravan
- Honda Odyssey
- Kia Sedona
- Toyota Sienna
- Volkswagen Routan

Pro:

Quite configurable

Con:

Still a box

What's New:

Improved mpg

The ultra-useful Chrysler minivan that made its debut for the 2008 model year has received what Chrysler calls a “mid-cycle action,” which is to say more than half of the Town & Country is all-new for 2011. The formerly boxy Chrysler is now smoother around the corners, and gets LED taillights. A new 3.6-liter 283-bhp V-6 and 6-speed automatic is expected to make a dramatic improvement in performance as well as fuel efficiency. The interior also gets new seats that have more comfortable cushions and a folding system that operates more smoothly, and the instrument panel and console look more integrated. Interior conveniences such as auto-warming in winter conditions are appreciated, as are a full complement of airbags. As 2011 specs were not available at press time, those below are for the 2010 model.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/beam
Wheelbase	121.2 in.
Length/width/height	202.5/76.9/68.9 in.
Curb weight	4335 lb
Engines	3.3-liter ohv V-6, 175 bhp; 3.8-liter ohv V-6, 197 bhp; 4.0-liter sohc 24V V-6, 251 bhp
Transmission	4A, 6A
Seating capacity	7
Fuel capacity	20.0 gal.
Luggage capacity	32.3/82.7/143.8 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/100,000 miles

VAN SPECIFICS	
Power side doors	avail.
Rear entertainment	avail.
Max tow capacity	3600 lb

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DODGE

Avenger

\$20,230–\$21,730

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
21 mpg city >>> 30 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Chevrolet Malibu
- Ford Taurus
- Honda Accord
- Hyundai Sonata
- Mitsubishi Galant

Pro:

Aggressive styling

Con:

Base engine

What's New:

Significantly updated

While Dodge may only have one mid-size 4-door sedan in its lineup, the brand ensures that its most pedestrian transport presents an edgy persona. With Dodge Avenger, the practical and the slightly visceral meet in the middle. The practical part comes from the fuel-efficient 4-cylinder and sensible interior found on the base model. No luxury veneers or mock bling—just a tasteful treatment that addresses everyday driving needs with a stylish flair. Safety is also high on the Avenger’s list, with its complement of airbag protection, electronic stability control, ABS and active front head restraints. If you want a little more jazz, the high-output 6-cylinder, AutoStick transmission and uplevel interior will put you in the “Oh, yeah!” zone. The specs below (and photo) are for the 2010 model.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	108.9 in.
Length/width/height	190.9/71.8/58.9 in.
Curb weight	3405 lb
Engines	2.4-liter dohc 16V I-4, 173 bhp; 3.5-liter sohc 24V V-6, 235 bhp
Transmission	4A, 6A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	16.9 gal.
Luggage capacity	13.4 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/100,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.

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DODGE

Caliber

\$16,880-\$19,995

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
est 23 mpg city >>> 29 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Chevrolet Equinox
- Ford Escape
- Hyundai Santa Fe
- Jeep Compass
- Kia Sportage

Pro:

Cargo capacity

Con:

Chunky front end

What's New:

No significant changes

The Dodge Caliber suffers from a bit of an identity crisis. A true crossover it's not. Nor is it a genuine wagon or the epitome of the compact class. And with the boxy Dodge-esque front end mated to somewhat smoother sheet metal behind the A-pillars, the Caliber just looks... wrong...for many folks. But that's a subjective view. From a more objective perspective, the Caliber does well for an economically priced runabout. The fold-flat rear seats and last year's interior makeover give the Caliber true catch-all functionality with a modicum of style and comfort. Just don't expect spirited driving from the 2.0- or 2.4-liter engines, or the so-so handling. Caliber's real benefit is its low entry price and flexible passenger/cargo accommodations. The specs below are for the 2010 model.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	103.7 in.
Length/width/height	173.8/68.8/60.4 in.
Curb weight	2940 lb
Engines	2.0-liter dohc 16V I-4, 158 bhp; 2.4-liter dohc 16V I-4, 172 bhp
Transmission	5M, CVT
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	13.6 gal.
Luggage capacity	18.4 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/100,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.
www.dodge.com	

DODGE

Challenger, R/T, SRT8

\$23,245-\$44,495

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
17 mpg city >>> 25 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Chevrolet Camaro
- Dodge Charger
- Ford Mustang GT
- Ford Shelby GT500
- Nissan 370Z

Pro:

Throwback styling

Con:

Wimpy V-6

What's New:

No significant changes

For those looking to recapture the spirit of a 1960s ponycar but prefer to leave the old-school mannerisms behind, consider the Dodge Challenger. Regarding style, the 2011 Challenger is on the same page as its predecessor, particularly when dressed with the SE Rallye or R/T Classic package. Inside, the Challenger offers the quality you'd expect from a modern-day interpretation of the original, plus more spacious accommodations for rear seat passengers and luggage than its contemporaries. The V-6 model can't maximize the Challenger's ambitions, but add the 5.7-liter Hemi and many sins are forgiven. Better yet, tap the mighty 6.1-liter Hemi SRT8 and you've got a road ripper that combines top ride quality (for a true muscle car), legacy styling and sheer brawn. The specs below (and photo) are for the 2010 model.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/rear drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	116.0 in.
Length/width/height	197.7/75.7/57.1 in.
Curb weight	3720 lb
Engines	3.5-liter sohc 24V V-6, 250 bhp; 5.7-liter ohv V-8, 372 bhp; 6.1-liter ohv V-8, 425 bhp
Transmission	5A, 6M
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	18.5 gal.
Luggage capacity	16.2 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/100,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.
www.dodge.com	

DODGE

Charger

\$24,590-\$39,880

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
18 mpg city >>> 26 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Buick LaCrosse
- Chevrolet Camaro
- Chevrolet Impala
- Chrysler 300C
- Ford Taurus SHO

Pro:

Aggressive styling

Con:

Unknown

What's New

Pentastar V-6

Chrysler has been tight-lipped with regard to pre-launch information about its new models, and as of press time we were unable to secure verifiable facts about the complete remake of the all-new Charger. We can tell you, however, that the next-generation Charger won't fall too far from the tree. Exterior styling for the 2011 Charger takes on a more shape-like profile with a more chiseled front end, providing its own visual flavor compared to the previous "overtly Dodge" treatment. Inside, expect more of the same spirit of refinement. Solid rumors have it that the new Pentastar V-6 (pushing 300 bhp) will replace the old 3.5-liter version, and that go-fast junkies may be able to get their fix with the 6.4-liter Hemi V-8 in SRT8 trim. The specs below (and photo) are for the 2010 Charger.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/rwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	120.0 in.
Length/width/height	200.1/74.5/58.2 in.
Curb weight	3728 lb
Engines	2.7-liter dohc 24V V-6, 178 bhp; 3.5-liter sohc 24V V-6, 250 bhp; 5.7-liter ohv V-8, 368 bhp; 6.1-liter ohv V-8, 425 bhp
Transmission	5A, 4A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	18.0 gal.
Luggage capacity	16.2 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/100,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.
www.dodge.com	

DODGE

Dakota

\$22,755–\$33,180

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
15 mpg city >>> 20 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Chevrolet Colorado
- Ford Ranger
- GMC Canyon
- Nissan Frontier
- Toyota Tacoma

Pro:

Midsize towing champ

Con:

Lackluster interior

What's New:

No significant changes

For several years now, the Dodge Dakota has set the standard for midsize pickup utility. Interior room for both Extended Cab and Crew Cab models leads the class. Full-swing rear access doors (Extended Cab), a large 6-ft. 6-in. cargo bed (Extended Cab) and storage innovations like the Crate 'N Go collapsible and removable storage system (Crew Cab) further certify Dakota's dominant market position. Elsewhere, the Dakota maintains authority with best-in-class towing at 7250 lb. when equipped with the 4.7-liter V-8 engine. The standard 3.7-liter Magnum V-6, however, leaves owners wanting more. The interior treatment also falls short of the Dakota's class competitors in terms of style and refinement, but as a compact workhorse, Dakota leads the pack.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/rwd, 4wd
Suspension, f/r	ind/live
Wheelbase	131.3 in.
Length/width/height	218.5/71.7/68.6 in.
Curb weight	4200 lb
Engines	3.7-liter sohc V-6, 210 bhp; 4.7-liter sohc V-8, 302 bhp
Transmission	4A, 5A
Seating capacity	5, 6
Fuel capacity	22.0 gal.
Max payload	1810 lb
Powertrain warranty	5 years/100,000 miles

TRUCK SPECIFICS

Cabs	2D, 4D
Bed lengths	64.9/78.8 in.
Max tow capacity	7250 lb

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DODGE

Durango

est \$30,215–\$41,910

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
est 16 mpg city >>> 23 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Chevrolet Tahoe
- GMC Yukon
- Jeep Grand Cherokee
- Nissan Pathfinder
- Toyota 4Runner

Pro:

2wd or 4wd

Con:

Unknown

What's New:

All-new vehicle

As with the Dodge Nitro and Dodge Caliber, the all-new Dodge Durango (not to be confused with the Dodge Durango of several years ago) borrows directly from the Jeep lineup. In this case, it's a knock-off of the Jeep Grand Cherokee. At press time we had only strong rumors to go on, but the 2011 Durango is believed to have a slightly longer wheelbase than the Grand Cherokee. In spite of the Jeep DNA, this SUV will be groomed for the boulevard with rear-drive and 4-wheel-drive powertrains backing the standard Pentastar V-6 or optional 5.7-liter Hemi V-8. Most standard and optional equipment will likely be shared with the Grand Cherokee, and look for five trim variations, including an R/T package. Specs below are derived from the 2010 Jeep Grand Cherokee's.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/rwd, awd, 4wd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	114.8 in.
Length/width/height	190.0/85.0/68.0 in.
Curb weight	4500 lb
Engines	3.6-liter dohc 24V V-6, 290 bhp; 5.7-liter ohv V-8, 360 bhp
Transmission	5A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	21.1 gal.
Luggage capacity	35.0/67.0 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles

SUV SPECIFICS

Low-range gearing	avail.
Ground clearance	9.0 in.
Max tow capacity	7400 lb

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DODGE

Grand Caravan

est \$21,800–\$30,160

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
est 17 mpg city >>> 24 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Honda Odyssey
- Kia Sedona
- Nissan Quest
- Toyota Sienna
- Volkswagen Routan

Pro:

Stow 'N Go seating

Con:

Interior quality

What's New:

Significantly updated

Dodge has been blazing the minivan trail since the mid-1980s' introduction of the Caravan, but in recent years its image has dulled. Innovations in passenger and storage accommodations, such as the Stow 'N Go (fold-in-the-floor second-row seating) and Swivel 'N Go seating (rotatable second-row quad chairs and a stowable center table between the second- and third-row seats), have kept the Grand Caravan a key player in the perennial minivan segment, but diminished attention to quality control and materials—both inside and out—has bruised the vehicle's reputation. For 2011, the Grand Caravan will receive significant updating. Our sources tell us that interior refinement, powertrain improvements and addressing previous ills will factor heavily into the rework. The specs below are for the 2010 model.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/beam
Wheelbase	121.2 in.
Length/width/height	202.5/76.9/68.9 in.
Curb weight	4321 lb
Engines	3.3-liter ohv V-6, 175 bhp; 3.8-liter ohv V-6, 197 bhp; 4.0-liter sohc 24V V-6, 251 bhp
Transmission	4A, 6A
Seating capacity	7
Fuel capacity	20.0 gal.
Luggage capacity	32.3/82.7/143.8 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/100,000 miles

VAN SPECIFICS

Power side doors	avail.
Rear entertainment	avail.
Max tow capacity	3800 lb

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DODGE

Journey

est \$20,845–\$29,745

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
est 19 mpg city >>> 25 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Chevrolet Equinox
- Ford Edge
- GMC Terrain
- Hyundai Santa Fe
- Mazda CX-9

Pro:

Third-row seating

Con:

Interior quality

What's New:

Improved interior

As a midsize crossover, the Dodge Journey fulfills the role of an affordable people-carrier quite admirably. With 7-passenger seating, available integrated child booster seats, Tilt 'N Slide second-row seat cushions, advanced multimedia features and numerous storage bins (to name a few of the more notable accommodations), the Journey is ideally suited to families on a budget who don't favor the minivan thing. The low entry cost, however, has come at the price of interior quality and refinement. Fortunately, the Journey will be treated to significant updating for 2011, with particular attention being paid to ratcheting up the interior. Add a more responsive steering system and suspension, along with a snappier 4-cylinder, and the Journey will be a true contender in the popular crossover segment. The specs below (and photo) are for the 2010 model.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/fwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	113.8 in.
Length/width/height	192.4/72.2/66.6 in.
Curb weight	3801 lb
Engines	2.4-liter dohc 16V I-4, 173 bhp; 3.5-liter sohc 24V V-6, 235 bhp
Transmission	4A, 6A
Seating capacity	5, 7
Fuel capacity	18.5 gal.
Luggage capacity	10.7/39.6/67.6 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/100,000 miles
CROSSOVER SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Ground clearance	7.3 in.
Max tow capacity	3500 lb
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DODGE

Nitro

est \$21,590–\$28,500

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
est 16 mpg city >>> 22 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Ford Escape
- GMC Terrain
- Jeep Liberty
- Nissan Xterra
- Toyota RAV4

Pro:

Bold exterior styling

Con:

Chintzy interior

What's New:

No significant changes

We're told at press time that Dodge's version of the Jeep Liberty, the Nitro, will continue into the 2011 model year with no major changes. Let's hope that's not entirely the case. While there are many things to like about the Nitro, such as its aggressive exterior styling, roomy interior, part-time 4-wheel-drive system and healthy 5000-lb. towing capacity, here's hoping that several improvements are on the menu. For example, the Nitro suffers from the same substandard interior quality as Dodge stablemates Journey and Grand Caravan. Low marks are also earned in the ride and handling departments, credited mostly to the live rear axle and unrefined suspension tuning. And for its class, the base 3.7-liter V-6 engine's 16/22 fuel economy is not good. Stay tuned.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/rwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/live
Wheelbase	108.8 in.
Length/width/height	178.9/73.1/69.9 in.
Curb weight	3976 lb
Engines	3.7-liter sohc V-6, 210 bhp; 4.0-liter sohc 24V V-6, 260 bhp
Transmission	4A, 5A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	19.5 gal.
Luggage capacity	32.1/64.7/75.7 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles
SUV SPECIFICS	
Low-range gearing	avail.
Ground clearance	8.3 in.
Max tow capacity	5000 lb
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DODGE

Ram 1500

\$20,610–\$42,650

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
est 14 mpg city >>> 20 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Chevrolet Silverado
- Ford F-150
- GMC Sierra
- Nissan Titan
- Toyota Tundra

Pro:

Supreme ride quality

Con:

Diesel, please

What's New:

Outdoorsman model

There are no major changes to the Ram 1500 pickup this year, and that's just fine. Resting on one's laurels is a dangerous thing, but the current Dodge half-ton bought some breathing room with its 2009 model year makeover. The styling is still fresh and pleasing, and the plush ride quality—courtesy of the multilink coil-spring rear suspension and fine-tuned front end—continues to deliver a velvet touch while maintaining a competitive edge in payload and towing capacities. Inside, the Ram 1500 is equally resplendent with comfortable seating, intelligent control layout and expertly integrated storage solutions. Especially endearing are the available RamBox storage compartments tucked into the rear fender sides. In short, the Ram 1500 delivers maximum truck capability without the truck "feel."

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/rwd, 4wd
Suspension, f/r	ind/live
Wheelbase	120.5 in.
Length/width/height	209.0/79.4/74.6 in.
Curb weight	4525 lb
Engines	3.7-liter sohc V-6, 215 bhp; 4.7-liter sohc V-8, 310 bhp; 5.7-liter ohv V-8, 390 bhp
Transmission	4A, 5A
Seating capacity	2, 3, 5, 6
Fuel capacity	26.0 gal.
Max payload	1860 lb
Powertrain warranty	5 years/100,000 miles
TRUCK SPECIFICS	
Cabs	2D, 4D
Bed lengths	67.4/76.3/98.3 in.
Max tow capacity	10,450 lb
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DODGE

Ram HD

est \$27,215–\$47,765

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:

na



Compare To:

- Chevy Silverado HD
- Ford Super Duty
- GMC Sierra HD
- Nissan Titan
- Toyota Tundra

Pro:

Available Mega Cab

Con:

Diesel aging

What's New:

No significant changes

Dodge relaunched its big-boy Ram Heavy Duty pickup last year with a fresh exterior restyling and the incorporation of the interior remake first introduced on the Ram 1500 the year before. As such, Dodge has left well enough alone for 2011. And why not? You'll find no equal in the driving environment category, and while the Ram HD continues with the leaf-spring rear axle, the ride is uncommonly smooth for a dedicated work mule. Choose between the 5.7-liter Hemi or the renowned 6.7-liter Cummins diesel with standard exhaust brake. That's the easy part. Among three cab configurations, multiple trim levels and cargo bed lengths, there are about a gazillion package combinations to choose from. But with towing and payload maxing at 19,950 and 3120 lb., respectively, any pick's a winner.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/rwd, 4wd
Suspension, f/r	ind/live
Wheelbase	140.5 in.
Length/width/height	231.0/78.9/73.3 in.
Curb weight	5769 lb
Engines	5.7-liter ohv V-8, 383 bhp 6.7-liter turbodiesel ohv 24V I-6, 350 bhp
Transmission	6M, 5A, 6A
Seating capacity	2, 3, 5, 6
Fuel capacity	34.0 gal.
Max payload	3120 lb
Powertrain warranty	5 years/100,000 miles

TRUCK SPECIFICS

Cabs	2D, 4D
Bed lengths	76.0/96.0 in.
Max tow capacity	19,950 lb

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SAFETY 2011

Lots of existing safety features are becoming more mainstream. New ones are making cars even safer. Here, in no particular order, are R&T's top five for 2011.

- 1 BACKUP VISION.** When in Reverse, this setup uses a minicam to give a view directly behind the vehicle. It identifies things—or kids!—not otherwise in sight. Often incorporated into navigational displays.
- 2 ELECTRONIC STABILITY CONTROL.** Automatic selective braking and throttle modulation offer excellent protection in all emergencies and extreme driving conditions. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration will require almost all cars to have these systems by model year 2012; a life-saver.
- 3 BLIND-SPOT-ALERT SIDE MIRRORS.** Even the best-adjusted side mirrors can leave blind spots. These devices use rearward sensing to give added insight in merging and lane changes. Their warning icons on the side mirrors are easily sensed, even in peripheral vision.
- 4 BLUETOOTH PHONE LINK.** If hand-held phone use while driving is still legal in your community, it shouldn't be. The best Bluetooth phone links integrate your mobile's phone book and allow voice-actuated communication. Nonetheless, please note that even the phone chat with a remote person—one who isn't experiencing your same driving environment—can have its dangers.
- 5 ACCIDENT-MITIGATION BRAKING.** These systems monitor the gap to the car ahead and, should an accident be imminent, automatically invoke either full or partial braking. Often (though not always) incorporated with "smart" gap-sensing cruise controls, they're not expected to eliminate tail-enders—that's your job as a driver. Rather, their purpose is to lessen the severity if you fail in your responsibility.



» With Volvo's Blind-Spot Information System (BLIS), vehicles not typically seen in the side mirrors are sensed by cameras, which in turn illuminate warning lights integrated into the car's A-pillars. Motorcyclists are grateful.

DODGE

Viper SRT10

est \$100,000

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
est 13 mpg city >>> 22 mpg hwy



PHOTO-ILLUSTRATION BY LARSON

Compare To:

- Chevy Corvette ZR1
- Ford Shelby GT500
- Jaguar XKR
- Nissan GT-R
- Porsche 911 Turbo

Pro:

Race car with warranty

Con:

Mega price tag

What's New:

No 2011 model

To the dismay of Dodge performance fans everywhere, 2010 marked the end of the fiery Viper sports car. Packing an 8.4-liter 600-bhp V-10 engine, 6-speed transmission, rear-wheel drive, 4-wheel independent suspension and enough adrenaline to recharge a battle-weary brigade, the Viper SRT10 was the consummate boulevard bully for its final production run. Although there is no official 2011 version, Viper fans need not feel too sad. Word is that this raucous road warrior will be reincarnated for the 2012 model year with even more performance potential, thanks to technological influences from Ferrari. We know it will keep the 8.4-liter V-10, but now with a rear-mounted transaxle. How will it look? See our photo-illustration above. The specs below are for the 2010 Viper.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/rear drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	98.9 in.
Length/width/height	175.6/75.2/47.6 in.
Curb weight	3454 lb
Engines	8.4-liter ohv V-10, 600 bhp
Transmission	6M
Seating capacity	2
Fuel capacity	16.0 gal.
Luggage capacity	8.4 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	3 years/36,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	na
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	na

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FERRARI

458 Italia

\$230,275-\$290,000

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
est 11 mpg city >>> 15 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Aston Martin DBS
- Audi R8 V10
- Lamborghini Gallardo
- McLaren MP4-12C
- Porsche 911 Turbo

Pro:

Landmark styling

Con:

No manual gearbox

What's New:

All-new vehicle

New Ferraris are always a reason to sit up and take note, but the 458 Italia is reason to stand up and cheer. Ferrari has finally let go of the need to rely on design cues from the past and has produced a truly modern, no-excuses look. We've seen the mid-engine 458 from every angle—high, low, front, rear, etc.—and it always excites. Then you fire up the 4.5-liter 570-bhp V-8 just behind you, pop the paddle of the dual-clutch 7-speed into 1st gear and unleash the fury. That's right, the 458 has the potential to lap Ferrari's Fiorano test track as quickly as an Enzo. The interior has all the hardware pointed at the driver in command central. In less than 3.5 seconds you're at 60 mph and climbing...

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	mid engine/rear drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	104.3 in.
Length/width/height	178.2/76.3/47.8 in.
Curb weight	3274 lb
Engines	4.5-liter dohc 32V V-8, 570 bhp
Transmission	7PSM
Seating capacity	2
Fuel capacity	22.7 gal.
Luggage capacity	8.1 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	2 years/unlimited miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	std
Bluetooth	std

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FERRARI

599 GTB Fiorano

est \$320,580-\$450,000

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
11 mpg city >>> 15 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Aston Martin DBS
- Audi R8 V10
- Chevy Corvette ZR1
- Mercedes SLS AMG
- Porsche 911 Turbo

Pro:

Pininfarina shape

Con:

Aging chassis

What's New:

GTO model sold out

Ferrari's front-engine V-12 GT is little changed for 2011, retaining its two models, the GTB and Handling GTE. Both have the 611-bhp 6.0-liter V-12, backed by either a 6-speed manual or F1 paddle-shift transmission that pops from gear to gear in 85 milliseconds. Acceleration to 60 mph comes in under 4.0 seconds and given the right road you could continue to 205 mph. Outside is typically beautiful Pininfarina styling, but just as scrumptious is the leather-upholstered interior. What the Handling GTE package brings are firmer shocks and springs, a still better-handling 599 with just minor ride deterioration. Oh, and if what you really want is the 599 GTO with its 661 bhp, 208-mph top speed and quicker-than-an-Enzo handling, sorry. All 599 that will be built have been snapped up.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/rear drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	108.3 in.
Length/width/height	183.7/77.2/52.6 in.
Curb weight	3865 lb
Engines	6.0-liter dohc 48V V-12, 611 bhp; 6.0-liter dohc 48V V-12, 661 bhp
Transmission	6M, 6PSM
Seating capacity	2
Fuel capacity	27.7 gal.
Luggage capacity	11.3 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	2 years/unlimited miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.

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FERRARI 612 Scaglietti

est \$313,088
EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
10 mpg city >>> 15 mpg hwy



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| Compare To: | Pro: |
| • Aston Martin Rapide | Pininfarina styling |
| • Bentley Continental GT | Con: |
| • Maserati GranTurismo | Expensive |
| | What's New: |
| | On its last legs |

There is a 50-year history of series-production 2+2 Ferraris and the current example is the 612 Scaglietti. There is history in the car's name, "Scaglietti" for Sergio Scaglietti, who built so many famous Ferraris. And in the 612's shape, which mirrors a 1954 Ferrari commissioned for actress Ingrid Bergman. History aside, the 612 is quite modern, with Ferrari's 5.7-liter V-12 with 532 bhp at 7250 rpm and 434 lb.-ft. of torque at 5250 rpm. And there's the F1A 6-speed automatic transmission that can shift quicker than you can. All this in a Pininfarina-shaped body the driver can enjoy from a typically beautiful Ferrari interior with acres of fine leather, classic instrumentation with a modern touch and those +2 seats in back. Not to mention 0-60 mph in just 4.0 seconds.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/rear drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	116.1 in.
Length/width/height	193.0/77.0/52.9 in.
Curb weight	4056 lb
Engines	5.7-liter dohc 48V V-12, 532 bhp
Transmission	6M, 6PSM
Seating capacity	2+2
Fuel capacity	28.5 gal.
Luggage capacity	8.8 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	2 years/unlimited miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	std
Bluetooth	std
www.ferrari.com	

FERRARI California

\$192,000
EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
13 mpg city >>> 19 mpg hwy



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| Compare To: | Pro: |
| • Chevrolet Corvette | Folding hardtop |
| • Jaguar XK Series | Con: |
| • Lamborghini Gallardo | Thick tail |
| • Mercedes SL-Class | What's New: |
| | Stop/start |

Ferrari's California was meant to capture a new segment of owner, one who would appreciate the dual nature of this folding-hardtop spider. And so it has happened. There are those who argue against the exterior design, the main point of contention being the tall rear that accommodates the folding hardtop. Yet that shape means 12 cu. ft. of luggage space and the ability to go from closed roof to open in 13 seconds. And still the California drives like a Ferrari, its front mid-engine being a 4.3-liter 453-bhp V-8 backed by the company's shift-in-a-flash 7-speed paddle-shifter gearbox. About all that's new for 2011 is stop/start of the V-8 when you're in traffic. Unlike a hybrid's almost unnoticed stop/start, the Ferrari's is downright invigorating as it growls back to life. Cool.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/rear drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	105.1 in.
Length/width/height	179.6/74.9/51.5 in.
Curb weight	3817 lb
Engines	4.3-liter dohc 32V V-8, 453 bhp
Transmission	7PSM
Seating capacity	2
Fuel capacity	20.6 gal.
Luggage capacity	12.0 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	2 years/unlimited miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	std
Bluetooth	std
www.ferrari.com	

FIAT 500



\$18,000
EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
est 28 mpg city >>> 36 mpg hwy



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| Compare To: | Pro: |
| • Hyundai Accent | Chicks love styling |
| • Mazda2 | Con: |
| • Mini | Less grip than Mini |
| • Smart Fortwo | What's New: |
| • Toyota Yaris | All-new vehicle |

In concept, the new Fiat 500 competes with the Mini in its ability to attract buyers with nostalgia and cute design, as well as driving fun. The Fiat is 5 in. shorter than the Mini and a couple of inches narrower and just a half-inch taller. The small size comes from the need to park on sidewalks in crowded Italian cities. American versions will get the largest engine available, a 1.4-liter 4-cylinder that makes 100 bhp. Later in 2011, a turbocharged model will arrive. Although the 500 is smaller than a Mini, it has slightly more cargo room and rides softer than the Mini. Front head room is tight for tall Americans, but otherwise the cabin is not cramped and is designed with flair. The 500 is built in Toluca, Mexico, at the old PT Cruiser plant.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/beam
Wheelbase	139.6 in.
Length/width/height	90.6/64.1/58.6 in.
Curb weight	1907 lb
Engines	1.4-liter dohc 16V I-4, 100 bhp
Transmission	6M, 5A
Seating capacity	4
Fuel capacity	9.2 gal.
Luggage capacity	6.5 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	est 5 years/60,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.
www.fiat.com	

FIKER

Karma

est \$80,400–\$98,900

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
na >>> est 300-mile range



Compare To:

- Acura ZDX
- Audi A7
- Mercedes CLS550
- Porsche Panamera S

Pro:

Performance hybrid

Con:

Not available yet

What's New:

All-new vehicle

Renowned car designer Henrik Fisker is scheduled to begin production of his first plug-in series hybrid sedan at the beginning of 2011. The Fisker Karma is not your average hybrid sedan. Rather, it's an exotically sculpted shell wrapped over a proprietary hybrid drivetrain consisting of two electric motors totaling 403 hp, no transmission (only a differential), and a range-extending turbocharged 2.0-liter engine. It'll seat 4 within the confines of its "eco chic" interior and is claimed to be able to travel up to 50 miles on pure electric and an additional 250 miles on hybrid gas/electric power. The roof, which actually doubles as a massive solar panel, is yet another cool eco element. The 22-in. wheels, however, are superfluous.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine, rear motors/rear drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	124.4 in.
Length/width/height	196.7/78.4/52.4 in.
Curb weight	est 4500 lb
Engines	Plug-in series hybrid; 2.0-liter turbo dohc 16V I-4, 260 bhp/two electric motors, 403 hp combined
Transmission	none
Seating capacity	4
Fuel capacity	na
Luggage capacity	7.9 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	50 months/50,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	std
Bluetooth	std

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FORD

E-Series

\$27,970–\$34,845

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
13 mpg city >>> 17 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Chevrolet Express
- Mercedes Sprinter
- GMC Savana

Pro:

Tough, capacious

Con:

Thirsty

What's New:

No diesel for 2011

Glamorous? Nope. Functional? You bet. Ford's extensive E-Series array has van, passenger wagon and cutaway configurations that are differentiated from the competition by way of unique available technologies such as Sync, a voice-activated communication and entertainment system, as well as Ford Work Solutions, which centers on a broadband-capable in-dash computer that has navigation functions, a wireless mouse and printer. Such tasks as printing invoices in the vehicle, tracking electronically tagged tools or assets on a job-site, or locating/dispatching other trucks in a fleet are among its capabilities. Electronic stability and roll-control systems are standard E-Series safety gear, while flex-fuel (gas or E85), compressed natural gas and liquefied petroleum gas variants are found in the V-8 and V-10 engine lineup.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/rear drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/live
Wheelbase	138.0 in.
Length/width/height	216.7/79.4/82.1 in.
Curb weight	5329 lb
Engines	4.6-liter sohc 16V V-8, 225 bhp; 5.4-liter sohc 16V V-8, 255 bhp; 6.8-liter sohc 20V V-10, 305 bhp
Transmission	4A, 5A
Seating capacity	2, 7, 8, 11, 12, 14, 15
Fuel capacity	35.0 gal.
Luggage capacity	256.5/309.4 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles

VAN SPECIFICS

Power side doors	na
Rear entertainment	na
Max tow capacity	10,000 lb

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FORD

Edge

\$26,995–\$37,845

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
19 mpg city >>> 26 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Audi Q5
- BMW X5
- Chevrolet Equinox
- Mazda CX-7
- Nissan Murano

Pro:

Powerful, yet efficient

Con:

A bit heavy

What's New:

Restyled, in and out

Don't let those familiar dramatic looks fool you: Ford's 5-passenger Edge crossover has undergone a major revamp for 2011, highlighted by expanded powertrain options and a tastefully upgraded interior. Three engines are now offered, all boasting twin independent variable cam timing (Ti-VCT) and all teamed with 6-speed automatics. The 2011 Edge will be the first Ford on these shores to get the turbocharged 2.0-liter EcoBoost I-4, said to offer the power of a V-6 while improving fuel economy over the original 2007 Edge by more than 30 percent. With the addition of Ti-VCT and other revisions, the mainstay 3.5-liter V-6 sees significant power and efficiency increases over last year, and is joined by a 3.7-liter variant in the Edge Sport model.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/fwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	111.2 in.
Length/width/height	184.2/76.0/67.0 in.
Curb weight	4082 lb
Engines	2.0-liter turbocharged dohc 16V I-4, est 240 bhp; 3.5-liter dohc 24V V-6, 285 bhp; 3.7-liter dohc 24V V-6, 305 bhp
Transmission	6A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	18.0 gal.
Luggage capacity	32.2/68.9 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles

CROSSOVER SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Ground clearance	7.9 in.
Max tow capacity	3500 lb

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FORD



Escape, Hybrid

\$21,060-\$34,125

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
23 mpg city >>> 28 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Honda CR-V
- Jeep Patriot
- Mazda Tribute
- Nissan Rogue
- Toyota RAV4

Pro:

Efficient, roomy

Con:

Dated styling

What's New:

HD Radio

For 2011, Ford continues to hone the details on its time-tested compact crossover, this year adding HD Radio to the popular Escape's extensive suite of electronics, joining such notable standard or optional technologies as AdvanceTrac with roll stability control, Rear View Camera System, Pull-Drift Compensation, and the class-exclusive Active Park Assist. The latter two rely on the Escape's economy-boosting electric (rather than hydraulic) power steering assist. And while a new Escape looks much like an older Escape, this agile 5-seater has a comfortable, modern cabin, and a slate of equally up-to-date I-4, V-6 and full hybrid powertrains to choose among. Rated at 34 mpg in the city, the Escape Hybrid is a particularly parsimonious choice for urban-centric buyers.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/fwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	103.1 in.
Length/width/height	174.7/71.1/67.9 in.
Curb weight	4082 lb
Engines	2.5-liter dohc 16V I-4, 171 bhp; 3.0-liter dohc 24V V-6, 240 bhp; 2.5-liter dohc 16V I-4 with 94-hp electric motor, 177 hp (Hybrid)
Transmission	5M, 6A, CVT
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	17.5 gal.
Luggage capacity	31.4/67.2 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles; Hybrid components 8 years/100,000 miles

CROSSOVER SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Ground clearance	8.4 in.
Max tow capacity	3500 lb

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FORD

Expedition, EL

\$36,660-\$51,690

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
14 mpg city >>> 20 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Cadillac Escalade
- Chevrolet Suburban
- GMC Yukon
- Infiniti Q56
- Toyota Sequoia

Pro:

Strong, roomy

Con:

Size brings thirst

What's New:

Rear DVD system

There's no way around it: Big jobs demand big vehicles, a niche Ford fills with the full-size Expedition and full-size Expedition EL, with its foot-longer wheelbase. Should your mission include trailers, the body-on-frame Expedition can tow up to 9200 lb., all while toting as many as eight passengers in an ergonomic, 5-star-safe cabin. Very effective electronic Trailer Sway Control is standard equipment, working from the same gyroscopic yaw and roll sensors used in the vehicle's stability- and roll-control systems to detect and correct trailer lateral motion. In either rear-drive or 4wd configuration, a flex-fuel (gas or E85) 5.4-liter 24-valve V-8 sends abundant torque through a 6-speed automatic, and the Expedition drives with more precision than its size would suggest.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/rwd, 4wd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	119.0 in.
Length/width/height	206.5/78.8/77.2 in.
Curb weight	5569 lb
Engines	5.4-liter sohc 24V V-8, 310 bhp
Transmission	6A
Seating capacity	7, 8
Fuel capacity	28.0 gal.
Luggage capacity	18.6/55.0/108.3 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles

SUV SPECIFICS

Low-range gearing	avail.
Ground clearance	8.7 in.
Max tow capacity	9200 lb

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FORD

Explorer

est \$29,000-\$40,000

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
est 17 mpg city >>> 24 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Chevrolet Traverse
- GMC Acadia
- Mazda CX-9
- Nissan Pathfinder
- Toyota 4Runner

Pro:

More carlike

Con:

More carlike

What's new:

All-new vehicle

Take everything you know about the Explorer and toss it in the round file. Gone for 2011 is the old body-on-frame construction, replaced with a variant of the D-size unit-body that underpins the Taurus and Lincoln MKS. With a priority on fuel economy, the old powertrains also are gone; motivation now comes from your choice of twin-turbo EcoBoost I-4 or naturally aspirated 3.5-liter V-6, both working through 6-speed automatics and delivering hugely improved efficiency over the outgoing engines... and more power. Three rows of seating are standard; an electronic Terrain Management System on awd models ensures back-road capability, and the new Explorer will still tow up to 5000 lb., so the utility part of Ford's venerable SUV is well preserved.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/fwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	112.6 in.
Length/width/height	197.1/90.2/70.4 in.
Curb weight	est 4350 lb
Engines	2.0-liter turbocharged dohc 16V I-4, 237 bhp; 3.5-liter dohc 24V V-6, 290 bhp
Transmission	6A
Seating capacity	6, 7
Fuel capacity	18.6 gal.
Luggage capacity	80.7 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles

CROSSOVER SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Ground clearance	7.6 in.
Max tow capacity	5000 lb

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FORD

F-150

\$22,060–\$43,595

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
15 mpg city >>> 19 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Chevrolet Silverado
- GMC Sierra
- Nissan Titan
- Ram 1500
- Toyota Tundra

Pro:

Work or play

Con:

No diesel

What's New:

All engines

Ford made noteworthy upgrades to the F-150's exterior, interior and chassis in 2009, and the focus for 2011 is entirely on powertrains. Last year's lineup of 4.6-liter and 5.4-liter engines is history, replaced by two new V-8s and, for the first time since 2008, a V-6. Base is a 291-bhp 3.7-liter V-6, followed by a 5.0-liter V-8 producing 360 bhp. Both have aluminum blocks and utilize variable cam timing (Ti-VCT) on both the intake and exhaust sides. A twin-turbo EcoBoost V-6 will have a late introduction. The big dog is a 6.2-liter V-8, as first seen on the Raptor, and tuned for 411 bhp. All will be teamed with but a single transmission—a 6-speed automatic with tow-oriented electronic enhancements.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/rwd, awd, 4wd
Suspension, f/r	ind/live
Wheelbase	125.8 in.
Length/width/height	213.1/78.9/74.6 in.
Curb weight	4693 lb
Engines	3.7-liter dohc 24V V-6, 291 bhp; 5.0-liter dohc 32V V-8, 360 bhp; 6.2-liter sohc 16V V-8, 411 bhp
Transmission	6A
Seating capacity	3, 5, 6
Fuel capacity	26.0 gal.
Max payload	3030 lb
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles
TRUCK SPECIFICS	
Cabs	2D, 4D
Bed lengths	67.0/78.8/97.4 in.
Max tow capacity	11,300 lb
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FORD

Fiesta

\$13,320–\$17,120

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
28 mpg city >>> 37 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Honda Fit
- Mazda2
- Nissan Versa
- Suzuki SX4
- Toyota Yaris

Pro:

Sporty, thrifty

Con:

No 3-door

What's new:

All-new vehicle

After a European launch to many accolades in 2008, the long-anticipated Fiesta finally immigrates to the New World in 4-door sedan and 5-door hatchback forms, powered on these shores by an energetic and economical 1.6-liter I-4—it has 11:1 compression but burns regular fuel—through a choice of a 5-speed manual or 6-speed PowerShift dual-clutch automatic. Tuned for spirited driving dynamics that are far from typical in the B-class, we think the taut but supple Fiesta suspension should be a strong selling point. So too should its leading-edge technology and connectivity suites, not to mention an impressive array of active and passive safety features, including standard AdvanceTrac electronic stability control. This should be a B-class game-changer. It's Fiesta time...

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/beam
Wheelbase	98.0 in.
Length/width/height	173.6/67.8/58.0 in.
Curb weight	2578 lb
Engines	1.6-liter dohc 16V I-4, 120 bhp
Transmission	5M, 6PSM
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	16.0 gal.
Luggage capacity	12.8 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	na
Bluetooth	avail.
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FORD

Flex

est \$29,000–\$40,000

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
est 17 mpg city >>> 24 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Buick Enclave
- Chevrolet Traverse
- GMC Acadia
- Mazda CX-9
- Subaru Tribeca

Pro:

Roomy chassis

Con:

Thirsty

What's New:

Titanium series

Sure, the Flex packages leading-edge technology in an über-efficient layout that can swallow mass quantities of passengers and/or cargo, but what we like best is that it drives more like a responsive sedan than a large crossover. This is especially the case if optioned with the twin-turbocharged EcoBoost V-6, whose 355 bhp and accompanying awd effectively make this a box-shaped Taurus SHO with room for seven. And where else can you find a second-row refrigerated console? New for 2011 is a sporty Titanium series, wearing 20-in. alloys. Still, it's nice to know that abundant safety systems—including a safety-cage cabin structure, side-impact and side-curtain airbags, and AdvanceTrac with RSC (roll stability control)—are standard fare on every Flex.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/fwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	117.9 in.
Length/width/height	201.8/79.6/68.0 in.
Curb weight	4471 lb
Engines	3.5-liter dohc 24V V-6, 262 bhp; 3.5-liter twin-turbo dohc 24V V-6, 355 bhp
Transmission	6A
Seating capacity	6, 7
Fuel capacity	18.6 gal.
Luggage capacity	20.0/43.2/83.2 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles
CROSSOVER SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Ground clearance	na
Max tow capacity	4500 lb
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FORD



Focus

\$15,895-\$19,395

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
25 mpg city >>> 35 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Chevrolet Cruze
- Honda Civic
- Mazda3
- Nissan Sentra
- Toyota Corolla

Pro:

Proven economy

Con:

Stodgy styling

What's New:

No more coupe

With a new European-bred version looming on the horizon for 2012, the current Focus 4-door sedan carries on basically unchanged for 2011; however, the coupe model has been axed from the lineup. We've always liked the Focus' responsive steering and handling (especially on the sportier SES model), and with ABS, side-impact and side-curtain airbags, and Ford's excellent Advance-Trac electronic stability control all being standard equipment, there is indeed a focus on safety. To wring the most power and frugality from the 2.0-liter I-4, we'd recommend that it be paired with a 5-speed manual gearbox rather than the optional 4-speed automatic. A slightly less powerful PZEV version of the 2.0-liter also is available, and a full electric Focus variant is expected sometime in 2011.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	102.9 in.
Length/width/height	175.0/67.9/58.6 in.
Curb weight	2623 lb
Engines	2.0-liter dohc 16V I-4, 140 bhp; 2.0-liter dohc 16V I-4, 132 bhp
Transmission	5M, 4A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	13.5 gal.
Luggage capacity	13.8 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	na
Bluetooth	avail.

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FORD

Fusion, Hybrid

\$19,920-\$28,825

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
22 mpg city >>> 29 mpg hwy



Compare to:

- Chevrolet Malibu
- Honda Accord
- Hyundai Sonata
- Nissan Altima
- Toyota Camry

Pro:

Many models

Con:

Replacement due soon

What's New:

HD Radio

Not so long ago, the midsize sedan class displayed all the excitement of a rousing croquet match. The Fusion helped change all that with frisky handling and tactile steering that belied its 4-door practicality. Last year's makeover improved the breed once again with an even quieter cabin and upgraded engines that offered, at once, more power and efficiency. Easily among the most adaptable in its class, the Fusion can be had in front- or all-wheel drive form, with engines ranging from a 2.5-liter I-4 to a 263-bhp 3.5-liter V-6 in the athletic Sport model. In between, there's a flex-fuel 3.0-liter V-6, while the Fusion Hybrid remains the most fuel-frugal midsize sedan on the market. This is a must-drive.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/fwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	107.4 in.
Length/width/height	190.6/72.2/56.9 in.
Curb weight	3285 lb
Engines	2.5-liter dohc 16V I-4, 175 bhp; 3.0-liter dohc 24V I-4, 240 bhp; 3.5-liter dohc 24V V-6, 263 bhp; 2.5-liter dohc 16V I-4/electric motor, 191 hp combined (Hybrid)
Transmission	6M, 6A, CVT
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	17.5 gal.
Luggage capacity	16.5 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles; Hybrid components 8 years/100,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.

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FORD

Mustang, GT500

\$22,145-\$53,645

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
19 mpg city >>> 29 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Chevrolet Camaro
- Dodge Challenger
- Hyundai Genesis
- Infiniti G37 Coupe
- Nissan 370Z

Pro:

Wonderful engines

Con:

Skip-shift fuel-saver

What's New:

All powertrains

If you've ever wanted a Mustang, get off the fence. While the impressive new 412-bhp 32-valve 5.0-liter V-8 has deservedly hogged much of the press, the similarly all-alloy new V-6 is no slouch at 305 bhp from just 3.7 liters. Smoother and more powerful than the outgoing 4.0-liter V-6, the new engine's fuel economy is also rated 30 percent better. Braking is also upgraded and, with either powertrain, Ford engineers have tuned the chassis for better handling and steering response than we've ever experienced in a Mustang. Transmissions? Either a 6-speed manual or 6-speed automatic, across the board. This year's Shelby GT500 packs 550 bhp, thanks to its supercharged 5.4-liter V-8, now with an aluminum block for a 102-lb. weight savings over the nose.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/rear drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/live
Wheelbase	107.1 in.
Length/width/height	188.1/73.9/55.6 in.
Curb weight	3453 lb
Engines	3.7-liter dohc 24V V-6, 305 bhp; 5.0-liter dohc 32V V-8, 412 bhp; 5.4-liter supercharged dohc 32V V-8, 540 bhp
Transmission	6M, 6A
Seating capacity	4
Fuel capacity	16.0 gal.
Luggage capacity	13.4 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.

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FORD



Ranger

\$17,935–\$22,380

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
22 mpg city >>> 27 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Chevrolet Colorado
- Dodge Ram Dakota
- GMC Canyon
- Nissan Frontier
- Toyota Tacoma

Pro:

Affordable utility

Con:

Narrow cab

What's New:

Carryover

What can we possibly tell you about the venerable Ranger that you don't already know? This homegrown compact pickup has survived the test of time not just because of very attractive pricing, but also because its model array covers the gamut from inexpensive regular-cab, rear-drive, 4-cylinder, manual-gearbox work truck to well optioned 4-door SuperCab, 4wd, V-6 weekend warrior. Though the basic platform is ancient, the Ranger has earned a reputation for durability, and Ford has made safety technology such as 4-wheel ABS, seat-mounted side airbags and the company's unique AdvanceTrac stability control with RSC (roll stability control) standard across the lineup. Rumors abound of a new Ranger on the horizon, but for now they remain vague and unconfirmed.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/rwd, 4wd
Suspension, f/r	ind/live
Wheelbase	111.5 in.
Length/width/height	189.4/69.3/66.2 in.
Curb weight	3108 lb
Engines	2.3-liter dohc 16V I-4, 143 bhp; 4.0-liter sohc V-6, 207 bhp
Transmission	5M, 5A
Seating capacity	2, 3, 4, 5
Fuel capacity	17.0 gal.
Max payload	1560 lb
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles

TRUCK SPECIFICS

Cabs	2D, 4D
Bed lengths	72.7/84.6 in.
Max tow capacity	5800 lb

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FORD

Super Duty

\$28,020–\$48,350

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
na



Compare To:

- Chevy Silverado HD
- Dodge Ram HD
- GMC Sierra HD
- Nissan Titan
- Toyota Sequoia

Pro:

Tow, tow, tow

Con:

Tough to park

What's New:

Engines/transmission

Yes, it's restyled in and out but, most significantly, the 2011 Super Duty lineup is completely repowered. Biggest news (literally) is the all-new 6.7-liter PowerStroke diesel—this time designed, engineered and built wholly in-house. This single-turbo V-8, which feels even stronger than its best-in-class 800 lb.-ft. torque rating, is B20 biodiesel-compatible, and can even be optioned with a live power take-off (PTO). The equally new 385-bhp 6.2-liter gasoline V-8 is E85-compatible, and is notably more powerful, yet also more fuel-efficient, than the 5.4-liter V-8 it replaces. Downstream of both engines is a new TorqShift 6-speed automatic with a deep 3.97:1 1st gear and two overdrive ratios. The result? Ford claims best-in-class towing (16,000 lb.) and payload (6520 lb.) ratings.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/rwd, 4wd
Suspension, f/r	ind/live
Wheelbase	137.0 in.
Length/width/height	227.6/79.9/76.6 in.
Curb weight	4693 lb
Engines	6.2-liter sohc 16V V-8, 385 bhp; 6.7-liter turbodiesel ohv V-8, 390 bhp
Transmission	6A
Seating capacity	2, 3, 5, 6
Fuel capacity	35.0 gal.
Max payload	6520 lb
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles

TRUCK SPECIFICS

Cabs	2D, 4D
Bed lengths	81.8/98.0 in.
Max tow capacity	16,000 lb

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FORD

Taurus, SHO

\$25,170–\$37,770

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
18 mpg city >>> 27 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Buick Lucerne
- Chevrolet Impala
- Chrysler 300
- Lexus ES 350
- Toyota Avalon

Pro:

Roomy, refined

Con:

A tad heavy

What's New:

Revised colors

We still have trouble thinking "Taurus" when we sample the expressive styling, assertive stance and upscale cabin of this all-new model introduced for 2010—a tremendously roomy but decidedly agile sedan that is leaps and bounds more engaging for both driver and passengers than its capable but dowdy predecessor. Offered in fwd or awd configuration, the 5-star-safe Taurus also brings luxury-brand technologies like radar-based cruise control and blind-spot warning systems to the mainstream market. Naturally, we at R&T gravitate toward the Taurus SHO model's twin-turbocharged, direct-injected V-6 that offers a potent 350 lb.-ft. of torque practically across the whole tach face. Torque steer? Nope, thanks to the SHO's standard torque-sensing awd system.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/fwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	112.9 in.
Length/width/height	202.9/76.2/60.7 in.
Curb weight	4015 lb
Engines	3.5-liter dohc 24V V-6, 263 bhp; 3.5-liter twin-turbo dohc 24V V-6, 365 bhp
Transmission	6A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	19.0 gal.
Luggage capacity	20.1 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	std

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FORD



Transit Connect

\$21,200–\$23,200

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
22 mpg city >>> 25 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Chevrolet HHR
- Chevrolet Express
- Ford E-Series
- GMC Savana
- Mercedes Sprinter

Pro:

Handy, thrifty

Con:

Still no diesel

What's New:

Electric version

Many corporate and government fleets have jumped on the Transit Connect bandwagon with bulk orders. Their reasoning? Its 135 cubic feet of extremely adaptable cargo space is housed in a small footprint and propelled by a parsimonious powertrain, making this nimble hauler the ideal urban service/delivery vehicle. Those same attributes—not to mention the Transit Connect's apparent ability to act as a rolling billboard—should appeal equally to small business owners. Not to be forgotten is the Wagon version, having fold-down second-row seating, and its gussied-up cousin, the new-for-2011 Wagon Premium package. Also new this year is a factory taxi-prep package, along with a prep kit for natural gas or propane fuel, as well as a battery-electric variant.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/beam
Wheelbase	114.6 in.
Length/width/height	180.7/70.7/79.3 in.
Curb weight	3470 lb
Engines	2.0-liter dohc 16V I-4, 136 bhp; 300V electric motor, 134 hp
Transmission	4A
Seating capacity	2, 4, 5
Fuel capacity	15.4 gal.
Luggage capacity	135.3 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles
VAN SPECIFICS	
Power side doors	na
Rear entertainment	na
Max tow capacity	na

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GMC

Acadia

\$31,840–\$45,220

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
17 mpg city >>> 24 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Acura MDX
- Chevrolet Traverse
- Ford Flex
- Lincoln MKX
- Mazda CX-9

Pro:

Family-friendly

Con:

Indecisive gearbox

What's New:

Denali model

Fans of GM's late Saturn division who waited too long to purchase an Outlook can stop fretting—the GMC Acadia is its able cousin. And if such buyers were holding out for more luxury, they are in luck, as a Denali version of the Acadia joins the 2011 lineup. The Denali makes its mark with unique styling details, plus 20-in. wheels, perforated leather seats (heated and cooled in the front), accent lighting, heads-up display, NAV, dual SkyScape sunroof system and a lot more. The Acadia offers a choice of fwd or awd in all models (SLE, SLT and Denali). There is only one powertrain available in the Acadia, a 288-bhp 3.6-liter V-6 with 6-speed automatic. With 7- or 8-passenger seating and GM's Smart Slide feature, the Acadia is a very comfortable family hauler.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/fwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	118.9 in.
Length/width/height	200.7/78.2/69.9 in.
Curb weight	4720 lb
Engines	3.6-liter dohc 24V V-6, 288 bhp
Transmission	6A
Seating capacity	7, 8
Fuel capacity	22.0 gal.
Luggage capacity	24.1/68.9/116.9 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/100,000 miles
CROSSOVER SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Ground clearance	7.4 in.
Max tow capacity	5200 lb

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GMC

Canyon

est \$16,985–\$29,835

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
18 mpg city >>> 25 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Chevrolet Colorado
- Dodge Dakota
- Ford Ranger
- Nissan Frontier
- Toyota Tacoma

Pro:

Fuel efficient

Con:

Age setting in

What's New:

OnStar 9.0

If you're in the market for a compact pickup and can't tailor a GMC Canyon to your liking, you just aren't trying. With choice of 4-, 5-, or 8-cylinder engines available, regular cab, extended cab or crew cab, two bed lengths, and choice of rwd or 4wd configurations, the Canyon offers all the choices of bigger rigs. The 4-cylinder/5-speed combo is the fuel-sipper, while the optional 5.3-liter V-8 delivers a towing capacity of 6000 lb. Trail explorers should order the Z71 off-road suspension; the sport truck crowd will want the ZQ8 sport suspension. On the safety front, StabiliTrak electronic stability control is standard, as are head-curtain side airbags. Bluetooth has been added this year, and the front headrests have been redesigned.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/rwd, 4wd
Suspension, f/r	ind/live
Wheelbase	111.3 in.
Length/width/height	192.4/67.6/65.5 in.
Curb weight	3366 lb
Engines	2.9-liter dohc 16V I-4, 185 bhp; 3.7-liter dohc 20V I-5, 242 bhp; 5.3-liter ohv V-8, 300 bhp
Transmission	5M, 4A
Seating capacity	2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Fuel capacity	19.6 gal.
Max payload	1422 lb
Powertrain warranty	5 years/100,000 miles
TRUCK SPECIFICS	
Cabs	2D, 4D
Bed lengths	61.1/72.8 in.
Max tow capacity	6000 lb

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GMC

Sierra 1500, Hybrid

\$20,850–\$43,285

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
15 mpg city >>> 20 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Chevrolet Silverado
- Dodge Ram 1500
- Ford F-150
- Nissan Titan
- Toyota Tundra

Pro:

Great warranty

Con:

Aging V-6

What's New:

Less wind noise

With the Sierra 1500, GMC really does make it easy to tailor your pickup for any purpose. It offers three cab styles, three bed lengths and a model lineup that stretches from basic dirt road work truck to upscale Denali. There is choice of 2wd or 4wd, of course, and engine options that include a V-6, a 4.8-liter V-8, two versions of the 5.3 V-8, a 403-bhp 6.2-liter V-8, or even a hybrid powertrain that delivers better than 20 mpg city. The 5.3 boasts Active Fuel Management and E85 capability, and the 6.2 can also digest the E85 mix. A 6-speed automatic is available, although some of the smaller engines still use a 4-speed automatic. The revised OnStar 9.0 provides automatic crash response and turn-by-turn navigation.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/rwd, 4wd
Suspension, f/r	ind/live
Wheelbase	119.0 in.
Length/width/height	205.6/79.9/73.8 in.
Curb weight	4633 lb
Engines	4.3-liter ohv V-6, 195 bhp; 4.8-liter ohv V-8, 302 bhp; 5.3-liter ohv V-8, 315 bhp; 6.0-liter ohv V-8/two electric motors, 332 hp (Hybrid); 6.2-liter ohv V-8, 403 bhp
Transmission	4A, 6A, electric variable 4A
Seating capacity	2, 3, 5, 6
Fuel capacity	26.0 gal.
Max payload	1925 lb
Powertrain warranty	5 years/100,000 miles; Hybrid components 8 years/100,000 miles

TRUCK SPECIFICS

Cabs	2D, 4D
Bed lengths	69.3/78.9/97.7 in.
Max tow capacity	10,600 lb
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GMC

Sierra HD

est \$27,465–\$44,420

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
na



Compare To:

- Chevy Silverado HD
- Dodge Ram HD
- Ford Super Duty
- Nissan Titan
- Toyota Sequoia

Pro:

Diesel torque

Con:

No manual trans

What's New:

Stronger frame

The GMC Sierra HD has been substantially revamped for 2011. The new spec sheet shows a strengthened frame, larger engine and transmission mounts, a stronger independent front suspension and larger asymmetrical rear leaf springs. The optional 6.6-liter turbodiesel has been heavily revised, and now delivers 397 bhp and 765 lb.-ft. of torque, allowing a towing capacity of 20,000 lb. There is also a new "smart" exhaust brake feature. GMC says diesel highway fuel economy has increased by "up to" 11 percent, plus there is a larger gas tank for a longer range. For those who need a work-ready truck that also delivers comfort, the upscale Denali model is available for the first time on the Sierra HD.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/rwd, 4wd
Suspension, f/r	ind/live
Wheelbase	133.6 in.
Length/width/height	225.0/80.0/77.5 in.
Curb weight	5768 lb
Engines	6.0-liter ohv V-8, 360 bhp; 6.6-liter turbodiesel ohv V-8, 397 bhp
Transmission	6A
Seating capacity	2, 3, 5, 6
Fuel capacity	26.0 gal.
Max payload	6635 lb
Powertrain warranty	5 years/100,000 miles

TRUCK SPECIFICS

Cabs	2D, 4D
Bed lengths	78.8/97.7 in.
Max tow capacity	17,000 lb
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GMC

Terrain

\$24,250–\$31,400

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
22 mpg city >>> 32 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Chevrolet Equinox
- Ford Explorer
- Hyundai Santa Fe
- Jeep Liberty
- Mazda CX-7

Pro:

Fuel efficiency

Con:

Polarizing styling

What's New:

E85 3.0-liter V-6

The GMC Terrain is one of the newer class of relatively high-mileage crossovers. With the standard 2.4-liter dohc direct-injection inline-4, the Terrain earns a 32-mpg highway rating from the EPA, thanks in part to an "eco" mode engaged by a button on the console. The optional 3.0-liter V-6 is E85 capable for 2011, and is rated at 25 mpg highway. Both come with 6-speed automatics. The Terrain is sold in fwd or awd configuration, and with the optional trailering equipment, the V-6 Terrain can tow 3500 lb. Available electronic helpers are plentiful, including remote start, programmable power liftgate, Bluetooth, and touchscreen nav. Standard features include a rearview camera, 6-month OnStar plan, and head-curtain side airbags.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/fwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	112.5 in.
Length/width/height	185.3/72.8/66.3 in.
Curb weight	3798 lb
Engines	2.4-liter dohc 16V I-4, 182 bhp; 3.0-liter dohc 24V V-6, 264 bhp
Transmission	6A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	18.8 gal.
Luggage capacity	31.6/63.9 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/100,000 miles

CROSSOVER SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Ground clearance	6.9 in.
Max tow capacity	3500 lb
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GMC

Yukon, XL, Hybrid

\$37,705–\$58,500

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
15 mpg city >>> 21 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Chevrolet Suburban
- Ford Expedition
- Lincoln Navigator
- Nissan Armada
- Toyota Sequoia

Pro:

Tough, roomy

Con:

Gets pricey fast

What's New:

OnStar 9.0

Sometimes, a car-based, polite-size crossover just won't do—only a real full-size truck-based SUV will get the job done. The GMC Yukon is the blueprint for that kind of SUV. For power, it's all V-8s, with choice of 5.3-, 6.0-, or 6.2-liter displacements teamed with 6-speed automatics, or the 2-Mode Hybrid that delivers impressive mpg. To make sure that Little League team can clamber in and out, the Yukon and Yukon XL have fold and tumble second-row seats, and fold-flat, tumble forward or removable third-row seats. The SLE is the cloth seat version, the SLT gets you leather, but for civilized travel, the Denali model has all the premium content, such as heated leather captain's-chair seats, power-adjustable pedals, remote start and a lot more.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/rwd, 4wd
Suspension, f/r	ind/live
Wheelbase	116.0 in.
Length/width/height	202.0/79.0/76.9 in.
Curb weight	5265 lb
Engines	5.3-liter ohv V-8, 320 bhp; 6.0-liter ohv V-8/two electric motors, 332 hp (Hybrid)
Transmission	6A, electric variable 4A
Seating capacity	6, 7, 8, 9
Fuel capacity	26.0 gal.
Luggage capacity	16.9/60.3/108.9 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/100,000 miles; Hybrid components 8 years/100,000 miles

SUV SPECIFICS

Low-range gearing	avail.
Ground clearance	9.0 in.
Max tow capacity	8500 lb
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HONDA

Accord

\$21,180–\$29,730

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
23 mpg city >>> 33 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Chevrolet Malibu
- Ford Fusion
- Hyundai Sonata
- Nissan Altima
- Toyota Camry

Pro:

Refined V-6

Con:

Pricey top models

What's New:

Minor facelift

The Accord remains a top choice in its class, offering a wide array of models, abundant safety features and sporty ride and handling. For 2011, Honda's best seller receives a freshened appearance. Sedans and coupes wear more aggressively styled grilles and front bumpers. The former nets a new trunklid while the latter sees new taillights. A new SE model adds leather-trimmed seats and steering wheel to the list of LX-P sedan equipment. Both body styles can be fitted with the 2.4-liter 4-cylinder or 3.5-liter V-6. Reduced engine friction and revised gear ratios improve mpg for the 4-cylinder. The EX-L V-6 coupe gets paddle shifters while a USB port is standard on more models. Sedans with the optional navigation system gain a rearview camera.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	110.2 in.
Length/width/height	194.9/72.7/58.1 in.
Curb weight	3204 lb
Engines	2.4-liter dohc 16V I-4, 177 bhp; 3.5-liter dohc 24V V-6, 271 bhp
Transmission	5M, 6M, 5A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	18.5 gal.
Luggage capacity	14.0 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.
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HONDA

Accord Crosstour

est \$29,670–\$36,220

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
18 mpg city >>> 27 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Ford Flex
- Infiniti EX35
- Subaru Outback
- Toyota Venza
- Volvo XC70

Pro:

Refined powertrain

Con:

Controversial styling

What's New:

Unchanged for 2011

All-new last year, the Crosstour is designed for those who need more cargo space than a sedan but don't want the bulk of an SUV or stigma of a minivan. The standard 271-bhp 3.5-liter V-6 provides smooth performance coupled to a 5-speed automatic transmission and choice of front- or all-wheel drive. Beefed-up double-wishbone front and multilink rear suspension delivers supple ride and handling. The fastback styling isn't for everyone, yet it provides clever storage solutions via a large tailgate with a hidden, removable utility box in the load floor and remote levers to release the split rear seatbacks. The base EX is well-equipped, while the EX-L adds heated leather seats, 18-in. alloys and offers a navigation system with rearview camera.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	110.1 in.
Length/width/height	196.8/74.7/65.8 in.
Curb weight	3852 lb
Engines	3.5-liter dohc 24V V-6, 271 bhp
Transmission	5A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	18.5 gal.
Luggage capacity	25.7 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles

CROSSOVER SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Ground clearance	8.1 in.
Max tow capacity	1500 lb
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Civic, Si, Hybrid



\$15,605–\$23,950

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
26 mpg city >>> 34 mpg hwy



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| Compare To: | Pro: |
| • Chevrolet Cruze | Hybrid, Si |
| • Ford Focus | Con: |
| • Kia Forte Koup | Redesign coming |
| • Nissan Sentra | What's New: |
| • Toyota Corolla | Unchanged for 2011 |

One of the reasons the Civic has such a huge following is that Honda's compact offers something for everyone. Basic transportation with a fun-to-drive character is the name of the game for the DX and LX sedan and coupe. Moving up to the EX nets luxury content capped by the leather-trimmed EX-L. The Si coupe and sedan target enthusiasts with a 197-hp 2.0-liter i-VTEC 4-cylinder, 6-speed manual gearbox, helical limited-slip differential, sport-tuned suspension, 17-in. alloys and rear spoiler. At the other end of the spectrum, the Civic Hybrid is all about economy of operation with its fuel-sipping, high-tech gasoline-electric powertrain. Finally, the Civic GX is the only dedicated natural-gas-powered car currently available for consumers.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	106.3 in.
Length/width/height	177.3/69.0/56.5 in.
Curb weight	2630 lb
Engines	1.8-liter sohc 16V I-4, 140 bhp; 2.0-liter dohc 16V I-4, 197 bhp; 1.3-liter sohc I-4/electric motor, 130 hp (Hybrid)
Transmission	5M, 6M, 5A, CVT
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	13.2 gal.
Luggage capacity	12.0 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles; Hybrid components 8 years/100,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.
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HONDA
CR-V



\$21,695–\$28,645

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
21 mpg city >>> 28 mpg hwy



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| Compare To: | Pro: |
| • Ford Escape | Quality reputation |
| • Hyundai Tucson | Con: |
| • Nissan Rogue | Still no V-6 |
| • Subaru Forester | What's New: |
| • Toyota RAV4 | SE model |

Following last year's styling, feature and power upgrades, the CR-V lineup gains a new Special Edition (SE) for 2011. This value-oriented model adds 17-in. alloys, a 6-disc CD changer, privacy glass and steering-wheel audio controls to the list of LX standards. Otherwise unchanged, the CR-V continues to be immensely popular by virtue of its fuel-thrifty 2.4-liter 4-cylinder engine, nimble size, car-like ride and fastidious attention to detail. Front- and all-wheel-drive models are equipped with stability control, side-curtain airbags with rollover sensors and side airbags. The upscale EX-L has leather trim, heated seats, satellite radio and a USB port. Premium 7-speaker audio and Bluetooth are packaged with its optional navigation system.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/fwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	103.1 in.
Length/width/height	179.3/71.6/66.1 in.
Curb weight	3386 lb
Engines	2.4-liter dohc 16V I-4, 180 bhp
Transmission	5A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	15.3 gal.
Luggage capacity	35.7/72.9 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles
CROSSOVER SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Ground clearance	6.7 in.
Max tow capacity	1500 lb
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HONDA
CR-Z



\$19,200–\$23,210

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
est 31 mpg city >>> 37 mpg hwy



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| Compare To: | Pro: |
| • Kia Forte Koup | Sporty, thrifty |
| • Mazda3 | Con: |
| • Mini Cooper | No sports car |
| • Mitsubishi Eclipse | What's New: |
| • Scion tC | All-new model |

With the all-new CR-Z, Honda is injecting the words "sporty" and "fun to drive" into the hybrid lexicon. The 2-seater with "one-motion wedge" styling evokes the CRX of the '80s and first-generation Insight. Structural architecture is shared with the Fit and current Insight. The CR-Z's Integrated Motor Assist couples the Fit's 1.5-liter i-VTEC 4-cylinder to a 10-kW electric motor. This results in a combined output of 122 hp and EPA estimates of 35 mpg city/39 mpg highway with the continuously variable transmission or 31/37 with the 6-speed manual gearbox. Base and EX models feature a 3-mode drive system with Sport/Normal/Econ settings, 3-D style gauges, silver mesh fabric on the sport buckets and a two-compartment console behind the seats.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	95.9 in.
Length/width/height	160.6/68.5/54.9 in.
Curb weight	2637 lb
Engines	1.5-liter sohc 16V I-4/electric motor, 122 hp (Hybrid)
Transmission	6M, CVT
Seating capacity	2
Fuel capacity	10.6 gal.
Luggage capacity	25.1 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles; Hybrid components 8 years/100,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.
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HONDA



Element

\$20,525–\$25,585

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
20 mpg city >>> 25 mpg hwy



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| Compare To: | Pro: |
| • Chevrolet HHR | Versatile cabin |
| • Hyundai Tucson | Con: |
| • Jeep Patriot | Only seats four |
| • Kia Soul | What's New: |
| • Scion xB | Unchanged for 2011 |

The Element seems like the perfect fit for folks with active lifestyles who load it with surfboards, sports equipment or mountain bikes. With a cleverly designed utilitarian cabin, it also makes a fine car kennel. In fact, Honda introduced a Dog Friendly pet accommodation system last year including a nylon webbed divider, a pet bed for the cargo area, second-row seat covers, extendable ramp for loading and unloading Fido and a 12V rear ventilation fan. Yet the Element hasn't completely gone to the dogs. It offers LX, EX and SC models propelled by an economical 4-cylinder engine and a choice of front- or all-wheel drive. Looking neat on the street, the sporty SC has a lowered ride height, 18-in. alloy wheels, monochrome trim and copper-hue gauges.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	101.4 in.
Length/width/height	169.9/71.6/70.4 in.
Curb weight	3515 lb
Engines	2.4-liter dohc 16V I-4, 166 bhp
Transmission	5M, 5A
Seating capacity	4
Fuel capacity	15.9 gal.
Luggage capacity	25.1/74.6 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles
CROSSOVER SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Ground clearance	6.9 in.
Max tow capacity	1500 lb
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FCX Clarity

\$600/month lease

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
79 gge city >>> 68 gge hwy* (*mpg equivalent)



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| Compare To: | Pro: |
| • Nothing | Zero emissions. Really. |
| | Con: |
| | Few refueling stations |
| | What's New: |
| | Unchanged for 2011 |

If Honda sticks to its plan of building 200 FCX Clarity hydrogen-powered cars over a 3-year period, this could be the final season for the mobile science lab. From a pool of 50,000 hand-raisers, only a handful qualified for a 3-year lease. Hollywood celebrities and those who live near the limited network of refueling stations were top contenders. The FCX Clarity is motivated by an electric motor that runs on energy generated in a hydrogen fuel cell. This zero-emissions vehicle emits only water from its tailpipe. Fuel efficiency is said to be three times that of a gas-powered car or double a gas-electric hybrid. Without a serious push for a national hydrogen refueling infrastructure, cars like this may sadly be a vision of the distant future.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	110.2 in.
Length/width/height	190.3/72.7/57.8 in.
Curb weight	3582 lb
Propulsion	hydrogen fuel cell, electric motor, lithium-ion battery
Transmission	none
Seating capacity	4
Fuel capacity	4.1 kg @ 5000 psi
Luggage capacity	13.1 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	All maintenance provided during 3-year lease
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	std
Bluetooth	std
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HONDA



Fit

\$14,900–\$19,110

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
28 mpg city >>> 35 mpg hwy



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| Compare To: | Pro: |
| • Chevrolet Aveo | Roomy, spunky |
| • Ford Fiesta | Con: |
| • Mazda2 | Beam rear axle |
| • Scion xD | What's New: |
| • Toyota Yaris | Feature upgrades |

Honda's second-generation Fit, introduced here just two years ago, proves that U.S. buyers are embracing tiny cars that used to be forbidden Japanese fruit. What makes the Fit so tasty is its remarkably roomy cabin, fuel-stingy, though peppery 1.5-liter i-VTEC 4-cylinder engine and snazzy, cab-forward styling. The well-equipped base Fit gains standard cruise control, USB audio input and keyless entry. Meanwhile, the Fit Sport adds stability control and floor mats to its list of standard features that also includes a full body kit, 16-in. alloys and foglights. Both have a 3-mode rear Magic Seat that offers flexibility to carry different size cargo or vanish into the floor. Budget permitting, a navigation system can be added to the Sport.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/beam
Wheelbase	98.4 in.
Length/width/height	161.6/66.7/60.0 in.
Curb weight	2489 lb
Engines	1.5-liter sohc 16V I-4, 117 bhp
Transmission	5M, 5A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	10.6 gal.
Luggage capacity	20.6 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.
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HONDA

Insight



\$19,800–\$23,100

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
40 mpg city >>> 43 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Ford Fusion Hybrid
- Hyundai Sonata Hybrid
- Nissan Altima Hybrid
- Toyota Prius

Pro:

Great mpg

Con:

Prius more efficient

What's New:

Base model

Entering its second year since its rebirth as a 5-door hatchback, the Insight hybrid sees a number of changes. A new as-yet-unnamed base model (DX?) becomes the value leader. Compared to the LX, it eschews features such as cruise control, a security system and rear speakers in the name of affordability. Meanwhile, the LX gains stability control, a USB port, cruise control and a center armrest console. The top EX adds steering-wheel audio controls and floor mats. The Insight's raison d'être remains fuel efficiency, with EPA estimates of 40 mpg city/43 mpg highway. Honda's Integrated Motor Assist technology does the trick by mating an efficient 1.3-liter 4-cylinder gasoline engine with an electric motor and a continuously variable transmission.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/beam
Wheelbase	100.4 in.
Length/width/height	172.3/66.7/56.2 in.
Curb weight	2723 lb
Engines	1.3-liter sohc I-4/electric motor, 98 hp
Transmission	CVT
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	10.6 gal.
Luggage capacity	15.9 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles; Hybrid components 8 years/100,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.
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Odyssey

\$27,800–\$43,250

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
18 mpg city >>> 27 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Chrysler Town & Country
- Dodge Grand Caravan
- Ford Flex
- Kia Sedona
- Toyota Sienna

Pro:

Versatile, safe

Con:

Pricy

What's New:

All-new vehicle

The all-new Odyssey is a feast for the eyes with its "lightning bolt" beltline styling, lower roofline and wider stance. Honda aims to retain its family-friendly, top-selling status with improved interior packaging. A new 3-mode second-row seat on 8-passenger models expands sideways for improved comfort. The third-row Magic Seat now vanishes into the floor with a single motion. A refined 3.5-liter V-6 with new dual-stage intake manifold nets a 6-bhp bump to 248 horsepower along with improved torque and fuel economy. The top Touring Elite model features Honda's first 6-speed automatic transmission (others retain a 5-speed) plus a 15-gig hard drive for audio files, a cooler box, navigation, rearview camera and blind-spot information system.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	118.1 in.
Length/width/height	202.9/79.2/68.4 in.
Curb weight	4337 lb
Engines	3.5-liter sohc 24V V-6, 248 bhp
Transmission	5A, 6A
Seating capacity	7, 8
Fuel capacity	21.0 gal.
Luggage capacity	38.4/93.1/148.5 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles

VAN SPECIFICS

Power side doors	avail.
Rear entertainment	avail.
Max tow capacity	3500 lb
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Pilot

\$28,045–\$40,395

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
17 mpg city >>> 23 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Chevrolet Traverse
- Ford Explorer
- Hyundai Veracruz
- Mazda CX-9
- Toyota Highlander

Pro:

Seats eight

Con:

Square-jaw styling

What's New:

EX-L with nav

The Pilot offers just about everything one would want in a midsize crossover. Upright styling results in maximized interior space with standard seats for eight. Yet its garage-friendly dimensions make it easier to maneuver than a full-size SUV. The standard 250-bhp 3.5-liter V-6 with Variable Cylinder Management saves fuel by deactivating cylinders at highway speeds. Pilot LX, EX, EX-L and Touring feature front- or all-wheel drive with towing capacity up to 4500 lb. Second- and third-row seats fold into the floor for 87.0 cu. ft. of cargo capacity. The EX-L now can be fitted with navigation, which was formerly a Touring exclusive. The latter model is loaded with a rear entertainment system, power tailgate and 10-speaker, 512-watt premium audio.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/fwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	109.2 in.
Length/width/height	190.9/78.5/71.0 in.
Curb weight	4319 lb
Engines	3.5-liter sohc 24V V-6, 250 bhp
Transmission	5A
Seating capacity	8
Fuel capacity	21.0 gal.
Luggage capacity	18.0/47.7/87.0 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles

CROSSOVER SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Ground clearance	8.0 in.
Max tow capacity	4500 lb
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HONDA

Ridgeline

\$28,900–\$36,830

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:

15 mpg city >>> 20 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Chevrolet Avalanche
- Dodge Dakota
- GMC Canyon
- Nissan Frontier
- Toyota Tacoma

Pro:

Solid construction

Con:

Thirsty, small bed

What's New:

Unchanged for 2011

Rather than risk billions to build a body-on-frame pickup, Honda created a clever alternative called the Ridgeline. Riding on a stretched Pilot SUV unit-body platform, the Ridgeline offers a smooth car-like ride. Four-wheel independent suspension along with a highly rigid body does the trick. A 250-hp 3.5-liter V-6 is coupled to a 5-speed automatic transmission and standard full-time all-wheel drive. The Ridgeline's 5-ft. bed is a bit short by pickup standards. However, it offers half-ton payload capacity, dual-action tailgate and a nifty in-bed trunk. Three trim levels, RT, RTS and RTL, equip the comfortable cabin with plenty of creature comforts. When fitted with optional navigation, the RTL also includes Bluetooth and a rearview camera.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/all-wheel drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	122.0 in.
Length/width/height	207.0/77.8/70.3 in.
Curb weight	4504 lb
Engines	3.5-liter sohc 24V V-6, 250 bhp
Transmission	5A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	22.0 gal.
Max payload	1546 lb
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles

TRUCK SPECIFICS

Cabs	4D
Bed lengths	60.0 in.
Max tow capacity	5000 lb

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FORD F-150: NEW ECOBOOST V-6

A twin-turbo EcoBoost V-6 engine is making its way into the 2011 Ford F-150 pickup early in the calendar year. The gasoline direct-injection engine, longitudinally mounted and displacing 3.5 liters, is expected to produce around 390 bhp and 400 lb.-ft. of torque, with 90 percent of the latter value available at a very low 2000 rpm. For comparison, Ford's naturally aspirated 6.2-liter V-8 is a stronger powerplant, putting out 411 bhp and 434 lb.-ft. of torque. The EcoBoost powerplant, however, will get much better fuel economy because it's a smaller-displacement engine that only burns lots of fuel when it's on boost and working hard.



With variable cam timing on both the intake and exhaust sides, the new EcoBoost models (all except the Raptor and Harley Davidson versions) are expected to be able to tow a trailer weighing up to 11,300 lb., aided by the new 6R80 6-speed automatic transmission that is standard on all 2011 F-150s and includes a manual-shift function. Although the EcoBoost V-6 is based on an engine that began life as a transverse powerplant in a front-drive car, it's a tough unit with a die-cast deep-skirt aluminum block, a forged crankshaft, new cylinder heads, longer-duration camshafts and a significantly improved cooling system.

DODGE RAM: TWO-MODE PLUG-IN



Even though Chrysler pulled the plug on the Two-Mode hybrid version of the Ram 1500 half-ton pickup earlier this year, it's full speed ahead for a plug-in electric version, as seen in pictures just caught by our spies and confirmed as the PEV Ram prototypes by Chrysler sources. Chrysler is using a modified version of the Two-Mode hybrid transmission (manufactured by GM) to develop a test group of extended-range electric Rams as part of a \$48 million grant from the U.S. Department of Energy. The vehicles—equipped with a 5.7-liter Hemi V-8 and 12-kilowatt-hour lithium-ion battery—are capable of up to 20 miles of zero-emissions, all-electric range without gasoline. Overall fuel economy is expected to improve by more than 65 percent for average drive cycles.

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Accent

est \$9970-\$15,070

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
28 mpg city >>> 34 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Chevrolet Aveo
- Ford Fiesta
- Honda Fit
- Nissan Versa
- Toyota Yaris

Pro:

Great price, mpg

Con:

Bug-eyed looks

What's New:

Unchanged for 2011

When money's tight, as it is for many Americans, it's good to know that you can still buy a brand-new car with a warranty for the price of many used beaters. Hyundai's thrifty Accent is a perfect example, starting at around 10 grand. Last year, Hyundai made it even more affordable to own by improving fuel economy by 9 percent with help from lower-friction engine components, aerodynamic improvements, low rolling resistance tires and other tweaks. The Accent Blue goes even further with revised transmission ratios and lowered ride height. Carryover for 2011, the Accent is available in GS 3-Door, GLS 4-Door and SE 3-Door versions, with an automatic or manual transmission. Standard and available equipment includes six airbags, ABS and air conditioning.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/beam
Wheelbase	98.4 in.
Length/width/height	159.3/66.7/57.9 in.
Curb weight	2365 lb
Engines	1.6-liter dohc 16V I-4, 110 bhp
Transmission	5M, 4A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	11.9 gal.
Luggage capacity	12.4 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	10 years/100,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	na
Bluetooth	na

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Azera

est \$25,495-\$30,095

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
20 mpg city >>> 28 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Buick LaCrosse
- Ford Taurus
- Lexus ES 350
- Nissan Maxima
- Toyota Avalon

Pro:

Roomy interior

Con:

Dated chassis

What's New:

6-speed automatic

The Azera is Hyundai's combatant in the hotly contested family sedan segment, and this year it turns up the wick with a major power increase and better fuel efficiency. In addition, there are updates to the bumper fascias, trunklid and alloy wheels, and the headlights now have LED surround accent lighting. Two models are offered: GLS and Limited. The GLS gets the base 3.3-liter V-6, while the Limited rolls with a 3.8-liter V-6. Both engines are backed by a new Hyundai-built 6-speed automatic transmission with Shiftronic manual control. Standard features include power driver and front passenger seats, power rear sunshade and dual front automatic climate controls. An available Navigation Package on the Limited includes a 605-watt Logic 7 audio system.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	109.4 in.
Length/width/height	192.7/72.8/58.7 in.
Curb weight	3576 lb
Engines	3.3-liter dohc 24V V-6, 260 bhp; 3.8-liter dohc 24V V-6, 283 bhp
Transmission	6A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	19.8 gal.
Luggage capacity	17.0 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	10 years/100,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.

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Elantra/Elantra Touring

est \$14,145-\$19,495

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
20 mpg city >>> 28 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Ford Focus
- Honda Civic
- Kia Forte
- Nissan Sentra
- Toyota Corolla

Pro:

Frugal Blue model

Con:

Blue's a/c optional

What's New:

Leather for SE Touring

Searching for an economically priced alternative to the mainstream compacts? The Hyundai Elantra is worth a look. Engineering enhancements to the sedan in 2010 yielded improved fuel economy, and a new lower-priced, gas-sipping Blue model was also introduced. For 2011, Hyundai has turned its attention to the Elantra Touring, its small wagon. The top dog SE model receives leather seating surfaces, while a new "EZ Lane Change Assist" feature that provides three signal clicks with one touch is now standard. The base GLS boasts air conditioning, power windows and door locks, remote entry, and available features such as heated front seats, power sunroof and B&M Racing sport shifter. Safety features include six airbags and disc brakes with ABS.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	104.3, 106.3 in.
Length/width/height	176.2/69.5/59.8 in.
Curb weight	2937 lb
Engines	2.0-liter dohc 16V I-4, 138 bhp
Transmission	5M, 4A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	14.0 gal.
Luggage capacity	24.3/65.3 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	10 years/100,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	na
Bluetooth	avail.

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Equus

\$57,700

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
16 mpg city >>> 24 mpg hwy



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| Compare To: | Pro: |
| • BMW 550i | World-class amenities |
| • Cadillac STS | Con: |
| • Lexus LS 460 | A \$50,000 Hyundai? |
| • Lincoln Town Car | What's New: |
| • Mercedes S550 | All-new vehicle |

For years, Hyundai has, somewhat loftily, compared its cars to luxury examples costing tens of thousands more. Now it's playing hardball with the all-new flagship Equus—a legitimate full-size luxury car aimed squarely at the Lexus LS 460 and Mercedes-Benz S550. Designed to compete on every front, the Equus offers more standard horsepower at a base price that is between \$15,000–\$40,000 less. A roomy, leather-swathed interior features an Alcantara headliner, natural wood trim and a leather-wrapped, French-stitched instrument panel. The electronically controlled air suspension offers Sport and Normal settings, and complements the variable-effort steering system. Electronic stability control, nine airbags and smart cruise control are standard fare on this large new Hyundai.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/rear drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	119.9 in.
Length/width/height	203.1/74.4/58.7 in.
Curb weight	4449 lb
Engines	4.6-liter dohc 32V V-8, 378 bhp; 4.6-liter dohc 32V V-8, 385 bhp
Transmission	6A
Seating capacity	5, 4
Fuel capacity	20.3 gal.
Luggage capacity	16.7 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	10 years/100,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	std
Bluetooth	std
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Genesis

\$33,000–\$43,000

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
18 mpg city >>> 27 mpg hwy



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| Compare To: | Pro: |
| • BMW 5 Series | Great warranty |
| • Cadillac CTS | Con: |
| • Lexus GS | Derivative styling |
| • Mercedes E-Class | What's New: |
| • Infiniti M37, M56 | Std Tech Package (V-8) |

Hyundai tipped over the midsize luxury apple cart when it introduced its handsome Genesis. This year, the car continues on largely unchanged, save for some welcome additions to interior content. Available with a 3.8-liter V-6 or 4.6-liter V-8 and 6-speed Shiftronic automatic transmission, the 4.6 model now comes standard with a Technology Package that adds a 17-speaker Lexicon audio system, navigation, back-up camera, adaptive HID headlights, Bluetooth connectivity, smart cruise control and more to an already loaded automobile. Of course, you'll get leather, automatic climate control and power sunroof, but also safety features like 4-wheel disc brakes with ABS and brake assist, rack-and-pinion steering, traction control and six airbags.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/rear drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	115.6 in.
Length/width/height	195.9/74.4/58.1 in.
Curb weight	3748 lb
Engines	3.8-liter dohc 24V V-6, 290 bhp; 4.6-liter dohc 32V V-8, 385 bhp
Transmission	6A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	19.3 gal.
Luggage capacity	16.0 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	10 years/100,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	std
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HYUNDAI

Genesis Coupe

\$22,250–\$32,250

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
21 mpg city >>> 30 mpg hwy



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| Compare To: | Pro: |
| • BMW 3 Series Coupe | Rear-wheel drive |
| • Chevrolet Camaro | Con: |
| • Ford Mustang | Trans tied to trim levels |
| • Infiniti G37 | What's New: |
| • Nissan 370Z | 3.8 R-Spec model |

Although the sleek Hyundai Genesis Coupe was introduced just last year, it returns for 2011 with a number of revisions. All trim levels receive interior refinements such as soft-touch finishes, padded door armrests and cloth-wrapped A-pillars. And, with the addition of its hottest model yet, the 3.8 R-Spec, the Genesis Coupe is now offered in six different flavors with either a 2.0-liter turbocharged four or 3.8-liter V-6 and three transmission choices. The base 2.0T and 2.0T Premium offer budget performance, while the R-Spec and Track models boast upgrades like 19-in. wheels, Brembo brake calipers and track-tuned suspension. Opt for the Grand Touring and you'll get automatic climate control, leather seating surfaces and touchscreen navigation.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/rear drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	111.0 in.
Length/width/height	182.3/73.4/54.5 in.
Curb weight	3294 lb
Engines	2.0-liter turbo dohc 16V I-4, 210 bhp; 3.8-liter dohc 24V V-6, 306 bhp
Transmission	6M, 6A, 5A
Seating capacity	2+2
Fuel capacity	17.2 gal.
Luggage capacity	10.0 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	10 years/100,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	std
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HYUNDAI

Santa Fe

est \$21,695-\$26,645

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
19 mpg city >>> 26 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Chevrolet Equinox
- Ford Escape
- Kia Sorento
- Nissan Rogue
- Toyota RAV4

Pro:

Contemporary styling

Con:

No longer a bargain

What's New:

Carryover this year

With midsize crossovers growing in popularity, Hyundai felt the heat and stepped up its game with a redesigned Santa Fe last year. For 2011, the Santa Fe continues with two powerplant choices and two transmissions in either front- or all-wheel drive. A purpose-built unit-body platform with MacPherson struts front and a multilink arrangement rear helps soak up the bumps, and there are three trim levels to suit your needs and budget: GLS, SE and Limited. Standard and available features include 18-in. aluminum wheels, air conditioning, cruise control and power windows/door locks. The second seating row offers 60/40 split folding convenience, and safety is provided by a standard traction control system, six airbags and 4-wheel disc brakes with ABS.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/fwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	106.3 in.
Length/width/height	184.1/74.4/67.9 in.
Curb weight	3688 lb
Engines	2.4-liter dohc 16V I-4, 175 bhp; 3.5-liter dohc 24V V-6, 276 bhp
Transmission	6M, 6A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	18.0 gal.
Luggage capacity	34.2/78.2 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	10 years/100,000 miles

CROSSOVER SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Ground clearance	8.1 in.
Max tow capacity	na

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HYUNDAI

Sonata, Sonata Hybrid

est \$19,195-\$35,000

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
24 mpg city >>> 35 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Chevrolet Malibu
- Ford Fusion
- Honda Accord
- Nissan Altima
- Toyota Camry

Pro:

Elegant styling

Con:

No V-6 offered

What's New:

Too much "style?"

There's no question Hyundai has become a legitimate player in the competitive midsize sedan market. But for 2011, it plans to lead the pack with an all-new Sonata, new engines and even a hybrid model. An eye-pleasing "fluidic sculpture" body design is powered by a 2.4-liter direct-injection engine and an available Hyundai-sourced 6-speed automatic. By the time you read this, Hyundai will have also rolled out the Sonata 2.0T with a 274-bhp 2.0-liter turbo four, and the Sonata Hybrid. Designed by Hyundai, this latter model is the first parallel hybrid to use lithium-polymer batteries, delivering full electric operation at up to 62 mph. All Sonata models offer features such as stability/traction control, six airbags and ABS brakes.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	109.4 in.
Length/width/height	192.7/72.8/58.7 in.
Curb weight	3576 lb
Engines	2.4-liter dohc 16V I-4, 190 bhp; 2.4-liter dohc 16V I-4, 198 bhp; 2.4-liter dohc 16V I-4, 200 bhp; 2.0-liter turbo dohc 16V I-4, 274 bhp; 2.4-liter dohc 16V I-4/electric motor, 209 hp (Hybrid)
Transmission	6A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	19.8 gal.
Luggage capacity	17.0 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	10 years/100,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.

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HYUNDAI

Tucson

\$18,745-\$26,195

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
21 mpg city >>> 29 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Chevrolet Equinox
- Ford Escape
- Honda CR-V
- Toyota RAV4
- Volkswagen Tiguan

Pro:

Bargain-priced GL

Con:

No V-6 offered

What's New:

Loaded GLS

Not all who seek a fuel-efficient vehicle want a nondescript 4-door compact, but sometimes it seems like this is the only option. Enter Hyundai's Tucson crossover—a cute ute that is now offered in an economically priced, front-wheel-drive-only GL model. Meanwhile, the mid-grade GLS gets a raft of new standard equipment for 2011, such as 17-in. alloy wheels, body color door handles and mirrors, tilt/telescoping steering wheel, Bluetooth hands-free phone system and other details. In addition, Tucson all-wheel-drive models come standard with heated front seats, and premium suspension is now standard on the upscale Limited model. Standard safety features include traction, stability, hill start assist and downhill brake controls, plus ABS.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/fwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	103.9 in.
Length/width/height	173.2/71.7/65.2 in.
Curb weight	3179 lb
Engines	2.0-liter dohc 16V I-4, 165 bhp; 2.4-liter dohc 16V I-4, 170 bhp; 2.4-liter dohc 16V I-4, 176 bhp
Transmission	6M, 6A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	14.5 gal.
Luggage capacity	25.7/55.8 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	10 years/100,000 miles

CROSSOVER SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Ground clearance	6.7 in.
Max tow capacity	2000 lb

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HYUNDAI

Veracruz

\$28,145–\$35,895

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
17 mpg city >>> 22 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Chevrolet Traverse
- Ford Edge
- Lexus RX 350
- Mazda CX-9
- Nissan Murano

Pro:

Well-equipped

Con:

Inconspicuous styling

What's New:

Carry-over for 2011

The Hyundai Veracruz may not be the best-known crossover on the market, but if you haven't placed it on your list of potential family vehicles, you could be missing out. With seating for seven, a quiet cabin and more cargo volume than a Mercedes GL, it could fill your needs without emptying your pockets. And though reasonably priced, it comes equipped with a 260-bhp V-6 engine, 6-speed automatic transmission and available electronically controlled all-wheel drive, plus six airbags, traction control and ABS. The base GLS comes standard with air conditioning, cruise control, power windows/locks and remote entry. The Limited adds leather, a sunroof and other features. Available equipment includes navigation and entertainment packages.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/fwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	103.9 in.
Length/width/height	173.2/71.7/65.2 in.
Curb weight	3179 lb
Engines	3.8-liter dohc 24V V-6, 260 bhp
Transmission	6A
Seating capacity	7
Fuel capacity	20.6 gal.
Luggage capacity	13.4/40.0/86.8 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	10 years/100,000 miles

CROSSOVER SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Ground clearance	8.1 in.
Max tow capacity	3500 lb

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INFINITI

EX35

est \$34,000–\$36,000

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
est 18 mpg city >>> 26 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Audi Q5
- BMW X3
- Cadillac SRX
- Lexus RX 350
- Volkswagen Tiguan

Pro:

Exterior styling

Con:

Rear seating is tight

What's New:

7-speed automatic

When an automaker develops a so-called "design language" for its vehicles, it works like linguistic magic on some cars and a foreign tongue on others. Infiniti's EX35 is magic, just the right form, just the right proportions. The same applies to the interior layout and design of this junior crossover, though rear seating can be tight for adults. There's one engine size for all EX35s, a 3.5-liter 297-bhp V-6 with 253 lb.-ft. of torque. For 2011, Infiniti upgrades the automatic transmission from 5 to 7 speeds. All-wheel drive is available on the standard EX35 and the EX35 Journey models. In addition to a variety of package changes for 2011, 18-in. wheels are now standard and the electroluminescent gauges have been revised.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/rwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	110.2 in.
Length/width/height	182.3/71.0/61.9 in.
Curb weight	3750 lb
Engines	3.5-liter dohc 24V V-6, 297 bhp
Transmission	7A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	20.0 gal.
Luggage capacity	18.6/47.4 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	6 years/70,000 miles

CROSSOVER SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Ground clearance	6.5 in.
Max tow capacity	not rated

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INFINITI

FX35, FX50

est \$42,500–\$58,500

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
est 17 mpg city >>> 25 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Acura MDX
- Lexus RX 350
- Lincoln MKX
- Porsche Cayenne
- Mercedes M-Class

Pro:

Sporty demeanor

Con:

Firm ride

What's New:

Power liftgate

Infiniti's second-generation FX is only two seasons old so there's little that's new for 2011. This is the automaker's sporty crossover that some love for its aggressiveness and others think is a bit too in your face. The character of the two FX versions is rather different, the 303-bhp 3.5-liter V-6 FX35 being a comfortable off-to-the-store machine, available with rear- or all-wheel drive. The FX50—awd only—and its 390-bhp 5.0-liter V-8 is sporty, ready to take on Porsche's Cayenne. Pretentious? Not with the FX's double-wishbone front/multilink rear suspension and optional Continuous Damping Control, Rear Active Steer and 21-in. wheels. There are minor changes for 2011, such as a power liftgate, new 20-in. wheels on the FX50 and a remixing of various packages.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/rwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	113.6 in.
Length/width/height	191.3/75.9/65.0 in.
Curb weight	4156 lb
Engines	3.5-liter dohc 24V V-6, 303 bhp; 5.0-liter dohc 32V V-8, 390 bhp
Transmission	7A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	23.8 gal.
Luggage capacity	24.8/62.0 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	6 years/70,000 miles

CROSSOVER SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Ground clearance	7.4 in.
Max tow capacity	3500 lb

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INFINITI

G25, G37

est \$33,500–\$44,000

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
est 18 mpg city >>> 26 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Audi A4
- BMW 3 Series
- Cadillac CTS
- Lexus IS
- Mercedes C-Class

Pro:

Sublime styling

Con:

Interior a bit snug

What's New:

Performance Line, G25

Infiniti hasn't changed the basics of its popular G37 series for 2011. From an aesthetic point of view that's fine with us. Typical of vehicles in mid-cycle, there are numerous upgrades to keep up with the pack. This means packaging various options in groups and giving better value for the money. All three models—the 4-door sedan, coupe and 3-piece hardtop convertible—are powered by a 3.7-liter V-6 with 328 bhp and a 7-speed automatic transmission. The sedan and coupe can be ordered with a 6-speed manual and all-wheel drive. New for 2011 are the G25 sedan with a 218-bhp 2.5-liter V-6 plus a Performance Line G coupe, with 18 more horsepower (than the 3.7), bigger brakes and some visual upgrades.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/rwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	112.2 in.
Length/width/height	187.0/69.8/57.2 in.
Curb weight	3581 lb
Engines	3.7-liter dohc 24V V-6, 328 bhp
Transmission	6M, 7A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	20.0 gal.
Luggage capacity	13.5 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	6 years/70,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.

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INFINITI

M37, M56

est \$33,500–\$44,000

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
est 18 mpg city >>> 26 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Audi A6
- BMW 5 Series
- Cadillac CTS
- Hyundai Genesis
- Mercedes E-Class

Pro:

Lavish interior

Con:

Exterior design

What's New:

All-new model

Infiniti's last M model was in never-never land...a nice car with a Rodney Dangerfield "get no respect" image. The Japanese automaker has taken a strong step to fix that image with its new M37/M56. Upgrading begins with a more aggressive albeit controversial exterior design, adding muscle with grace. Infiniti interiors do a good job of mixing style, form and functionality and that applies here too, particularly in the center stack/console area. You noticed the two names, the M37 having a 330-bhp 3.7-liter V-6 and the M56 bumping up to a direct-injection 420-bhp 5.6-liter V-8. Both are backed by a 7-speed automatic transmission and if you add an "x" behind the names you get all-wheel drive. Both luxu and sporty Ms are possible and next spring Infiniti adds the M35h, a hybrid.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/rwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	114.2 in.
Length/width/height	194.7/72.6/59.1 in.
Curb weight	3858 lb
Engines	3.7-liter dohc 24V V-6, 330 bhp; 5.6-liter dohc 32V V-8, 420 bhp
Transmission	7A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	20.0 gal.
Luggage capacity	14.9 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	6 years/70,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	std

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INFINITI

QX56

\$56,700–\$59,800

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
14 mpg city >>> 20 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Cadillac Escalade
- Ford Expedition
- Lexus LX 570
- Lincoln Navigator
- Mercedes GL-Class

Pro:

Nicely done interior

Con:

Exterior styling

What's New:

Styling, 5.6-liter V-8

Infiniti gives us several of the more sublimely shaped vehicles in their classes—the G37s, for instance—but the new second-generation QX56 leaves us bemused. It makes us wonder what served as a design inspiration for this large SUV. Still, you don't see the exterior when you're inside the QX56, which is dreamy. It's a good layout that's nicely detailed, and even the third row of seats looks right, not the afterthought it is in many big SUVs. And the Infiniti *is* big, at 208.3 in. long and weighing in at 5850 lb. with all-wheel drive. To motivate that, Infiniti equips the QX56 with a new 32-valve 5.6-liter V-8 with 400 bhp and 413 lb.-ft. of torque. Both 2- and 4-wheel-drive versions can be had with optional Hydraulic Body Motion Control.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/rwd, 4wd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	121.2 in.
Length/width/height	208.3/79.9/75.8 in.
Curb weight	5590 lb
Engines	5.6-liter dohc 32V V-8, 400 bhp
Transmission	7A
Seating capacity	7, 8
Fuel capacity	20.0 gal.
Luggage capacity	16.6/49.6/95.1 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	6 years/70,000 miles

SUV SPECIFICS

Low-range gearing	avail.
Ground clearance	9.2 in.
Max tow capacity	8500 lb

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JAGUAR

XF, XFR

\$52,500–\$79,600

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
16 mpg city >>> 23 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Audi A6
- BMW 5 Series
- Infiniti M
- Lexus GS
- Mercedes E-Class

Pro:

Exciting XFR

Con:

Tight rear leg room

What's New:

5.0-liter in base model

It's been two years since the new face of Jaguar appeared on the XF, so there's been little need for many changes. Jaguar's engine lineup has been simplified for 2011 with the base XF now being powered by the same 5.0-liter 385-bhp V-8 engine that powers all three Jaguar models. Despite producing much more horsepower, the bigger engine delivers the same fuel economy as the old 4.2-liter V-8 it replaces. The base 2011 XF also gets bigger front brakes. The XFR, powered by a supercharged version of the 5.0-liter V-8 pumping out 510 bhp with equally impressive torque figures, continues to be the car for those who enjoy an exhilarating drive. The 2011 XFR is now trimmed up front with a black grille instead of silver, and has optional "R"-branded red brake calipers.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/rear drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	114.5 in.
Length/width/height	195.3/73.9/57.5 in.
Curb weight	4067 lb
Engines	5.0-liter dohc 32V V-8, 385 bhp; 5.0-liter supercharged dohc 32V V-8, 470 bhp; 5.0-liter supercharged dohc 32V V-8, 510 bhp
Transmission	6A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	18.4 gal.
Luggage capacity	17.7 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	4 years/50,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	std
Bluetooth	std

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JAGUAR

XJ, XJL

\$72,700–\$113,200

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
16 mpg city >>> 23 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Audi A8
- BMW 7 Series
- Lexus LS
- Maserati Quattroporte
- Mercedes S-Class

Pro:

Delightful interior

Con:

Odd rear-end design

What's New:

All-new vehicle

The all-new 2011 XJ is already turning heads with its dramatic presence—just as the original XJ6 did when it was first introduced over 40 years ago. The 2011 XJ continues with Jaguar's new design theme introduced with the XF a couple of years ago. The XJ is available with a choice of three engines; two of them are supercharged for increased performance and their drivelines include Active Differential Control. The long-wheelbase XJL model gives rear seat passengers an extra 5 in. of leg room. The XJ features a fancy 12.3-in. Virtual Instruments screen in place of regular gauges. Thanks to the extensive use of aluminum, the XJ is lighter than many competing models and consequently none of the XJs get hit with the federal gas-guzzler tax.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/rear drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	119.4 in.
Length/width/height	201.7/74.6/57.0 in.
Curb weight	4045 lb
Engines	5.0-liter dohc 32V V-8, 385 bhp; 5.0-liter supercharged dohc 32V V-8, 470 bhp; 5.0-liter supercharged dohc 32V V-8, 510 bhp
Transmission	6A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	21.7 gal.
Luggage capacity	18.4 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	4 years/50,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	std
Bluetooth	std

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JAGUAR

XK, XKR, XKR175

\$83,000–\$104,625

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
16 mpg city >>> 24 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Aston Martin DB9
- Cadillac CTS Coupe
- Maserati GranTurismo
- Mercedes SL-Class
- Porsche 911

Pro:

Beautiful Grand Tourer

Con:

Pricey

What's New:

XKR175 edition

The big news for 2011 is the special edition XKR175 that celebrates the 75th anniversary of the Jaguar name. There will be just 175 models available exclusively in North America. The XKR175 (coupe only) is powered by the same supercharged 510-bhp 5.0-liter V-8 that powers the regular XKR but its top speed is raised to 174 mph from 155 mph. Aerodynamic enhancements include front and rear spoilers, side sills and a rear diffuser. As an added touch, the XKR175 has an Ultimate Black paint job and Piano Black wood veneer inside, which is also available as an option on other XK variants. The only significant change to other XK models is the optional Advanced Technology Package that includes Adaptive Cruise Control and Adaptive Front Lighting.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/rear drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	108.3 in.
Length/width/height	188.6/81.5/52.0 in.
Curb weight	3670 lb
Engines	5.0-liter dohc 32V V-8, 385 bhp; 5.0-liter supercharged dohc 32V V-8, 510 bhp
Transmission	6A
Seating capacity	2+2
Fuel capacity	18.7 gal.
Luggage capacity	10.6 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	4 years/50,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	std
Bluetooth	std

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JEEP



Compass

est \$15,500-\$22,000

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:

est 23 mpg city >>> 28 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Dodge Caliber
- Honda CR-V
- Kia Soul
- Nissan Rogue
- Subaru Forester

Pro:

Economical

Con:

Jeep DNA is MIA

What's New:

Fresh sheet metal

The front-drive Compass is not cut from burly off-road cloth like other Jeeps, but compensates with better fuel economy, a low entry price and daily-commute manners. So far, potential buyers have remained skeptical. Jeep hopes to revive the slow-selling Compass' fortunes with fresh sheet metal for 2011 that sharpens the compact CUV's image. The base engine remains a 2.4-liter dohc 16-valve inline-4 with VVT, hooked to either a 5-speed manual or CVT. For optimum fuel economy, a 2.0-liter inline-4 cylinder is optional. A full-time active awd system is available, although if you want a low range, look to the Patriot. Hill-start Assist (with 5-speed) is standard, as are Electronic Roll Mitigation, front active head restraints and Electronic Stability Control.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/fwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	103.7 in.
Length/width/height	173.4/69.3/65.2 in.
Curb weight	3074 lb
Engines	2.0-liter dohc 16V I-4, 158 bhp; 2.4-liter dohc 16V I-4, 172 bhp
Transmission	5M, CVT
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	13.6 gal.
Luggage capacity	22.7/53.6 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/100,000 miles

CROSSOVER SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Ground clearance	8.1 in.
Max tow capacity	2000 lb

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JEEP

Grand Cherokee

\$30,215-\$41,910

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:

16 mpg city >>> 23 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- GMC Yukon
- Land Rover LR4
- Lexus GX 460
- Nissan Pathfinder
- Toyota 4Runner

Pro:

Awesome off-road

Con:

No 6-speed

What's New:

All-new vehicle

The Grand Cherokee is Chrysler's first post-bankruptcy all-new product. First impressions indicate a brighter future for Jeep. The GC is the first application of Chrysler's new "Pentastar" dohc VVT 3.6-liter V-6, which delivers 290 bhp and an 11-percent improvement in fuel economy. The carryover 5.7-liter V-8 is optional. Next, the interior has been vastly upgraded with soft-touch materials, real wood and leather, and a dual-plane panoramic sunroof. The new body isn't just slick, its torsional stiffness has been significantly improved. Underneath, the front and rear independent suspension is a fresh design. Jeep offers three 4x4 systems and a new Quadra-Lift air suspension can raise the vehicle 4.1 in., providing a maximum ground clearance of 10.7 in.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/rwd, awd, 4wd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	114.8 in.
Length/width/height	189.8/84.8/68.1 in.
Curb weight	4470 lb
Engines	3.6-liter dohc 24V V-6, 290 bhp; 5.7-liter ohv V-8, 360 bhp
Transmission	5A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	21.1 gal.
Luggage capacity	34.5/67.4 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles

SUV SPECIFICS

Low-range gearing	avail.
Ground clearance	10.7 in.
Max tow capacity	7200 lb

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JEEP

Liberty

\$30,215-\$41,910

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:

16 mpg city >>> 23 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Dodge Nitro
- Ford Escape
- Kia Sorento
- Nissan Xterra
- Suzuki Grand Vitara

Pro:

Sky Slider roof

Con:

No manual gearbox

What's New:

Renegade model

In a nod to classic Jeeps of the past, the Liberty line was expanded late in 2010 to include a Renegade, which is the headline news for 2011. The new Liberty Renegade model throws off a rugged attitude with blacked-out headlamp bezels, a matte-black hood decal, body-color grille, Mineral Gray 16-in. Keystone wheels, plus all the skidplates to back up the look. There's only one engine/transmission combo available in the Liberty—a 3.7-liter V-6 and 4-speed automatic—but, being a Jeep, there are two 4x4 systems to choose from, a full-time and a part-time system, both with a low range. The Jeep Liberty's most distinctive feature is the Sky Slider full open roof, which delivers that traditional open Jeep feeling.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/rwd, awd, 4wd
Suspension, f/r	ind/live
Wheelbase	106.1 in.
Length/width/height	176.1/73.1/71.3 in.
Curb weight	4076 lb
Engines	3.7-liter sohc V-6, 210 bhp
Transmission	4A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	19.5 gal.
Luggage capacity	25.2/60.9 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles

SUV SPECIFICS

Low-range gearing	avail.
Ground clearance	7.8 in.
Max tow capacity	5000 lb

www.jeep.com

JEEP
Patriot



est \$15,500-\$24,500
EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
est 23 mpg city >>> 28 mpg hwy



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| Compare To: | Pro: |
| • Ford Escape | Off-road capable |
| • Hyundai Tucson | Con: |
| • Mitsubishi Outlander | CVT unconvincing |
| • Nissan Rogue | What's New: |
| • Toyota RAV4 | Exterior detailing |

The Jeep Patriot crossover straddles that line between urban transport and trail-riding machine. It really will handle reasonable off-road challenges, and crawls down hills nicely when equipped with the Freedom Drive II off-road package, which includes hill-descent control, brake-traction control, an extra inch of ground clearance and a Continuously Variable Transmission (CVT) with low ratio. So equipped, it earns Jeep's "Trail Rated" designation. If city streets are more your territory, you could go the other direction with the 4x2 Sport model with optional 2.0-liter 4-cylinder and manual transmission, rated at 29 mpg on the highway. For something in between, go with the Limited model with Security and Convenience Group, which includes remote start (with CVT), Uconnect phone and tonneau cover.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/fwd, awd, 4wd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	103.7 in.
Length/width/height	173.6/69.1/65.7 in.
Curb weight	3115 lb
Engines	2.0-liter dohc 16V I-4, 158 bhp; 2.4-liter dohc 16V I-4, 172 bhp
Transmission	5M, CVT
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	13.6 gal.
Luggage capacity	23.0/54.2 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/100,000 miles
CROSSOVER SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Ground clearance	8.1 in.
Max tow capacity	2000 lb
www.jeep.com	

JEEP
Wrangler/Unlimited

\$21,165-\$28,775
EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
15 mpg city >>> 19 mpg hwy



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| Compare To: | Pro: |
| • Kia Sorento | Real deal off-road |
| • Land Rover LR4 | Con: |
| • Nissan Xterra | V-6 not enough |
| • Toyota FJ Cruiser | What's New: |
| | Instrument panel |

The tradition-oriented Jeep Wrangler has never followed the latest fashion trends (okay, there was that Levis package in the '70s), so when it does change, Jeep partisans take notice. For 2011 the Wrangler gets a new instrument panel that, among other things, makes available a touch-screen radio and optional Garmin navigation system. Grab the fat new steering wheel and you'll find audio controls on the backside, ideal for fingertip use. Also new is a body-color hardtop available on the Sahara. Otherwise, the spec sheet is stable: 2-door Wrangler or 4-door Unlimited, 3.8-liter V-6 with 6-speed manual or 4-speed automatic, choice of Sport, Sahara and trail-bustin' Rubicon. The Islander and Mountain models, late additions in 2010, don't appear to be returning to the Wrangler lineup for 2011.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/rwd, 4wd
Suspension, f/r	live/live
Wheelbase	95.4 in.
Length/width/height	152.8/73.7/70.9 in.
Curb weight	3760 lb
Engines	3.8-liter ohv V-6, 202 bhp
Transmission	6M, 4A
Seating capacity	4, 5
Fuel capacity	18.6 gal.
Luggage capacity	17.2/56.5 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles
SUV SPECIFICS	
Low-range gearing	avail.
Ground clearance	8.8 in.
Max tow capacity	3500 lb
www.jeep.com	

KIA
Forte



est \$14,000-\$19,000
EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
est 28 mpg city >>> 38 mpg hwy



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| Compare To: | Pro: |
| • Chevrolet Cobalt | Great styling |
| • Ford Focus | Con: |
| • Honda Civic | Needs more power |
| • Mazda3 | What's New: |
| • Mitsubishi Lancer | 5-door model |

Kia's well-received compact Forte is already in line for more enhancements after only being in production for one model year. The sedan and Koup models both receive new 6-speed transmissions with the automatic now controllable through steering wheel-mounted paddle shifters. Other new items include LED daytime running lights, and the option to add an in-dash navigation system. Also joining the Forte lineup this year is the all-new sporty 5-door hatch. It will share powertrains with the other two (2.0- and 2.4-liter inline-4s) but will feature a lower road stance, new grille, new lower valance and alloy wheels. Interior-wise, the 5-door introduces a revised center console and pushbutton ignition in addition to the other updates.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/beam
Wheelbase	104.3 in.
Length/width/height	176.4/69.5/55.1 in.
Curb weight	2707 lb
Engines	2.0-liter dohc 16V I-4, 156 bhp; 2.4-liter dohc 16V I-4, 173 bhp
Transmission	6M, 6A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	13.7 gal.
Luggage capacity	14.7 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	10 years/100,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	std
www.kia.com	

KIA

Optima

est \$19,000–\$28,000

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:

est 24 mpg city >>> 35 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Chevrolet Malibu
- Ford Fusion
- Hyundai Sonata
- Mazda6
- Toyota Camry

Pro:

Nice engine lineup

Con:

No turbo 6-sp manual

What's New:

All-new vehicle

Kia's aggressive new design language takes the brand's once-bland Optima sedan and transforms it into what may be the most desirable vehicle in the entry-level midsize segment. The new Optima takes on a 4-door coupe-like silhouette, similar to the Volkswagen CC's, and offers up three great new engine choices: a 2.4-liter inline-4 (200 bhp), a 2.0-liter turbocharged inline-4 (274 bhp!) and a 2.4-liter hybrid. Both auto and manual gearboxes are 6-speeds, the latter of which is only available in the base-model LX. The driver-oriented interior is as sleek as the outside, and you can option the luxury EX and SX models with items such as heated/cooled seats, navigation and a new voice-activated infotainment system called UVO, like Ford's Sync.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	110.0 in.
Length/width/height	190.7/72.0/57.3 in.
Curb weight	est 3600 lb
Engines	2.4-liter dohc 16V I-4, 200 bhp; 2.0-liter turbo dohc 16V I-4, 274 bhp; 2.4-liter dohc 16V I-4/electric motor, 209 hp (Hybrid)
Transmission	6M, 6A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	19.8 gal.
Luggage capacity	17.0 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	10 years/100,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.
www.kia.com	

KIA

Rio/Rio 5

\$12,295–\$16,395

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:

28 mpg city >>> 34 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Chevrolet Aveo
- Mazda2
- Scion xD
- Suzuki SX4
- Toyota Yaris

Pro:

Excellent warranty

Con:

No a/c for base model

What's New:

Bluetooth option

Although there aren't many changes to the Rio for 2011, this entry-level offering continues to impress. Receiving a small makeover for 2010—integrating Kia's new signature front grille and rear faux diffuser along with body-color bumpers—the Rio will now have a Bluetooth option available (LX, SX models) to complete the modern-day necessities list of satellite radio and USB/aux input that already come standard on all Rios. The 1.6-liter inline-4 features variable intake valve control that helps it achieve its 110 bhp as well as laudable fuel economy (28/34 manual, 27/36 automatic). To cap it all off, this B-segment car comes with Kia's grade "A" warranty, one that backs the powertrain for 10 years/100,000 miles. Impressive.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/beam
Wheelbase	98.4 in.
Length/width/height	166.9/66.7/57.9 in.
Curb weight	2365 lb
Engines	1.6-liter dohc 16V I-4, 110 bhp
Transmission	5M, 4A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	11.9 gal.
Luggage capacity	11.9 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	10 years/100,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	na
Bluetooth	avail.
www.kia.com	

KIA

Sedona

\$24,595–\$29,195

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:

18 mpg city >>> 25 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Dodge Grand Caravan
- Honda Odyssey
- Nissan Quest
- Toyota Sienna
- Volkswagen Routan

Pro:

More power, mpg

Con:

Dated exterior

What's New:

EcoMinder indicator

If you don't mind that the Sedona's appearance hasn't really changed since 2006, then you'll be pleased with what this minivan has to offer. First and foremost the Sedona sees a nice 27-bhp bump (271 bhp total), courtesy of new 3.5-liter V-6 engine that comes mated to a new 6-speed transmission, replacing the previous 5-speed automatic. The new transmission earns the Sedona an additional 2 mpg on the EPA's highway cycle which is slightly better than the Toyota Sienna's rating despite its making less power. Bluetooth is now standard as is the EcoMinder Indicator (that helps drivers drive more efficiently) and new steering wheel-mounted audio controls. Lastly, the EX model gets new 17-in. wheels and extra convenience items.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	113.8 in.
Length/width/height	189.4/78.1/69.3 in.
Curb weight	4374 lb
Engines	3.5-liter dohc 24V V-6, 271 bhp
Transmission	6A
Seating capacity	7
Fuel capacity	21.1 gal.
Luggage capacity	32.2/80.1/141.5 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	10 years/100,000 miles
VAN SPECIFICS	
Power side doors	avail.
Rear entertainment	avail.
Max tow capacity	3500 lb
www.kia.com	

KIA 
Sorento

\$22,395–\$33,895
 EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
20 mpg city >>> 27 mpg hwy



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| Compare To: | Pro: |
| • Chevrolet Equinox | Room for seven |
| • Ford Edge | Con: |
| • Honda Pilot | 4-cyl. tow capacity |
| • Subaru Forester | What's New: |
| • Toyota 4Runner | All-new vehicle |

With no Borregos being built for 2011, the all-new Sorento is now the biggest player in Kia's lineup. There are plenty of things to like about this mid-size crossover including its attractive exterior, its available 3.5-liter V-6 engine, the availability of all-wheel drive (with a locking center differential) in any model and its available third-row seating. Compare the Sorento to some of its closest competitors and you'll discover how aggressive Kia is in providing unmatched value for its buyers (i.e., Sirius satellite radio and Bluetooth are standard). Not to mention that Kia spares no expense on the safety front, fitting six airbags and a host of electronic safety aids that helped the Sorento earn a "2010 Top Safety Pick" distinction from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/fwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	106.3 in.
Length/width/height	183.9/74.2/67.3 in.
Curb weight	3796 lb
Engines	2.4-liter dohc 16V I-4, 175 bhp; 3.5-liter dohc 24V V-6, 276 bhp
Transmission	6A
Seating capacity	7
Fuel capacity	18.0 gal.
Luggage capacity	9.1/37.0/72.5 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	10 years/100,000 miles
CROSSOVER SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Ground clearance	7.5 in.
Max tow capacity	1650 lb
www.kia.com	

KIA 
Soul

\$13,300–\$18,195
 EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
26 mpg city >>> 31 mpg hwy



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| Compare To: | Pro: |
| • Honda Fit | Eye-catching box |
| • Nissan Cube | Con: |
| • Mitsubishi Outlander Sport | Meager base engine |
| • Scion xB | What's New: |
| | Speaker light colors |

The Soul is Kia's utility-friendly, box-on-wheels introduced just last year. For 2011 this box gets packed with even more standard items such as a trip computer, illuminated window switches and metallic-color instrument faces. New optional equipment includes a pushbutton ignition, automatic climate control, leather seats, heated outside mirrors and two new LED colors (blue and green) should you opt for the premium audio system that features speaker lights that can be synched to the beat of your music. The two engines available are 1.6- and 2.0-liter inline-4s that make 122 bhp and 142 bhp, respectively, the former of which you get in the Base model with a 5-speed manual. The other three trims get the 2.0-liter with the 5-speed or optional 4-speed automatic.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/beam
Wheelbase	100.4 in.
Length/width/height	161.6/70.3/63.4 in.
Curb weight	2560 lb
Engines	1.6-liter dohc 16V I-4, 122 bhp; 2.0-liter dohc 16V I-4, 142 bhp
Transmission	5M, 4A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	12.7 gal.
Luggage capacity	23.7/53.4 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	10 years/100,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	na
Bluetooth	avail.
www.kia.com	

KIA 
Sportage

\$18,295–\$24,795
 EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
21 mpg city >>> 29 mpg hwy



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| Compare To: | Pro: |
| • Honda CR-V | More power |
| • Mazda CX-7 | Con: |
| • Mitsubishi Outlander | No awd with manual |
| • Suzuki Grand Vitara | What's New: |
| • Toyota RAV4 | All-new vehicle |

The all-new Sportage receives a huge upgrade in the aesthetics department, along with two new engines utilizing direct fuel injection—one of them a powerful turbocharged 2.0-liter making over 270 bhp. The 2.4-liter inline-4 that comes in the Base, LX and EX trims makes more power (176 bhp) than the outgoing 2.7-liter V-6 and is far more fuel-efficient. There's a choice of a 6-speed manual (Base only) or 6-speed automatic, the latter of which you can get with full-time, electronically controlled all-wheel drive. As far as equipment goes, USB/aux audio inputs and Bluetooth phone connectivity with streaming audio are standard even on Base models, with options such as navigation, a panoramic sunroof and air-cooled seats available in higher trims.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/fwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	103.9 in.
Length/width/height	174.8/73.0/64.4 in.
Curb weight	3157 lb
Engines	2.0-liter turbo dohc 16V I-4, est 270 bhp; 2.4-liter dohc 16V I-4, 170 bhp; 2.4-liter dohc 16V I-4, 176 bhp
Transmission	6M, 6A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	14.5 gal.
Luggage capacity	26.1/54.6 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	10 years/100,000 miles
CROSSOVER SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Ground clearance	6.8 in.
Max tow capacity	2000 lb
www.kia.com	

LAMBORGHINI

Gallardo Superleggera

est \$200,000-\$237,600

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
14 mpg city >>> 20 mpg hwy



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| Compare To: | Pro: |
| • Aston Martin DBS | Sleek, agile |
| • Audi R8 V10 | Con: |
| • Ferrari 458 Italia | Clunky e-gear |
| • Mercedes SLS AMG | What's New: |
| • Porsche 911 GT3 | The Superleggera |

The raging bull from Sant'Agata Bolognese charges into 2011 with an all-new Lamborghini Gallardo LP570-4 Superleggera. Based on the already impressive Gallardo 560-4 (which remains unchanged), the Superleggera ups its performance with a bump in horsepower to 570, and loses about 154 lb. thanks to extensive use of carbon-fiber components. The lighter Gallardo retains the 6-speed, single-clutch paddle-shift e-gear transmission. For purists, a traditional gearbox is still available as a no-cost option. Maximizing the Superleggera's 398 lb.-ft. of torque is viscous all-wheel drive that can apportion the power for optimal traction. A limited-slip differential at the rear also helps the car accelerate out of corners quickly.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	mid engine/all-wheel drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	100.8 in.
Length/width/height	171.1/74.8/45.9 in.
Curb weight	3307 lb
Engines	5.2-liter dohc 40V V-10, 560 bhp; 5.2-liter dohc 40V V-10, 570 bhp
Transmission	6M, 6PSM
Seating capacity	2
Fuel capacity	23.8 gal.
Luggage capacity	3.9 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	3 years/unlimited miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.
www.lamborghini.com	

LAMBORGHINI

Murciélago LP640 & SV

\$356,000-\$384,400

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
8 mpg city >>> 13 mpg hwy



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| Compare To: | Pro: |
| • Aston Martin DBS | Exotic, rare |
| • Audi R8 V10 | Con: |
| • Ferrari 599 GTB | Pricy, thirsty |
| • Mercedes SLS AMG | What's New: |
| | Reventón gone |

Despite being one of the longest-running exotic sports cars, the Murciélago still stands apart from the rest with its out-of-this-world styling. On the street, its low and wide stance will catch anyone's attention. Last year, the limited production Reventón and LP650-4 convertibles ended their run. For next year, there are no changes to the LP640 coupe and roadster. But if you're looking for power and speed, beyond the already-potent 650-bhp 6.5-liter V-12 that powers the "standard" Murciélago, then upgrade to the LP670-4 SuperVeloce (SV), which also continues with no changes. The SV hits the road with 670 bhp from its V-12 powerplant driving all four wheels. But better hurry; there will only be a total of 350 SVs available.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	mid engine/all-wheel drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	104.9 in.
Length/width/height	181.5/81.0/44.7 in.
Curb weight	3885 lb
Engines	6.5-liter dohc 48V V-12, 632 bhp; 6.5-liter dohc 48V V-12, 661 bhp
Transmission	6M, 6PSM
Seating capacity	2
Fuel capacity	26.4 gal.
Luggage capacity	5.0 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	3 years/unlimited miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	std
Bluetooth	avail.
www.lamborghini.com	

LAND ROVER

LR2

\$35,350-\$41,425

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
15 mpg city >>> 22 mpg hwy



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| Compare To: | Pro: |
| • Audi Q5 | The affordable Rover |
| • BMW X3 | Con: |
| • Jeep Liberty | No diesel |
| • Volkswagen Tiguan | What's New: |
| • Volvo XC60 | Revised fascia |

The baby Rover of the group, the LR2 represents the brand well. Pushbutton start, a 9-speaker 320-watt sound system, rear park assist, sunroof and automatic climate control are just some of the luxury-oriented standard features you'll get with the LR2 HSE. But Land Rover kept the off-road spirit alive by incorporating standard all-wheel drive, hill descent control and Terrain Response, a system that adjusts engine, transmission and traction control settings to optimize the dynamics of the powertrain to suit various off-road scenarios. The HSE Plus trim level adds adaptive xenon headlights, Bluetooth, satellite radio and heated external mirrors complete with puddle lamps. At the top end, the LR2 HSE Lux includes a DVD-based navigation system and ups the stereo system to a 440-watt Dolby Pro Logic II 7.1 surround system.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/all-wheel drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	104.7 in.
Length/width/height	177.0/86.5/68.5 in.
Curb weight	4255 lb
Engines	3.2-liter dohc 24V I-6, 230 bhp
Transmission	6A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	18.5 gal.
Luggage capacity	26.7/58.9 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	4 years/50,000 miles
SUV SPECIFICS	
Low-range gearing	na
Ground clearance	8.3 in.
Max tow capacity	3500 lb
www.landroverusa.com	

LAND ROVER

LR4

\$48,100-\$59,215

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
12 mpg city >>> 17 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- BMW X5
- Mercedes ML550
- Porsche Cayenne
- Volkswagen Touareg
- Volvo XC90

Pro:

Third-row seating

Con:

Small rear cabin volume

What's New:

All-new vehicle

While it bears more than a passing resemblance to the LR3 that it replaces, the Land Rover LR4 V8 has enough improvements to warrant the new name. The LR4 sits in the middle of the Land Rover line, so it features many hallmark capabilities at a reasonable price. As befits all Land Rovers, the LR4 features a full complement of standard features like 4-wheel drive, Terrain Response with air suspension, rear park distance control, automatic wipers, dual-zone climate control and Trailer Stability Assist, for those times when you're hauling more than just the family. The HSE, HSE Plus, HSE Lux and HSE Lux Plus trim levels incrementally improve upon the base V8 with more options such as Bluetooth, uprated audio system, 7-seat configuration and a cool Surround Camera System.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/4-wheel drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	113.6 in.
Length/width/height	190.1/75.4/74.1 in.
Curb weight	5703 lb
Engines	5.0-liter dohc 32V V-8, 375 bhp
Transmission	6A
Seating capacity	5, 7
Fuel capacity	22.8 gal.
Luggage capacity	9.9/42.1/90.3 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	4 years/50,000 miles
SUV SPECIFICS	
Low-range gearing	std
Ground clearance	7.3 in.
Max tow capacity	7716 lb

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LAND ROVER

Range Rover

\$79,275-\$95,125

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
12 mpg city >>> 18 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Audi Q7
- Cadillac Escalade
- Lexus LX
- Mercedes-Benz GL
- Toyota Land Cruiser

Pro:

Off-road luxury

Con:

Thirsty, pricey

What's New:

More power

If there's one Land Rover that needs no introduction, it's the Range Rover. With five available trim levels, the Range Rover aims for the highest levels of luxury and off-road performance, a unique niche that's owned by Land Rover. The HSE features adaptive xenon headlights, TFT-LCD instrument panel, front and rear park assist and a backup camera, heated front and rear seats, low-range gearbox, air suspension and a 720-watt 14-speaker surround sound system, among other standard features. The HSE Lux adds seat coolers and different wheels while the HSE Supercharged upgrades the power. The Autobiography offers a customizable interior package, while the Autobiography Black Limited Edition celebrates the 40th anniversary of the Range Rover brand and comes with a unique interior and exterior package.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/4-wheel drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	113.3 in.
Length/width/height	195.8/80.1/73.9 in.
Curb weight	5697 lb
Engines	5.0-liter dohc 32V V-8, 375 bhp; 5.0-liter supercharged 32V V-8, 510 bhp
Transmission	6A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	27.6 gal.
Luggage capacity	34.5/74.2 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	4 years/50,000 miles
SUV SPECIFICS	
Low-range gearing	std
Ground clearance	9.1 in.
Max tow capacity	7716 lb

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LAND ROVER

Range Rover Sport

\$60,495-\$74,195

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
12 mpg city >>> 18 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- BMW X5 M
- Lexus LX 570
- Mercedes ML63 AMG
- Porsche Cayenne
- Volkswagen Touareg

Pro:

The fastest 'Rover yet

Con:

Thirsty

What's New:

Revised styling

As we've seen, a sporty SUV is by no means an oxymoron. And who better to produce such a beast than one of the first SUV manufacturers, Land Rover. The Range Rover Sport comes in three trim levels: the HSE, the HSE Lux and the top-line Supercharged model. The HSE is impressively equipped with park assist, keyless entry, interior mood lighting, 8-way power seats for both driver and passenger, Bluetooth connectivity and navigation all as standard equipment. The HSE Lux comes with higher-spec heated leather seats that offer memory settings for the driver. The Supercharged comes with a stomping 510-bhp supercharged V-8, perforated leather seats with contrasting-color stitching on the seats and armrests as well as a darker grille and side vents.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/4-wheel drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	108.0 in.
Length/width/height	188.3/76.1/71.5 in.
Curb weight	5540 lb
Engines	5.0-liter dohc 32V V-8, 375 bhp; 5.0-liter supercharged 32V V-8, 510 bhp
Transmission	6A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	23.3 gal.
Luggage capacity	33.8/71.0 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	4 years/50,000 miles
SUV SPECIFICS	
Low-range gearing	std
Ground clearance	6.8 in.
Max tow capacity	7716 lb

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LEXUS
CT 200h



est \$30,000-\$40,000

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
est 49 mpg city >>> 46 mpg hwy



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| Compare To: | Pro: |
| • Honda CR-Z | Excellent economy |
| • Honda Insight | Con: |
| • Mazda3 | A fancy Prius |
| • Toyota Prius | What's New: |
| • Volkswagen Golf TDI | All-new vehicle |

The all-new CT 200h goes on sale in early 2011, and Lexus says it's the first dedicated hybrid in the premium compact segment. In other words, this 5-door hatchback, about the size of a Mazda3, is designed to have all the small-footprint appeal of a hybrid while also boasting a luxurious and fun attitude that will appeal to young eco-conscious urban consumers who love technology. The environmental credentials are handled by what is essentially the Toyota Prius hybrid powertrain, which features a 1.8-liter gas engine, two electrical motor/generators and a large battery pack beneath the rear seat. Of note, the CT 200h, which has eight airbags and is loaded with infotainment technology, can drive for one mile on electricity alone in EV mode. In Sport, drive voltage is raised from 500 to 650 volts.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	102.4 in.
Length/width/height	170.1/69.5/56.3 in.
Curb weight	est 3200 lb
Engines	1.8-liter dohc 16V I-4/electric motor, 134 hp combined
Transmission	CVT
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	na
Luggage capacity	14.3 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	6 years/70,000 miles; Hybrid components 8 years/100,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	std
Bluetooth	std
www.lexus.com	

LEXUS
ES 350

est \$35,175

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
19 mpg city >>> 27 mpg hwy



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| Compare To: | Pro: |
| • Acura TL | Smooth operator |
| • Buick LaCrosse | Con: |
| • Ford Taurus | A fancy Camry |
| • Lincoln MKS | What's New: |
| • Volvo S80 | Runs on regular |

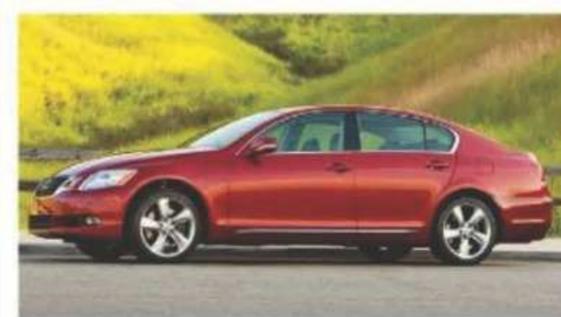
Looking for a quiet, spacious and luxurious front-drive sedan with handsomely subdued styling and the reliability of an anvil? Well, the front-wheel-drive Lexus ES350 is your car. This traditional midsize luxury sedan, based on the same unit-body platform as that of the Toyota Camry, is about as comfortable as they come, blessed with a soft ride that makes road imperfections all but unnoticeable. The powertrain is also a sweetheart, featuring a silky 3.5-liter V-6 that mates to a smooth-shifting 6-speed automatic transmission. For 2011, the 4-cam V-6 engine now runs on regular unleaded instead of premium—a good thing, even if the horsepower has dropped a tad (to 268 from 272 bhp). Also for 2011, Deep Sea Mica replaces Black Sapphire Pearl as an exterior color.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	109.3 in.
Length/width/height	191.1/71.7/57.1 in.
Curb weight	3580 lb
Engines	3.5-liter dohc 24V V-6, 268 bhp
Transmission	6A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	18.5 gal.
Luggage capacity	14.7 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	6 years/70,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.
www.lexus.com	

LEXUS
GS 350, GS 460

\$46,000-\$54,470

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
19 mpg city >>> 26 mpg hwy



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| Compare To: | Pro: |
| • BMW 5 Series | Choice of rwd or awd |
| • Cadillac CTS | Con: |
| • Hyundai Genesis | Smallish back seat |
| • Infiniti M37 & M56 | What's New: |
| • Mercedes E-Class | Brake override system |

It's a quiet year for the GS 350 and GS 460 sedans, which slot neatly in size between the IS and LS offerings in the Lexus lineup. One, however, can argue that little needed to be done with these sporty and solidly built rear-drivers. The GS 350 is powered by a 24-valve 3.5-liter V-6 with 303 bhp, which is sent to the wheels via a 6-speed automatic transmission. If you order the V-8-powered GS 460, an 8-speed automatic sends the 4.6-liter V-8's 342 bhp to the wheels. As a benefit for folks who live in areas with inclement weather, an all-wheel-drive version of the GS is offered with either engine. In what amounts to a minor change for 2011, GS models with navigation will not have a compass in the rearview mirror, as there's one already incorporated into the nav screen.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/rwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	112.2 in.
Length/width/height	191.0/71.7/56.1 in.
Curb weight	3795 lb
Engines	3.5-liter dohc 24V V-6, 303 bhp; 4.6-liter dohc 32V V-8, 342 bhp
Transmission	6A, 8A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	18.8 gal.
Luggage capacity	12.7 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	6 years/70,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	std
www.lexus.com	

LEXUS GS 450h

\$57,950

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
22 mpg city >>> 25 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Chevy Malibu Hybrid
- Ford Fusion Hybrid
- Infiniti M Hybrid
- Nissan Altima Hybrid
- Toyota Camry Hybrid

Pro:

V-8 power, 1-4 mpg

Con:

Smallish trunk

What's New:

No compass in mirror

If you're looking for a hybrid with stunning fuel economy, the GS 450h is not for you. Get a Prius or a new Lexus CT 200h. If, however, you want a mid-size sedan that has the power of a V-8 and the economy of 4-cylinder car—with the added benefit of SULEV emissions—the GS 450h fits that bill perfectly. It mates a 3.5-liter gasoline V-6 with an electric motor and a CVT transmission to deliver a driving experience that's both powerful and efficient, and almost totally transparent to the driver. Batteries do take up a bit of the trunk's volume, but the GS 450h, which is distinguished by a unique grille and clear taillight covers, shines as a large sedan that's very well-equipped and gets up to speed in a hurry without gulping copious amounts of fuel.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/rear drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	112.2 in.
Length/width/height	191.0/71.7/56.1 in.
Curb weight	4134 lb
Engines	3.5-liter dohc 24V V-6/two electric motors, 340 hp combined
Transmission	CVT
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	17.2 gal.
Luggage capacity	10.6 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	6 years/70,000 miles; Hybrid components 8 years/100,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	std
www.lexus.com	

LEXUS GX 460

\$52,345-\$57,140

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
15 mpg city >>> 20 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- BMW X5
- Chevrolet Tahoe
- GMC Yukon
- Nissan Pathfinder
- Toyota 4Runner

Pro:

Strong V-8, better mpg

Con:

Heavy, pricey

What's new:

All-new model

An iron fist of a truck-based ladder-frame chassis, fitted with the velvet glove of a decadently luxurious and spacious 7-seat cabin—that's the new Lexus GX 460 SUV, which went on sale late this summer, again based on the tough frame of the Toyota 4Runner. This new GX is powered by a new 4.6-liter V-8 that sends 301 bhp (that's 38 more bhp than last year's 4.7-liter) to all four wheels via a 6-speed automatic, a 2-speed transfer case, a Torsen center differential and a locking rear diff. So yes, the GX still has the off-road chops, but it's now in a package that looks a bit more refined and even gets 1 mpg better on the highway, despite the added power. Neat detail: The Kinetic Dynamic Suspension has electronically adjustable anti-roll bars.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/4-wheel drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/live
Wheelbase	109.8 in.
Length/width/height	189.2/74.2/74.2 in.
Curb weight	5305 lb
Engines	4.6-liter dohc 32V V-8, 301 bhp
Transmission	6A
Seating capacity	7
Fuel capacity	23.0 gal.
Luggage capacity	11.6/46.7/91.9 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	6 years/70,000 miles
SUV SPECIFICS	
Low-range gearing	std
Ground clearance	8.1 in.
Max tow capacity	6500 lb
www.lexus.com	

LEXUS HS 250h



est \$34,650-\$37,420

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
35 mpg city >>> 34 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Chevy Malibu Hybrid
- Ford Fusion Hybrid
- Honda Insight
- Nissan Altima Hybrid
- Toyota Camry Hybrid

Pro:

Superb infotainment

Con:

Average highway mpg

What's new:

Two new colors

Since it made its debut just last year, nothing changes with the 5-seat Lexus HS 250h hybrid for 2011 (well, there are two new colors). Apart from that, just appreciate it the HS for what it is: a luxurious hybrid related to the Toyota Prius but having the larger 2.4-liter 4-cylinder engine of the Camry Hybrid. With a combined 187 hp, the HS is pretty quick, and its sport-tuned suspension creates some reasonably sporty driving manners. The HS, which can be driven up to one mile in a pure electric mode, even has a Sport mode that increases driveline voltage from 500 to 650 volts for added fun. In Sport, a tach automatically appears on the dash, with red backlighting. Of note, the HS is more than a foot longer than the CT 200h, Lexus' newest 5-seat hybrid.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	106.3 in.
Length/width/height	184.8/70.3/59.3 in.
Curb weight	3682 lb
Engines	2.4-liter dohc 16V I-4/two electric motors, 187 hp combined
Transmission	CVT
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	14.5 gal.
Luggage capacity	12.1 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	6 years/70,000 miles; Hybrid components 8 years/100,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	std
www.lexus.com	

LEXUS

IS, IS C, IS F

\$34,145-\$59,010

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
18 mpg city >>> 26 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Audi A4 & S4
- BMW 3 Series & M3
- Cadillac CTS & CTS-V
- Mercedes C-Class
- Volvo S60 & C70

Pro:

Sedan or convertible

Con:

2.5 V-6 underwhelms

What's New:

F Sport Package

The IS is a multitalented chassis, available as a sedan or a convertible, powered by either a 2.5-liter V-6 or a 3.5-liter V-6, and sold in rear or awd configurations. And for 2011, for the first time, awd is available with the larger V-6, which puts out 306 bhp and feels much more potent than the underwhelming 2.5. What's more, there's the almighty IS F, powered by a 5.0-liter V-8 and fitted with sport suspension (with revised rear subframe bushings), Brembo brakes and perhaps the crispest torque converter automatic on the market, an 8-speed box with paddle shifters. For 2011, the IS sports a revised grille and taillamps, plus it's available with a factory F Sport package that includes unique wheels, spoilers, sport seats and sport suspension.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/rwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	107.5 in.
Length/width/height	180.3/70.9/56.1 in.
Curb weight	3455 lb
Engines	2.5-liter dohc 24V V-6, 204 bhp; 3.5-liter dohc 24V V-6, 306 bhp; 5.0-liter dohc 32V V-8, 342 bhp
Transmission	6M, 6A, 8A
Seating capacity	4, 5
Fuel capacity	17.1 gal.
Luggage capacity	13.0 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	6 years/70,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	std
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LEXUS

LFA

\$375,000

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
est 15 mpg city >>> 21 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Ferrari 458 Italia
- Lamborghini Superleggera
- McLaren MP4-12C
- Mercedes SLS AMG

Pro:

Carbon-fiber missile

Con:

They're all sold

What's New:

All-new vehicle

Yes, Virginia, there is a Lexus LFA. And unfortunately, all 500 of the supercars scheduled to be produced have been spoken for. But because it's such a cool car (and because 170 are headed for the U.S.), we just had to include it in this issue. With a carbon-fiber tub chassis and a Formula 1-derived V-10 engine mounted up front, the LFA is Toyota's supercar, developed in Japan and refined on the twisty Nürburgring circuit in Germany. Neat details abound: rear-mounted radiators, aluminum suspension parts, titanium connecting rods, forged aluminum pistons, carbon brake rotors, a robotically deployed rear wing, a TFT tachometer...you name it, the LFA has it. And by the way, did we mention that the LFA has a drag-limited top speed of 202 mph?

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/rwd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	102.6 in.
Length/width/height	177.4/74.6/48.0 in.
Curb weight	3263 lb
Engines	4.8-liter dohc 40V V-10, 552 bhp
Transmission	6PSM
Seating capacity	2
Fuel capacity	19.3 gal.
Luggage capacity	na
Powertrain warranty	6 years/70,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	std
Bluetooth	std
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LEXUS

LS 460, 460 L, 600h L

est \$65,380-\$108,800

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
16 mpg city >>> 24 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Audi A8
- BMW 7 Series
- Hyundai Equus
- Jaguar XJ
- Mercedes S-Class

Pro:

Exudes refinement

Con:

Not a "driver's" car

What's New:

Console power outlet

Hard to believe, but the LS has been with us now for more than 20 years. Many who've tried these large sedans never buy another brand, and with good reason—these LSs are the finest automobiles that Toyota produces, as opulent as they are comfortable and well-built. The base car, the 460, is powered by a 380-bhp V-8, as is the stretched L model with its more spacious back seat. The awd version, for the record, no longer has standard air suspension, although it does remain available as an option. As for the LS 600h L hybrid, it sails basically unchanged into 2011, although the Adaptive Power Stabilizer Suspension has been discontinued. With a 5.0-liter V-8, two electric motors and a CVT, the 600h is fast, efficient and expensive (over \$100,000).

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/rwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	116.9 in.
Length/width/height	198.0/73.8/58.1 in.
Curb weight	4350 lb
Engines	4.6-liter dohc 32V V-8, 380 bhp; 5.0-liter dohc 32V V-8/two electric motors, 438 hp combined (Hybrid)
Transmission	8A, CVT
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	22.2 gal.
Luggage capacity	18.0 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	6 years/70,000 miles; Hybrid components 8 years/100,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	std
Bluetooth	std
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LEXUS

LX 570

\$77,255

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
12 mpg city >>> 18 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Cadillac Escalade
- Infiniti QX56
- Lincoln Navigator
- Nissan Armada
- Toyota Sequoia

Pro:

Real truck, real luxury

Con:

Weighs nearly 3 tons!

What's New:

New interior colors

Big SUVs may not be the rage these days, but the LX 570 is nevertheless a good one, a burly body-on-frame vehicle that mixes all the expected Lexus luxury and technology with an ability to ford streams and do lots of work (it has a tow rating of 8500 lb.). Credit goes to the LX's 5.7-liter V-8, which produces 383 bhp and a whopping 403 lb.-ft. of torque at 3600 rpm. That power is sent to all four wheels via a 6-speed automatic transmission, a 2-speed transfer case and a locking Torsen center differential. With acres of interior leather, a superb voice-controlled navigation system and active height control, the LX 570 gets the job done with good style and unsurpassed quality. For 2011, a heated steering wheel has been added to the LX 570's Luxury Package.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/4-wheel drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/live
Wheelbase	112.2 in.
Length/width/height	196.5/77.6/73.4 in.
Curb weight	5995 lb
Engines	5.7-liter dohc 32V V-8, 383 bhp
Transmission	6A
Seating capacity	8
Fuel capacity	24.6 gal.
Luggage capacity	15.5/41.0/83.1 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	6 years/70,000 miles

SUV SPECIFICS

Low-range gearing	std
Ground clearance	8.9 in.
Max tow capacity	8500 lb

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LEXUS

RX 350, 450h

est \$37,625-\$44,275

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
18 mpg city/25 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Acura MDX
- Mercedes ML
- Volkswagen Touareg
- Volvo XC60

Pro:

Refined crossover

Con:

Mild restyle

What's New:

New exterior colors

One of the first luxury crossover vehicles, the Lexus RX enters 2011 basically unchanged, still available as an RX 350 with a 275-bhp 3.5-liter V-6 or as an RX 450h with a hybrid powertrain that supplements the 3.5-liter V-6 with three electric motors and has a combined output of 295 hp. The Hybrid gets an impressive 28 mpg in the city, 27 mpg on the highway, which compares favorably to the standard RX's EPA ratings of 18 city/25 highway. Front- and all-wheel-drive versions of the RX are available with either engine, and all RXs boast independent double-wishbone rear suspension. If you're looking for an easy everyday vehicle that offers Lexus comfort, a good view out and a modicum of security on a sloppy dirt or wet road, the RX deserves a look.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/fwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	107.9 in.
Length/width/height	187.8/74.2/66.3 in.
Curb weight	4178 lb
Engines	3.5-liter dohc 24V V-6, 275 bhp; 3.5-liter dohc 24V V-6/three electric motors on awd model, 295 hp combined (Hybrid)
Transmission	6A, CVT
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	19.2 gal.
Luggage capacity	40.0/80.3 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	6 years/70,000 miles; Hybrid components 8 years/100,000 miles

CROSSOVER SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Ground clearance	7.3 in.
Max tow capacity	3500 lb

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LINCOLN

MKS

\$44,270-\$48,160

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
17 mpg city >>> 25 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Buick Lucerne
- Cadillac STS
- Infiniti M35
- Lexus GS 350
- Volvo S80

Pro:

Big, quiet cabin

Con:

Vague steering

What's New:

HD Radio

Bursting with every convenience and technological advance, Lincoln's flagship MKS sedan offers the one traditional luxury element none of its stablemates can approach: size. Generous room is the MKS's calling card, from front leg room to the generous rear seat and spacious trunk. Both front- and all-wheel drive are available; the latter can be paired with rewarding the EcoBoost turbo V-6 for luxury levels of thrust. The standard 3.7-liter V-6 is just acceptable by comparison. All-new in 2009, the MKS has always offered every electronic aid, from voice-activated navigation and self-parking computerization to new-this-year high-definition radio. Coupled with premium interior trim and its exceptionally quiet cabin, the MKS offers superb Interstate traveling.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/fwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	112.9 in.
Length/width/height	204.1/75.9/61.6 in.
Curb weight	4127 lb
Engines	3.7-liter dohc 24V V-6, 273 bhp; 3.5-liter twin-turbo dohc 24V V-6, 355 bhp
Transmission	6A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	20.0 gal.
Luggage capacity	18.7 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	6 years/70,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	std

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LINCOLN

MKT

\$44,200-\$49,200

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
17 mpg city >>> 23 mpg hwy



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| Compare To: | Pro: |
| • Acura MDX | Sharp chassis |
| • Cadillac SRX | Con: |
| • Ford Flex | Expensive |
| • Chevrolet Traverse | What's New: |
| • Mercedes M-Class | Unchanged for 2011 |

Lincoln's larger luxury crossover, the MKT offers 3-row seating in two distinct arrangements for seven passengers or six and a refrigerator. Yes, choose two captain's chairs in the middle row and an optional compact drink refrigerator (we hesitate to say "bar fridge") can be placed in the extended center console. Power is from Lincoln's usual combination of standard 3.7-liter V-6 or turbocharged EcoBoost 3.5-liter V-6, both coupled to a 6-speed automatic transmission. The 3.5 is fine around town, but the EcoBoost 3.5 flattens hills, tows trailers and handles mountains with ease, not to mention accelerating away from traffic with brio. An excellent, stylish people-mover, the MKT offers endless electronic aids, all-day comfort and a surprisingly precise chassis.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/fwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	117.9 in.
Length/width/height	207.6/76.0/67.4 in.
Curb weight	4680 lb
Engines	3.7-liter dohc 24V V-6, 268 bhp; 3.5-liter twin-turbo dohc 24V V-6, 355 bhp
Transmission	6A
Seating capacity	7
Fuel capacity	18.6 gal.
Luggage capacity	17.9/39.6/75.9 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	6 years/70,000 miles
CROSSOVER SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Ground clearance	na
Max tow capacity	4500 lb
www.lincoln.com	

LINCOLN

MKX

\$39,145-\$40,995

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
19 mpg city >>> 26 mpg hwy



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| Compare To: | Pro: |
| • Audi Q5 | Bold new power |
| • BMW X5 | Con: |
| • Ford Edge | Still over 4000 lb. |
| • Lexus RX 350 | What's New: |
| • Volvo XC70 | Styling redesign |

Chicly restyled and now with 305 bhp, Lincoln's MKX is the brand's handy, youthful 5-passenger luxury crossover. Designed with ample room for two-row seating, the MKX is Lincoln's bolder, sportier crossover, a point underscored by its 15-percent power increase and simultaneous rise to best-in-class fuel economy for 2011. Inside, the interior is all-new with better materials and a special emphasis on quietness. The latest technology is found throughout, with most functions now controlled via touchscreens, voice commands and 5-way buttons, the better to mimic contemporary cell phone and media players. A sophisticated 3.7-liter V-6 and 6-speed automatic transmission with manual shift override provide power to the front wheels, with all-wheel drive as an option.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/fwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	111.2 in.
Length/width/height	186.7/76.0/67.3 in.
Curb weight	4251 lb
Engines	3.7-liter dohc 24V V-6, 305 bhp
Transmission	6A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	19.0 gal.
Luggage capacity	32.3/68.6 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	6 years/70,000 miles
CROSSOVER SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Ground clearance	7.9 in.
Max tow capacity	3500 lb
www.lincoln.com	

LINCOLN

MKZ, Hybrid

\$34,330-\$36,220

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
18 mpg city >>> 27 mpg hwy



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| Compare To: | Pro: |
| • Acura TSX | Handy size |
| • Cadillac CTS | Con: |
| • Infiniti G37 | Not sporting |
| • Lexus IS 350 | What's New: |
| • Volkswagen CC | Hybrid model added |

Lincoln's first-rung sedan, the 5-passenger MKZ, is built off the same platform as the Ford Fusion, automatically endowing the entry-level Lincoln with an excellent chassis and class-leading interior room. Furthermore, for 2011 the MKZ has also gained the Fusion Hybrid's gasoline/electric powertrain option in the new MKZ Hybrid model. Boasting an impressive 41 mpg under ideal urban conditions, the MKZ Hybrid is Lincoln's first such vehicle. All MKZs can be optioned with the full gamut of Lincoln's impressive infotainment electronics, now including HD radio. Power comes from a 263-bhp 3.5-liter V-6 and 6-speed automatic combination driving either the front, or for wintery climes, all wheels. Keeping with the MKZ's self-awarded perk status, the V-6 delivers polished power.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/fwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	107.4 in.
Length/width/height	189.8/72.2/56.9 in.
Curb weight	3285 lb
Engines	3.5-liter dohc 24V V-6, 263 bhp; 2.5-liter dohc 16V I-4/electric motor, 191 hp combined (Hybrid)
Transmission	6A, CVT
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	17.5 gal.
Luggage capacity	16.5 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	6 years/70,000 miles; Hybrid components 8 years/100,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	std
www.lincoln.com	

LINCOLN

Navigator/L

\$57,155-\$59,320

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
14 mpg city >>> 20 mpg hwy



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| Compare To: | Pro: |
| • Cadillac Escalade | Big and bigger |
| • Chevrolet Suburban | Con: |
| • GMC Yukon | Needs a diesel |
| • Infiniti QX56 | What's New: |
| • Lexus LX 570 | HD radio |

It's expensive and large enough to be unwieldy in the urban snarl; but when it comes to getting jobs done in style, the Lincoln Navigator is tough to beat. Its truck frame yields durability and up to 9000 lb. of towing capability, yet its luxurious interior and no-excuses feature list mean up to eight people are going to enjoy the ride. Offered with a long 119-in. or longer 123-in. wheelbase as the L model, the Navigator is optimized for people and gear hauling, making it a formidable family truckster. Changes for 2011 are few. The voice-controlled navigation, Sync and HD radio are now standard equipment, and the Trailer Sway Control electronics now work with the stability control computer.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/rwd, 4wd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	119.0 in.
Length/width/height	208.4/78.8/78.3 in.
Curb weight	5814 lb
Engines	5.4-liter sohc 24V V-8, 310 bhp
Transmission	6A
Seating capacity	7
Fuel capacity	28.0 gal.
Luggage capacity	18.1/54.5/103.3 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	6 years/70,000 miles
SUV SPECIFICS	
Low-range gearing	na
Ground clearance	7.1 in.
Max tow capacity	9000 lb
www.lincoln.com	

LINCOLN

Town Car

\$46,925-\$52,595

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
15 mpg city >>> 23 mpg hwy



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| Compare To: | Pro: |
| • Audi A8L | Plush ride, durability |
| • Buick Lucerne | Con: |
| • Cadillac DTS | Archaic sound system |
| • Hyundai Equus | What's New: |
| • Toyota Avalon | Not much |

Sales of the time-tested Town Car—the current platform made its debut in 1990—have trailed off in the face of the rest of Lincoln's aggressively upgraded lineup. But for good reason the plush Town Car remains, albeit mainly for the livery market. Completely debugged and tough as nails, body-on-frame, rear-wheel-drive Town Cars routinely rack up 300,000 miles in professional service while offering no-excuses room for six and a trunk to match. We especially enjoy the 6-in.-longer wheelbase of the Signature models; the extra length goes into rear seat leg room, forming the ultimate over-the-counter limousine. Unchanged for several years now, the Town Car offers traditional luxury for perhaps this next year, as its 4.6-liter V-8 has gone out of production.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/rear drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/live
Wheelbase	117.7 in.
Length/width/height	215.4/78.5/59.0 in.
Curb weight	4345 lb
Engines	4.6-liter sohc 24V V-8, 239 bhp
Transmission	4A
Seating capacity	6
Fuel capacity	19.0 gal.
Luggage capacity	21.0 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	6 years/70,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	na
Bluetooth	na
www.lincoln.com	

LOTUS

Elise, Exige

\$47,250-\$74,995

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
21 mpg city >>> 27 mpg hwy



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| Compare To: | Pro: |
| • BMW Z4 | Light is might |
| • Chevy Corvette Z06 | Con: |
| • Mazda MX-5 | Tight cabin |
| • Nissan Nismo 370Z | What's New: |
| • Porsche Cayman S | Body design |

Lotus' acclaimed bantamweight Elise gets a revised body design this year that incorporates a new front clamshell, rear bumper and engine cover that Lotus says improves aerodynamics in the interest of fuel economy. The Elise also gets revised headlamps that now incorporate LED turn signals and daytime running lights as well as new standard cast or optional forged wheels. The mid-mounted engines remain unchanged, with the high-revving 1.8-liter in the Elise (189 bhp) and supercharged version of this inline-4 (218 bhp) in the Elise SC. The Elise's fastback twin, the Exige S 240, continues on with the higher-output supercharged inline-4 making an impressive 240 bhp. There will also be special edition Roger Becker (RGB) models, offered for both Elise and Exige.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	mid engine/rear drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	90.6 in.
Length/width/height	149.0/67.7/43.9 in.
Curb weight	1985 lb
Engines	1.8-liter dohc 16V I-4, 189 bhp; 1.8-liter supercharged dohc 16V I-4, 218 bhp; 1.8-liter supercharged dohc 16V I-4, 240 bhp
Transmission	6M
Seating capacity	2
Fuel capacity	10.6 gal.
Luggage capacity	4.0 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	3 years/36,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	na
Navigation	na
Bluetooth	na
www.lotuscars.com	

LOTUS

Evora

\$72,990–\$90,920

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
18 mpg city >>> 27 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Audi TTS
- BMW Z4 sDrive35is
- Chevrolet Corvette
- Jaguar XKR
- Porsche Cayman S

Pro:

Impressive handling

Con:

Can be pricey

What's New:

Automatic, S model

The Evora made its official debut just this year, but for 2011 Lotus will surprisingly be offering the car with an optional Intelligent Precision Shift automatic transmission. The automatic will feature steering wheel-mounted paddle shifters, and will mate to the 3.5-liter Toyota-sourced V-6, which is the subject of the next big news. Lotus just announced the upcoming Evora S model will gain 69 bhp (345 bhp total) by way of a supercharger, complemented by suspension and bodywork (like a rear diffuser) befitting of an "S" model. You can also look forward to added exhaust cutouts—activated by the Sports button—which add a new roar to the Evora's V-6, along with sharper throttle response and a higher rev limit.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	mid engine/rear drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	101.4 in.
Length/width/height	170.9/72.8/48.1 in.
Curb weight	3045 lb
Engines	3.5-liter dohc 24V V-6, 276 bhp; 3.5-liter dohc 24V V-6, 280 bhp; 3.5-liter dohc 24V V-6, 345 bhp
Transmission	6M, 6A
Seating capacity	2+2
Fuel capacity	15.9 gal.
Luggage capacity	5.7 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	3 years/36,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	na
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.
www.lotuscars.com	

MASERATI

GranTurismo, Convertible

\$118,000–\$135,800

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
12 mpg city >>> 19 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Aston Martin DB9
- Audi R8 Spyder
- Ferrari California
- Jaguar XKR
- Porsche 911 Turbo

Pro:

Smooth, Italian

Con:

No manual gearbox

What's New:

Minor changes

Having just unveiled the GranTurismo Convertible in 2010, Maserati continues into 2011 with minor changes to its lineup. The standard GT 2+2 will be available with matte finish on its three existing exterior colors (white, blue and granite), and the interior will have new door trim details and new leather color choices. Adding to the richer look, a single-piece wood steering wheel can also be ordered. For the GT S, a new front lower bumper and blacked-out headlamps complement the car's more aggressive performance. Carbon-fiber components such as side skirts, rear lower body aero fins and exhaust tips can be added as part of the MC Sport Line option to up the GranTurismo's sporty looks.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/rear drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	115.8 in.
Length/width/height	192.2/80.9/53.3 in.
Curb weight	4147 lb
Engines	4.2-liter dohc 32V V-8, 405 bhp; 4.7-liter dohc 32V V-8, 433 bhp
Transmission	6A
Seating capacity	2+2
Fuel capacity	22.7 gal.
Luggage capacity	9.2 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	4 years/50,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	std
Bluetooth	std
www.maserati.us	

MASERATI

Quattroporte

\$120,250–\$134,200

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
11 mpg city >>> 17 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Aston Martin Rapide
- Audi A8
- Jaguar XJ
- Mercedes CLS
- Porsche Panamera

Pro:

Rich interior

Con:

Aging design

What's New:

Minor changes

It is no secret that Maserati has not kept up with its competitors with its aging Quattroporte. While the standard 400-bhp model and the sportier 425-bhp Sport GT S version are still competent on the road, they now lag behind others in performance. But rest assured, Maserati fans. Based on a presentation to business analysts earlier this year, Fiat CEO Sergio Marchionne hinted that there will be a new Quattroporte on the road very soon. In fact, we should also expect to see a more affordable Maserati coming to showrooms in the future. In the meantime, the current Maserati 4-door will get an upgraded Bose multimedia system featuring all the latest technology. And the top-of-the-line S model will receive updated exterior trim.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/rear drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	120.6 in.
Length/width/height	200.7/74.6/56.6 in.
Curb weight	4389 lb
Engines	4.2-liter dohc 32V V-8, 400 bhp; 4.7-liter dohc 32V V-8, 425 bhp
Transmission	6A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	23.8 gal.
Luggage capacity	15.9 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	4 years/50,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	std
Bluetooth	std
www.maserati.us	

MAYBACH

57, 62

est \$366,000–\$1,380,000

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:

10 mpg city >>> 16 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Bentley Arnage
- BMW 7 Series
- Jaguar XJ Supersport
- Mercedes S-Class
- Rolls-Royce Phantom

Pro:

Unlimited luxury

Con:

Pricey, pricey

What's New:

Restyled exterior

In the tradition of “if you have to ask the price, you can’t afford one,” Maybach glides into the 2011 model year with the first major restyling inside and out since the marque’s revival in 1997. There are three models in the lineup. The 57 measures 5.7 meters long and the 62 taps out at 6.2 meters. Add an S to the name, and instead of the 543-bhp 5.5-liter bi-turbo V-12 you get a 6.0-liter bi-turbo V-12, its horsepower upped to 620 for 2011. The opulent Landaulet is a 62S that has a convertible top for passengers and a steel top for the driver. Standard Maybachs have 19-in. wheels, Landaulets have 20s. Optional for 2011 is a 19-in. TV screen in the partition between driver and rear passengers.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/rear drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	133.5 in.
Length/width/height	225.5/77.9/61.8 in.
Curb weight	6050 lb
Engines	5.5-liter twin-turbo sohc 36V V-12, 543 bhp; 6.0-liter twin-turbo sohc 36V V-12, 620 bhp
Transmission	5A
Seating capacity	4
Fuel capacity	29.1 gal.
Luggage capacity	21.4 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	4 years/unlimited miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	std
Bluetooth	std

www.maybachusa.com

PREVIEW: 2011 MAZDA5



The Mini-Minivan Gets a Fancy New Suit

At *Road & Track*, we’ve always liked the compact Mazda5 people-hauler, which seated six in a 2-2-2 configuration but easily fit in garages and made parking in tight city parking spots a cinch, thanks in part to sliding doors on both sides of the vehicle. Now, though, there’s an all-new 2011 model, which is scheduled to be unveiled at the Los Angeles Auto Show in December.

We’re happy to report that this new 2011 Mazda5 hasn’t changed much in concept, and will continue to be based on an elongated version of the Mazda3 chassis, which means it will be powered by the same 2.5-liter 4-cylinder engine as in the current Mazda3. The same is true for the gearboxes, the 5 getting the 3’s 6-speed manual or 5-speed automatic.

As for the styling of the new 2011 Mazda5, well, let’s just say that it’s quite a bit different than before and will take some getting used to. It’s clear that Mazda stylists have integrated the flowing “Nagare” design theme into this mini-minivan, which is fine, but some critics have said the sides of the vehicle look a trifle over-styled. However you feel, the new design will likely look just fine in short order and make the original appear plain by comparison.

With its excellent 6-seat space efficiency, relatively good fuel economy and fun-to-drive manners (especially with the manual transmission), the Mazda5 continues to march down a path that’s occupied by no other vehicle today. And that’s precisely why we like it.

MAZDA
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\$13,980-\$15,435
EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
28 mpg city >>> 35 mpg hwy



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| Compare To: | Pro: |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honda Fit • Hyundai Accent • Kia Rio • Mini Cooper • Toyota Yaris | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Great mpg, great fun |
| | Con: |
| | Limited power |
| | What's New: |
| | All-new vehicle |

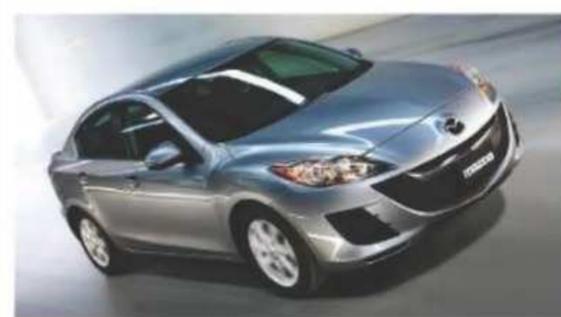
In this world of rising fuel prices and increasing focus on “going green,” Mazda is introducing a new small sedan into the North American market, the Mazda2. Being a Mazda means that it’s designed for fun but also has a level of refinement that stands out in the segment. Available in two models—the Sport and more upscale Touring—the 2 is powered by a 100-hp 1.5-liter double-overhead-cam inline-4 engine mated to a 5-speed manual or 4-speed automatic transmission. Being small and lightweight means the Mazda2 is bound to be a dynamic performer in the subcompact class. And it is loaded with safety features including side airbags, side air curtains, ABS and Dynamic Stability Control with traction control too.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/beam
Wheelbase	98.0 in.
Length/width/height	155.5/66.7/58.1 in.
Curb weight	2306 lb
Engines	1.5-liter dohc 16V I-4, 100 bhp
Transmission	5M, 4A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	11.3 gal.
Luggage capacity	13.3/27.8 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	6 years/60,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	na
Bluetooth	na
www.mazdausa.com	

MAZDA
3, Mazdaspeed3



\$15,450-\$23,340
EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
25 mpg city >>> 33 mpg hwy



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| Compare To: | Pro: |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ford Focus • Honda Civic EX • Hyundai Elantra • Subaru Impreza • Toyota Matrix | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fun to drive, versatile |
| | Con: |
| | Harsh ride (MS3) |
| | What's New: |
| | Std stability control |

The Mazda3 comes in both 4-door and 5-door (hatchback) styles, and is the best-selling model in Mazda’s lineup. The Mazda3 models are fitted with either a 2.0-liter 148-hp engine or the 167-hp 2.5-liter 16-valve 4-cylinder. Add to those the high-performance Mazdaspeed3 with its 263-hp turbo engine, and you have a solid lineup of popular choices. As the 3 line was restyled for 2010, exterior changes are minimal for 2011, but some features are added, including standard Dynamic Stability Control and items such as power door locks on some models and rain-sensing wipers. Mazdaspeed3 changes include auto on/off headlights, bi-xenon lights with auto leveling and LED taillights.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	103.9 in.
Length/width/height	180.7/69.1/57.9 in.
Curb weight	2859 lb
Engines	2.0-liter dohc 16V I-4, 148 bhp; 2.5-liter dohc 16V I-4, 167 bhp; 2.3-liter turbo dohc 16V I-4, 263 bhp
Transmission	5M, 6M, 5A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	14.5 gal.
Luggage capacity	11.5 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	6 years/60,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.
www.mazdausa.com	

MAZDA
6

est \$18,610-\$28,540
EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
22 mpg city >>> 31 mpg hwy



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| Compare To: | Pro: |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ford Fusion • Honda Accord • Hyundai Sonata • Nissan Altima • Toyota Camry | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Better mpg |
| | Con: |
| | No wagon |
| | What's New: |
| | Design improvements |

There are lots of enhancements and design changes for Mazda’s 4-door mid-size sedan for 2011 including improved fuel economy, new 17-in. wheels, new headlight and foglight designs, upgraded cloth seats, Bluetooth added to the Touring model and a rearview camera included with the optional navigation system. And this is one of the few sedans in the class that can be had with a choice of 6-speed manual gearbox or automatic transmission. Engine choices are the 170-hp 4-cylinder or the 272-hp 3.7-liter V-6. Driving safety is enhanced by traction control, stability control, anti-lock brakes and a host of airbags and side curtains. Handsome styling combined with a good dose of fun-to-drive makes the Mazda6 an attractive choice.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	103.9 in.
Length/width/height	180.7/69.1/57.9 in.
Curb weight	2859 lb
Engines	2.5-liter dohc 16V I-4, 170 bhp; 3.7-liter dohc 24V V-6, 272 bhp
Transmission	6M, 6A, 5A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	18.5 gal.
Luggage capacity	16.6 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	6 years/60,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.
www.mazdausa.com	

MAZDA
CX-7



est \$21,700-\$31,335

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
20 mpg city >>> 28 mpg hwy



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| Compare To: | Pro: |
| • Acura RDX | Fun to drive |
| • Mitsubishi Outlander | Con: |
| • Subaru Forester | Snug rear seat |
| • Toyota RAV4 | What's New: |
| • Volkswagen Tiguan | i Touring model |

In today's ever-changing landscape of automobiles, the Mazda CX-7 occupies a coveted niche as a crossover sport utility with space and ground clearance mixed with fine handling character. For 2011, Mazda adds the i Touring model with a 2.5-liter twincam 16-valve 4-cylinder engine with 161 bhp and impressive fuel efficiency. Continuing is the muscular 2.3-liter turbo engine with 244 bhp in the Sport models. The CX-7 is a crossover that drives like a sports car, carries people and goods like a utility, and offers such features as an in-dash 6-CD changer, auto climate control and heated front seats.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/fwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	108.3 in.
Length/width/height	184.3/73.7/64.8 in.
Curb weight	3496 lb
Engines	2.5-liter dohc 16V I-4, 161 bhp; 2.3-liter turbo dohc 16V I-4, 244 bhp
Transmission	6A, 5A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	16.4 gal.
Luggage capacity	29.9/58.6 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	6 years/60,000 miles
CROSSOVER SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Ground clearance	8.1 in.
Max tow capacity	2000 lb
www.mazdausa.com	

MAZDA
CX-9

est \$28,805-\$32,815

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
17 mpg city >>> 24 mpg hwy



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| Compare To: | Pro: |
| • Chevrolet Traverse | Improved mpg |
| • Ford Flex | Con: |
| • Honda Pilot | Still too thirsty |
| • Hyundai Veracruz | What's New: |
| • Nissan Pathfinder | Redesigned wheels |

The Mazda CX-9 has cut a wide swath in the crossover utility market, offering reasonable price, room for seven people, available all-wheel drive and a strong (273-bhp) 3.7-liter V-6 engine that offers improved fuel economy for 2011. The CX-9 is a significantly larger vehicle than the CX-7, while offering more comfort, a quieter overall driving experience and superior interior styling. And being a Mazda, the CX-9 is agile and makes for a fun driving experience. Optional features include a blind-spot detection system, heated front seats, rearview camera and a navigation system with Real Time Traffic.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/fwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	113.2 in.
Length/width/height	199.8/76.2/68.0 in.
Curb weight	4310 lb
Engines	3.7-liter dohc 24V V-6, 273 bhp
Transmission	6A
Seating capacity	7
Fuel capacity	20.1 gal.
Luggage capacity	17.2/48.4/100.7 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	6 years/60,000 miles
CROSSOVER SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Ground clearance	8.1 in.
Max tow capacity	3500 lb
www.mazdausa.com	

MAZDA
MX-5

est \$22,960-\$28,400

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
22 mpg city >>> 28 mpg hwy



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| Compare To: | Pro: |
| • Audi TT | Great fun |
| • BMW Z4 | Con: |
| • Mini Cooper S | Tight interior |
| • Nissan 370Z | What's New: |
| • Volkswagen Eos | Unchanged for 2011 |

Anyone who has ever wanted a sports car has to examine the Mazda MX-5. With its delightful 2.0-liter twincam 4-cylinder engine, snappy-shifting 5- or 6-speed manual gearbox (and now a 6-speed automatic too), the MX-5 is the modern iteration of the old-fashioned sports roadster. The handling is excellent, the ride is just fine and the cozy interior is comfortable for most anyone. Those who live in colder climes may want to choose the PRHT model, which stands for Power Retractable Hardtop. This articulated roof seals well and makes the MX-5 an all-weather car unless the snow gets too deep. If you drive for fun, this is the car for you.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/rear drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	91.7 in.
Length/width/height	157.3/67.7/49.0 in.
Curb weight	2447 lb
Engines	2.0-liter dohc 16V I-4, 167 bhp
Transmission	5M, 6M, 6A
Seating capacity	2
Fuel capacity	12.7 gal.
Luggage capacity	5.3 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	6 years/60,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	na
Bluetooth	avail.
www.mazdausa.com	

MAZDA RX-8

est \$26,645-\$32,140

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
16 mpg city >>> 22 mpg hwy



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| Compare To: | Pro: |
| • Chevrolet Camaro | Unique rotary engine |
| • Dodge Challenger | Con: |
| • Ford Mustang | Poor mpg |
| • Hyundai Genesis | What's New: |
| • Nissan 370Z | Unchanged for 2011 |

Mazda has championed the rotary engine for many years and continues to produce the Renesis twin-rotor Wankel for the RX-8 4-door sports car. Seem confusing? Not really, as Mazda brought out the RX-8 in 2003 and it has proven to be a fun-to-drive sports car that will carry four adults in a pinch. When paired with a 6-speed manual gearbox, the rotary develops 232 bhp, while output drops to 212 bhp when mated to the 6-speed automatic transmission. Ride and handling are smooth and slick, interior comfort is quite high and if you want to have the ultimate RX-8, order the R3 edition with stiffer suspension, Bilstein shock absorbers, a rear spoiler and more.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/rear drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	106.4 in.
Length/width/height	174.3/69.7/52.8 in.
Curb weight	3064 lb
Engines	1.3-liter 2-rotor Wankel, 232 bhp, 212 bhp (automatic)
Transmission	6M, 6A
Seating capacity	4
Fuel capacity	16.9 gal.
Luggage capacity	7.6 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	6 years/60,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.
www.mazdausa.com	

MAZDA Tribute



est \$20,000-\$32,000

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
22 mpg city >>> 28 mpg hwy



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| Compare To: | Pro: |
| • Ford Escape | Roomy interior |
| • Honda CR-V | Con: |
| • Mitsubishi Outlander | No Hybrid model |
| • Nissan Rogue | What's New: |
| • Toyota RAV4 | Carryover from 2010 |

Sharing the basics with the Ford Escape, the Mazda Tribute is a small, traditional crossover SUV available in either front- or all-wheel drive. The basic engine is a 2.5-liter 16-valve 4-cylinder with 171 bhp, while the upgrade is a 3.0-liter V-6 with a healthy 240 bhp. For the record, the Tribute Hybrid with the 2.5-liter engine and a 70-kW electric motor has been discontinued. The Tribute offers strong acceleration with the V-6, but otherwise performance is not exciting. And the ride and handling characteristics are not up to the high level you would expect from Mazda. There is, however, ample space inside the Tribute for both passengers and cargo.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/fwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	103.1 in.
Length/width/height	174.9/71.1/67.9 in.
Curb weight	3272 lb
Engines	2.5-liter dohc 16V I-4, 171 bhp; 3.0-liter dohc 24V V-6, 240 bhp
Transmission	5M, 6A, CVT
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	15.0 gal.
Luggage capacity	29.2/66.3 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	6 years/60,000 miles
CROSSOVER SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Ground clearance	8.4 in.
Max tow capacity	3500 lb
www.mazdausa.com	

2012 McLaren MP4-12C

est \$225,000-\$250,000

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
na



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| Compare To: | Pro: |
| • Chevrolet Corvette ZR1 | Light, might |
| • Ferrari 458 Italia | Con: |
| • Lamborghini Gallardo | Unknown |
| | What's new: |
| | All-new vehicle |

Aiming at the Ferrari 458 Italia, McLaren is taking its racing rivalry with the Italian legend from the circuits to the streets. With proportions and layout similar to the Ferrari's, the MP4-12C boasts a carbon-fiber tub to which the mid-mounted engine—a twin-turbo 3.8-liter V-8 with 592 bhp on tap—is attached. Also notable is the 7-speed twin-clutch sequential-shift gearbox, which like the Ferrari has no clutch pedal or traditional manual option. The McLaren has some unique features such as dihedral-opening doors. And contrary to current practice, the car has standard cast-iron brake rotors that are actually lighter than the carbon-ceramic discs found on similarly priced exotics. Look for the McLaren to arrive in mid-2011 through a select group of dealers.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	mid engine/rear drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	105.1 in.
Length/width/height	177.5/75.1/47.2 in.
Curb weight	2870 lb
Engine	3.8-liter twin turbo V-8, 592 bhp
Transmission	7PSM
Seating capacity	2
Fuel capacity	na
Luggage capacity	na
Powertrain warranty	na
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	std
Bluetooth	std
www.mclaren.com	

MERCEDES-BENZ

C-Class

\$35,900-\$58,200

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
18 mpg city >>> 26 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Audi A4
- BMW 3 Series
- Cadillac CTS
- Infiniti G37
- Lexus IS 350

Pro:

C63 AMG

Con:

No manual C350

What's New:

481-hp AMG option

German sedans fill the dreams of many aspiring execs, and Mercedes' C-Class often sits center stage when the smoke clears. The compact 4-door boasts the expected trappings of a Teutonic sedan, including Luxury and Sport versions. Powertrain choices include two V-6s, both twin-cam 24-valve engines with variable cam timing. The C300 gets a 228-hp 3.0-liter, which clocks a 7.1-second 0-60 time with either manual or automatic. The Sport-only C350 ups the ante to 3.5 liters, 268 bhp and 6.1 sec. All include standard Bluetooth, wood trim, and moonroof. Options include navigation, leather seats, rearview camera, 4Matic awd and Keyless-Go. For the horsepower-addicted, AMG's monster C63 offers 451 bhp, with a Development Package bumping that to 481 bhp.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/rwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	108.7 in.
Length/width/height	182.3/69.7/56.9 in.
Curb weight	3560 lb
Engines	3.0-liter dohc 24V V-6, 228 bhp; 3.5-liter dohc 24V V-6, 268 bhp; 6.2-liter dohc 32V V-8, 451 bhp
Transmission	6M, 7A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	17.4 gal.
Luggage capacity	12.4 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	4 years/50,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	std
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MERCEDES-BENZ

CL-Class

est \$110,400-\$154,400

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
est 16 mpg city >>> 21 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Aston Martin Rapide
- Bentley Continental
- Cadillac CTS-V Coupe
- Jaguar XKR
- Maserati GranTurismo

Pro:

429-hp bi-turbo V-8

Con:

Over-tech?

What's New:

Revised styling

As part of Mercedes' extensively updated lineup, a revised CL-Class makes its debut for 2011. The coupe's reworked exterior includes new air intakes and grille, but the real changes lie behind that. The CL550 4Matic boasts M-B's all-new bi-turbo 4.7-liter V-8, which claims 429 bhp (up from 382 for the normally aspirated 5.5-liter) and a whopping 516 lb.-ft. of torque. These numbers join with a significant reduction in CO₂ emissions and a 10-15-percent jump in fuel economy. Behind the mild facelift is a load of safety technology, including lane-keeping and blind-spot aids, new adaptive bi-xenon headlights, infrared night-vision system and crosswind stabilization. The awd CL550 joins the twin-turbo V-12 CL600, as well as a pair of AMG versions, the CL63 and CL65.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/rwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	116.3 in.
Length/width/height	200.6/73.7/55.8 in.
Curb weight	4619 lb
Engines	4.7-liter twin-turbo dohc 32V V-8, 429 bhp; 5.5-liter twin-turbo dohc 32V V-8, 536 bhp; 5.5-liter twin-turbo sohc 36V V-12, 510 bhp; 6.0-liter twin-turbo sohc 36V V-12, 621 bhp
Transmission	5A, 7A
Seating capacity	4
Fuel capacity	23.8 gal.
Luggage capacity	13.5 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	4 years/50,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	std
Bluetooth	std
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MERCEDES-BENZ

CLS-Class

\$74,000-\$99,050

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
14 mpg city >>> 21 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Audi A6
- BMW Gran Turismo
- Jaguar XF
- Maserati Quattroporte

Pro:

Still a looker

Con:

Cramped rear quarters

What's New:

Sport package

Mercedes' original 4-door "coupe" returns for 2011, generating less controversy but as many admiring looks as its original incarnation. Available only as the CLS550, the svelte regular-production 4-door sports a 382-hp 5.5-liter V-8 combined with M-B's 7-speed automatic. The high-performance CLS63 AMG also returns, boasting AMG's 507-hp 6.2-liter V-8 and a tweaked 7-speed automatic. Changes for the regular-production CLS this year are slight; standard AMG-designed 18-in. wheels, shift paddles and a sport appearance package just about sum them up. The reason for the somewhat skimpy news is pretty clear: Its replacement isn't merely waiting in the wings, it's standing off-stage. A completely revised CLS is due soon, arriving as an early-release 2012 model.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/rear drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	112.4 in.
Length/width/height	193.6/73.7/55.9 in.
Curb weight	4045 lb
Engines	5.5-liter dohc 32V V-8, 382 bhp; 6.2-liter dohc 32V V-8, 507 bhp
Transmission	7A
Seating capacity	4
Fuel capacity	21.1 gal.
Luggage capacity	15.9 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	4 years/50,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	std
Bluetooth	std
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MERCEDES-BENZ

E-Class

\$48,850–\$64,800

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
17 mpg city >>> 26 mpg hwy



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| Compare To: | Pro: |
| • Audi A6 | Expansive lineup |
| • BMW 5 Series | Con: |
| • Cadillac CTS | Average fuel economy |
| • Infiniti M | What's New: |
| • Lexus GS | Wagon |

Mercedes' bread-and-butter E-Class offers virtually everything a luxury owner could want: a sumptuous interior, a wealth of amenities, leading-edge features and eye-catching styling in sedan, coupe, convertible or all-new wagon body styles. Regular production E-Class cars include a 268-hp V-6, 382-hp V-8 or a 210-hp BlueTEC diesel V-6, plus a 7-speed automatic driving either the rear or all four wheels. The sedan offers Luxury or Sport versions, the latter with larger brakes, staggered performance tires and Agility Control suspension. The C-Class roots of the E350/550 coupe and convertible take little away from this sporty pair, and the 5-door wagons give a family orientation to the lineup. AMG's presence is felt with the E63 and its 518-hp 6.3-liter V-8.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/rwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	113.1 in.
Length/width/height	191.7/81.5/57.7 in.
Curb weight	3825 lb
Engines	3.0-liter dohc 24V V-6, 210 bhp; 3.5-liter dohc 24V V-6, 268 bhp; 5.5-liter dohc 32V V-8, 382 bhp; 6.2-liter dohc 32V V-8, 518 bhp
Transmission	7A
Seating capacity	5, 7
Fuel capacity	21.1 gal.
Luggage capacity	15.9 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	4 years/50,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	std
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MERCEDES-BENZ

G-Class

\$105,750–\$124,450

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
11 mpg city >>> 15 mpg hwy



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| Compare To: | Pro: |
| • Land Rover Range Rover | Superb off-road ability |
| • Lexus LX 570 | Con: |
| • Porsche Cayenne | Antiquated design |
| • Toyota Land Cruiser | What's New: |
| | Carryover model |

Despite its popularity on Rodeo Drive, Mercedes' G-Class is arguably the most competent off-road vehicle in the U.S. Its military origins give the G550 the right stuff for a trip up the Rubicon Trail: live front and rear axles with lockable differentials, a lockable 2-speed transfer case, short overhangs, 115-volt receptacle, and ground clearance galore. Powered by M-B's 382-hp 5.5-liter V-8 paired with a 7-speed automatic (or AMG's 500-hp supercharged V-8 and 5-speed), the 5622-lb. SUV can hit 60 mph in 6 seconds flat (5.4 for the G55) and conquer an 80-percent grade. The boxlike profile encloses 80 cu. ft. of cargo space and room for five, surrounded by chrome, burl walnut and leather. Now entering its fourth decade, the G-Class is unchanged for 2011.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/4-wheel drive
Suspension, f/r	live/live
Wheelbase	112.2 in.
Length/width/height	184.5/71.8/76.0 in.
Curb weight	5622 lb
Engines	5.5-liter dohc 32V V-8, 382 bhp; 5.4-liter supercharged sohc 24V V-8, 500 bhp
Transmission	5A, 7A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	25.4 gal.
Luggage capacity	54.2/79.5 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	4 years/50,000 miles
SUV SPECIFICS	
Low-range gearing	std
Ground clearance	8.1 in.
Max tow capacity	7000 lb
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MERCEDES-BENZ

GL-Class

\$60,950–\$84,450

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
17 mpg city >>> 21 mpg hwy



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| Compare To: | Pro: |
| • Audi Q7 | BlueTEC diesel |
| • BMW X5 | Con: |
| • Infiniti QX56 | Third row leg room |
| • Lexus GX 470 | What's New: |
| • Nissan Armada | Mild facelift |

Mercedes' GL-Class greets 2011 with a fresh face, courtesy of a new grille, re-designed fascia, chrome trim and LED lighting front and rear. Otherwise, think of the GL as a stretched ML-Class and you won't be too far off. Developed for the those who need (or think they need) 7-passenger capacity, the GL adds another 6.6 in. of space between its 20-in. wheels and another foot of overall length—just enough to wedge a pair of kiddy-size seats under its 1-piece tailgate. Like the ML, the GL offers three engines: a 210-hp BlueTEC diesel, 335-hp 4.5-liter V-8 or 382-hp 5.5-liter V-8, all backed by M-B's 7-speed automatic. The GL also includes a full range of M-B options, from navigation and Blind Spot Assist to leather and heated/ventilated seats.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/rwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	121.1 in.
Length/width/height	200.6/76.4/72.4 in.
Curb weight	5423 lb
Engines	3.0-liter turbodiesel sohc 24V V-6, 210 bhp; 4.7-liter dohc 32V V-8, 335 bhp; 5.5-liter dohc 32V V-8, 382 bhp
Transmission	7A
Seating capacity	7
Fuel capacity	17.4 gal.
Luggage capacity	14.3/43.8/83.3 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	4 years/50,000 miles
SUV SPECIFICS	
Low-range gearing	na
Ground clearance	7.9 in.
Max tow capacity	7500 lb
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MERCEDES-BENZ

GLK-Class

\$35,500–\$37,500

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
16 mpg city >>> 21 mpg hwy



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| Compare To: | Pro: |
| • Audi Q5 | Available rwd or awd |
| • BMW X3 | Con: |
| • Infiniti EX35 | Indifferent handling |
| • Lexus RX 350 | What's New: |
| • Volkswagen Tiguan | AMG sport package |

The smallest member of Mercedes' SUV family is also the newest. Introduced last year, the GLK boasts crisply folded sheet metal surrounding a modern, though somewhat narrow, interior. Unique in the segment, the 5-passenger compact offers a choice of either rear- or all-wheel drive, but only one engine—a 3.5-liter 268-hp V-6 backed with a 7-speed automatic, good for a 6.5-second 0–60. A hoped-for diesel has not arrived, and the GLK350 could use the improved fuel economy. Standard equipment includes roof rails, 19-in. wheels, dual-zone climate control, multi-function steering wheel and burl walnut trim. An extensive options list includes COMAND navigation, full leather, Keyless-Go, rearview camera and an AMG-inspired sport package with 20-in. wheels.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/rwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	108.5 in.
Length/width/height	178.3/74.3/66.9 in.
Curb weight	3926 lb
Engines	3.5-liter dohc 24V V-6, 268 bhp
Transmission	7A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	17.4 gal.
Luggage capacity	23.3/54.7 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	4 years/50,000 miles
CROSSOVER SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Ground clearance	7.9 in.
Max tow capacity	3500 lb
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MERCEDES-BENZ

M-Class, Hybrid

\$46,490–\$92,590

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
16 mpg city >>> 21 mpg hwy



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| Compare To: | Pro: |
| • Acura MDX | ML400 Hybrid |
| • Audi Q7 | Con: |
| • BMW X5 | Hybrid is lease-only |
| • Volkswagen Touareg | What's New: |
| • Volvo XC90 | Hybrid powertrain |

Mercedes' first high-end sport-ute gets a thorough revision for 2011, with additions to make it the most far-ranging model lineup in the company's stable. Returning this year are two regular-production gasoline models (a V-6 and V-8), a V-6 diesel, and a hot-rod AMG version. The real news is the ML400h, which combines a 275-hp fuel-sipping Atkinson-cycle V-6 with a 288-volt electric motor for a total of 335 hp. Fuel efficiency for the full hybrid jumps by 15–20 percent, with EPA ratings of 20 city/25 highway. The downside? The ML400h carries a \$9000 premium and is available lease-only, which will leave some people wondering about the hybrid's future.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/rwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	114.7 in.
Length/width/height	188.2/76.3/71.5 in.
Curb weight	4974 lb
Engines	3.0-liter turbodiesel sohc 24V V-6, 210 bhp; 3.5-liter dohc 24V V-6, 268 bhp; 3.5-liter dohc 24V V-6/two electric motors, 335 hp combined (Hybrid); 5.5-liter dohc 32V V-8, 382 bhp; 6.2-liter dohc 32V V-8, 503 bhp
Transmission	7A, 8A (Hybrid)
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	25.1 gal.
Luggage capacity	29.4/72.4 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	4 years/50,000 miles; Hybrid components 8 years/100,000 miles
SUV SPECIFICS	
Low-range gearing	na
Ground clearance	8.3 in.
Max tow capacity	7200 lb
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MERCEDES-BENZ

R-Class

\$50,240–\$51,740

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
18 mpg city >>> 24 mpg hwy



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| Compare To: | Pro: |
| • Acura MDX | Handsome restyling |
| • Audi Q7 | Con: |
| • Buick Enclave | BlueTEC urea additive |
| • Cadillac SRX | What's New: |
| • Chevrolet Traverse | Revised style |

After being cut to just two models last year, Mercedes' R-Class returns with a complete revamping this year, with handsome new styling comprising a new hood, front fascia, LED lighting, rear bumper and exhaust. Complementing the altered exterior is an updated interior with a 3D instrument cluster, saddle-type head restraints, new wood veneer, and chrome trim. The Sport Tourer (aka minivan) returns with the same V-6 engines, either a 268-hp gasoline 3.5-liter or a 210-hp 3.0-liter turbodiesel, both backed by 7-speed automatics and M-B's 4Matic all-wheel drive as standard. Included on the options list are the usual luxury items (leather, Panorama sunroof, navigation) plus family-oriented items such as rear-seat entertainment and iPod adapter.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/all-wheel drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	126.6 in.
Length/width/height	203.1/85.4/65.4 in.
Curb weight	3926 lb
Engines	3.0-liter turbodiesel dohc 24V V-6, 210 bhp; 3.5-liter dohc 24V V-6, 268 bhp
Transmission	7A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	21.1 gal.
Luggage capacity	18.3/42.3/87.3 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	4 years/50,000 miles
CROSSOVER SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Ground clearance	5.8 in.
Max tow capacity	3500 lb
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MERCEDES-BENZ

S-Class, Hybrid

est \$87,950-\$133,500

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:

14 mpg city >>> 21 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Audi A8
- BMW 7 Series
- Lexus LS 600h L
- Maserati Quattroporte

Pro:

S400 Hybrid

Con:

S400 is slow

What's New:

Twin-turbo V-8

The S-Class has often been the showcase for Mercedes' technology, so it's no surprise that the company's first hybrid made its debut in its flagship line. Pairing a 120-volt/20-hp electric motor with a 275-bhp V-6, the S400 Hybrid combines impressive fuel economy (19 city/25 highway) and an entry-level price with a disappointing 7.2-second 0-60 time. In contrast, the S63 and S65 AMG (and the S600) boast sub-5-sec. 0-60 times, 11-mpg EPA ratings and \$100K-plus pricing. The S63 also gets an all-new 536-bhp twin-turbo AMG V-8 with direct fuel injection and Start/Stop capability, backed by AMG's 7-speed Multi-Clutch gearbox. Also new this year is Splitview, a multimedia/navigation display that allows driver and passenger to view different images on the same screen.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/rwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	116.3 in.
Length/width/height	200.6/73.7/55.8 in.
Curb weight	4619 lb
Engines	3.5-liter dohc 24V V-6/electric motor 295 hp combined (Hybrid); 5.5-liter dohc 32V V-8, 382 bhp; 5.5-liter twin-turbo sohc 36V V-12, 510 bhp; 5.5-liter twin-turbo dohc 32V V-8, 536 bhp; 6.0-liter twin-turbo sohc 36V V-12, 621 bhp
Transmission	5A, 7A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	23.8 gal.
Luggage capacity	16.4 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	4 years/50,000 miles; Hybrid components 8 years/100,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	std
Bluetooth	std
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MERCEDES-BENZ

SL-Class

\$102,600-\$198,750

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:

18 mpg city >>> 26 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Aston Martin DB9
- Bentley Continental Convertible
- Ferrari California
- Jaguar XKR Cabrio

Pro:

738 lb.-ft. of torque

Con:

Showing its age

What's New:

Standard HD radio

If you've got a spare \$100K or so burning a hole in your pocket, let us direct you to the Mercedes-Benz SL-Class. The large 2-seat roadster is offered in three models: SL550 (382-bhp 5.5-liter V-8), SL63 AMG (518-bhp 6.2-liter V-8) or SL65 AMG (604-bhp 6.0-liter twin-turbo V-12). The price builds in similar increments, ranging from the \$102K SL550 to the \$139K SL63 all the way to the \$198K SL65 AMG. Zero-to-60 acceleration times drop as well, from 5.4 seconds to 4.2 sec. New Direct Steering in the SL550 quickens steering simply by changing the gearing in the steering rack. The limited-availability SL550 Night Edition includes a special interior treatment plus two-tone 19-in. AMG wheels, special paint, silver brake calipers and darkened head- and taillights.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/rear drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	100.8 in.
Length/width/height	180.4/81.4/51.1 in.
Curb weight	4220 lb
Engines	5.5-liter dohc 32V V-8, 382 bhp; 6.2-liter dohc 32V V-8, 518 bhp; 6.0-liter twin-turbo sohc 36V V-12, 604 bhp
Transmission	7A
Seating capacity	2
Fuel capacity	21.1 gal.
Luggage capacity	10.2 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	4 years/50,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	std
Bluetooth	std
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MERCEDES-BENZ

SLK-Class

\$47,650-\$53,300

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:

19 mpg city >>> 26 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Audi TT
- BMW Z4
- Mazda MX-5
- Nissan 370Z
- Porsche Boxster S

Pro:

Airscarf

Con:

SLK300 lacks power

What's New:

No AMG model

Over the past several years, Mercedes has revitalized the SLK roadsters, making them sportier and more fun to drive. The SLK300 and SLK350 both include 17-in. wheels, snug sport seats and power retractable hardtops. The SLK350 gets a boost to 300 bhp via M-B's "Sport" V-6, while the SLK300 soldiers on with a meager 228 bhp. The 3.0-liter SLK300 includes a standard 6-speed manual, but the SLK350 comes only with M-B's 7-speed automatic. Standard Direct Steering mechanically alters the gearing in the steering rack to quicken the cars' off-center response. Both SLKs offer Mercedes' optional Airscarf for comfortable top-down cold-weather driving. A performance package ups the SLK's sport quotient via 18-in. AMG wheels, paddle shifters and sport suspension.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/rear drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	95.7 in.
Length/width/height	161.5/70.4/51.1 in.
Curb weight	3208 lb
Engines	3.0-liter dohc 24V V-6, 228 bhp; 3.5-liter dohc 24V V-6, 300 bhp
Transmission	6M, 7A
Seating capacity	2
Fuel capacity	18.5 gal.
Luggage capacity	9.8 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	4 years/50,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	std
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MERCEDES-BENZ

SLS AMG

\$183,000

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
14 mpg city >>> 20 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Audi R8
- Aston Martin DBS
- Bugatti Veyron 16.4
- Ferrari 599 GTB Fiorano

Pro:

Heir to 300SL legacy

Con:

Why all the options?

What's New:

All-new model

The SLR McLaren is dead; long live the SLS AMG. A pitch-perfect update of the original 300SL right down to the iconic gullwing doors, this stunning coupe features AMG's best, including a dry-sump 563-bhp 6.2-liter V-8 and a 7-speed dual-clutch transaxle. From there, the specs get more racer-like: aluminum space-frame chassis with double-wishbone suspension, carbon-fiber driveshaft, and ceramic brakes with 15.4-in. front and 14.2-in. rear rotors. The interior cossets driver and passenger in form-fitting, magnesium-frame sport seats, in an aircraft-quality cockpit that offers Designo leather, Bang & Olufsen stereo and Keyless-Go as options. It's enough to make the \$183K price tag seem like a bargain.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/rear drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	105.5 in.
Length/width/height	182.6/76.3/49.3 in.
Curb weight	3573 lb
Engines	6.2-liter dohc 32V V-8, 563 bhp
Transmission	7A
Seating capacity	2
Fuel capacity	22.5 gal.
Luggage capacity	6.2 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	4 years/50,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	std
Bluetooth	std

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MERCEDES-BENZ

Sprinter

\$35,465-\$40,815

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
18 mpg city >>> 24 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Chevrolet Express
- Ford E-Series
- GMC Savana

Pro:

BlueTEC diesel

Con:

Limited dealer network

What's New:

Replaces Dodge Sprinter

Mercedes will no doubt delight an array of commercial clients with the U.S. introduction of this vehicle. As a cargo carrier, the Sprinter has more personalities than Jim Carrey—available as a 12-passenger hauler, cargo van or as a custom-tailored cab chassis, Mercedes' commercial truck includes a fuel-efficient 3.0-liter turbodiesel with 188 bhp and 325 lb.-ft. of torque, backed by a standard 5-speed automatic. Rack-and-pinion steering, 4-wheel disc brakes and 16-in. wheels are equally welcome here as in sport vehicles, even combined with a live rear axle and leaf springs. Standard electronic stability control adapts to changing loads, and includes ABS, Roll Over Mitigation and understeer control. Options include bi-xenon headlights and a rearview camera.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/rear drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/live
Wheelbase	144.0 in.
Length/width/height	232.5/79.3/96.3 in.
Curb weight	5710 lb
Engines	3.0-liter turbodiesel dohc 24V V-6, 188 bhp
Transmission	5A
Seating capacity	2-12
Fuel capacity	26.4 gal.
Luggage capacity	318.0-547.0 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	4 years/50,000 miles

VAN SPECIFICS

Power side doors	na
Rear entertainment	na
Max tow capacity	5000 lb

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MINI

Cooper, Clubman

est \$20,100-\$35,000

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
28 mpg city >>> 37 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Ford Fiesta
- Honda Fit
- Mazdaspeed3
- Volvo C30
- Volkswagen GTI

Pro:

Back-to-basics fun

Con:

Gauges too "styled"

What's New:

Unchanged for 2011

The Mini Cooper has shown us that people will pay a little more to get form and function. Its small footprint is great in the city, but thanks to good engineering, the car never feels tiny when it's on the open highway. With its fold-down rear seats, you can fit a standard-size drum set back there, with room to spare. Our biggest gripe with the car, and it's not that big, mind you, is a lack of power. This is addressed with the Cooper S and its turbocharged engine with 177 bhp. Even more powerful is the 208-bhp JCW model. If more room is what you're after, the Clubman offers almost 4 more cu. ft. of space. Those who want an open-air experience can opt for the Mini Convertible, which features a top with three configurations: open, closed and sunroof mode.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	97.1 in.
Length/width/height	145.6/66.3/55.4 in.
Curb weight	2546 lb
Engines	1.6-liter dohc 16V I-4, 118 bhp; 1.6-liter turbo dohc 16V I-4, 177 bhp; 1.6-liter turbo dohc 16V I-4, 208 bhp
Transmission	6M, 6A
Seating capacity	4
Fuel capacity	10.6 gal.
Luggage capacity	5.7 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	4 years/50,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.

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Countryman

est \$25,000–\$35,000

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:

32 mpg city >>> 39 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Ford Fiesta
- Mazda2
- Nissan Juke
- Volvo C30
- Volkswagen Golf

Pro:

Many configurations

Con:

No diesel

What's New:

All-new model

The SUV of Minis? With features like four real doors and optional all-wheel drive, that's just what Mini wants the Countryman to be. Two reclining rear seats come standard, and separating the seats is Mini's center rail system that allows the occupants to clip on modular storage pieces like cupholders and cell phone holsters however they like. Optionally, two rear split/fold bench seat configurations are available: a 60/40 and a 40/20/40. As in the standard Mini, the rear cargo space is accessed via hatch. The Countryman should handle twisty roads well enough, thanks to an electric-assist power steering system, and should appeal to the buyer who's looking for a compact, do-anything 4-seater with a dose of style.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/fwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	102.2 in.
Length/width/height	161.8/70.4/61.5 in.
Curb weight	3053 lb
Engines	1.6-liter dohc 16V I-4, 118 bhp; 1.6-liter turbo dohc 16V I-4, 177 bhp
Transmission	6M, 6A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	12.4 gal.
Luggage capacity	12.4 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	4 years/50,000 miles

CROSSOVER SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Ground clearance	5.9 in.
Max tow capacity	2200 lb

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MITSUBISHI

Eclipse, Spyder

\$18,999–\$32,828

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:

20 mpg city >>> 27 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Chevrolet Camaro
- Ford Mustang
- Kia Forte Koup
- Mazda MX-5
- Nissan Altima Coupe

Pro:

Stylish value

Con:

Not a real sports car

What's New:

Lower ride height

As an entry-level car, the 2011 Eclipse now has a lower starting price, which cannot be a bad thing for those buyers looking for an attractive 2+2 sports coupe. The GS Sport also gets some minor equipment upgrades, such as leather seating surfaces and power driver's seat, without an increase in price. The Eclipse continues to be available as a coupe or Spyder (convertible) with the choice of a 162-bhp 4-cylinder engine or a 265-bhp V-6. The 2011 Eclipse's ride height has been lowered by 15 mm for an improved sporty look and better aerodynamics. The look of the coupe has also been improved with bigger 18-in. alloy wheels and a black painted roof reminiscent of the design of the original Eclipse introduced back in 1990.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	101.4 in.
Length/width/height	180.4/72.2/53.0 in.
Curb weight	3265 lb
Engines	2.4-liter sohc 16V I-4, 162 bhp; 3.8-liter sohc 24V V-6, 265 bhp
Transmission	5M, 6M, 5A, 4A
Seating capacity	2+2
Fuel capacity	17.7 gal.
Luggage capacity	15.7 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	10 years/100,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	na
Bluetooth	avail.

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MITSUBISHI

Endeavor

\$28,299–\$33,599

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:

15 mpg city >>> 21 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Chevrolet Equinox
- Ford Edge
- Honda Pilot
- Nissan Murano
- Toyota Highlander

Pro:

Good leg room

Con:

Poor mpg

What's New:

Nav system std on SE

After getting a major refresh last year, the 2011 Endeavor, which is a crossover built on the same platform as the Galant, receives no changes this year. However, the touchscreen navigation system with backup camera, power sunroof and cargo cover are now included as standard equipment on the SE model. As before, the SE is available with all-wheel drive, while the LS model is only offered in a front-drive configuration. Both models continue to be powered by the 3.8-liter V-6 that delivers 225 bhp and is coupled to a 4-speed automatic transmission. Like all Mitsubishi models, the Endeavor carries a 10-year/100,000-mile warranty, making it the only company to match the generous warranty offered by Hyundai and Kia.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/fwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	108.3 in.
Length/width/height	190.8/73.6/67.3 in.
Curb weight	3969 lb
Engines	3.8-liter sohc 24V V-6, 225 bhp
Transmission	4A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	21.4 gal.
Luggage capacity	40.7/76.4 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	10 years/100,000 miles

CROSSOVER SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Ground clearance	8.3 in.
Max tow capacity	3500 lb

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MITSUBISHI

Galant

\$21,599–\$23,999

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
21 mpg city >>> 30 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Honda Accord
- Hyundai Sonata
- Mazda6
- Nissan Altima
- Toyota Camry

Pro:

Good value

Con:

No V-6

What's New:

Lower ride height

Compared to its direct competitors such as the Honda Accord and Toyota Camry, the Galant is almost invisible and its styling gets mixed reviews. After receiving some engine improvements last year, there is little change for 2011. The Galant's ride height has been lowered by half an inch, which is the most significant change. It helps improve the aerodynamics as well as giving the car a sportier look that is also enhanced by a new chrome belt molding. The 2011 Galant SE offers better value as a power sunroof, illuminated vanity mirrors, an electrochromic interior rearview mirror and a HomeLink automatic garage door opener are now standard equipment. All Galant models are offered only with a 2.4-liter 4-cylinder engine with an automatic transmission.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	108.3 in.
Length/width/height	191.1/72.4/57.5 in.
Curb weight	3483 lb
Engines	2.4-liter sohc 16V I-4, 160 bhp
Transmission	5A, 4A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	17.7 gal.
Luggage capacity	13.3 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	10 years/100,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.
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MITSUBISHI

Lancer, Evo

est \$14,995–\$40,990

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
25 mpg city >>> 33 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Honda Civic
- Mazda3
- Subaru Impreza/WRX
- Toyota Corolla
- Volkswagen Jetta

Pro:

The Evo (still)

Con:

CVT

What's New:

Evo SE model

There are few nameplates produced by any single manufacturer that have so many choices in one lineup. The base Lancer is an entry-level affordable 4-door sedan powered by a 152-bhp 4-cylinder engine. Then, at almost three times the price, there is the fabulous rally-bred Lancer Evolution with all-wheel drive and a snorting turbocharged 2.0-liter 291-bhp engine. In between these two extremes are the Sportback "hatchback" and the awd Ralliart that is less powerful than the Evo but still an extremely sporty sedan. Apart from some engine tuning for improved mileage, the only changes for the 2011 models are option package adjustments and the addition of the Fuse hands-free system for smartphones and iPods.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/fwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	103.7 in.
Length/width/height	180.0/69.4/58.7 in.
Curb weight	2920 lb
Engines	2.0-liter dohc 16V I-4, 148 bhp; 2.4-liter dohc 16V I-4, 168 bhp; 2.0-liter turbo dohc 16V I-4, 237 bhp; 2.0-liter turbo dohc 16V I-4, 291 bhp
Transmission	5M, CVT, 6PSM
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	15.3 gal.
Luggage capacity	11.6 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	10 years/100,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.
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MITSUBISHI

Outlander

est \$20,840–\$29,250

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
21 mpg city >>> 27 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Ford Escape
- Honda CR-V
- Hyundai Santa Fe
- Nissan Rogue
- Toyota RAV4

Pro:

Versatility

Con:

Cramped third row

What's New:

Improved mileage

Although the crossover Outlander is slightly smaller than the Endeavor, it manages to pack in a third row of seats (now standard on the SE model), giving it better passenger carrying capacity than its bigger brother. After a major freshening last year, there are not many changes in the 2011 Outlander apart from some repackaging of options and retuning of the engine for better fuel economy. New options include leather seating surfaces, upgraded Rockford-Fosgate audio system and the Fuse hands-free system that's similar to Ford's Sync. The 2011 Outlander continues to be available as a front-driver or with all-wheel drive as an option. The XLS and GT S-AWC models have a Sportronic 6-speed transmission instead of the CVT found in lesser models.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/fwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	105.1 in.
Length/width/height	182.7/70.9/66.1 in.
Curb weight	3395 lb
Engines	2.4-liter dohc 16V I-4, 168 bhp; 3.0-liter sohc 24V V-6, 230 bhp
Transmission	CVT, 6A
Seating capacity	5, 7
Fuel capacity	16.6 gal.
Luggage capacity	14.9/39.0/72.6 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	10 years/100,000 miles
CROSSOVER SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Ground clearance	8.5 in.
Max tow capacity	3500 lb
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MITSUBISHI
Outlander Sport



\$18,495-\$22,995
EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
25 mpg city >>> 31 mpg hwy



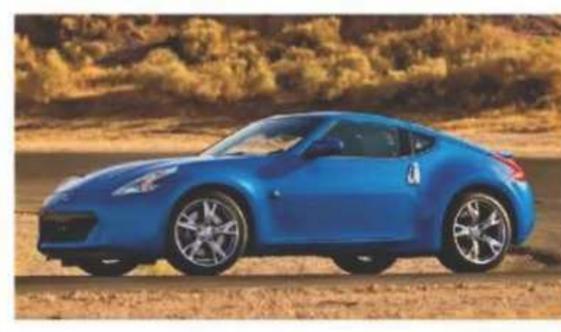
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| Compare To: | Pro: |
| • Hyundai Tucson | Good fuel economy |
| • Kia Sportage | Con: |
| • Nissan Juke | Where's the Sport? |
| • Suzuki Grand Vitara | What's New: |
| • Volkswagen Tiguan | All-new vehicle |

The name of this new Mitsubishi crossover is a little confusing. The Outlander is a three-row crossover SUV capable of seating up to seven people. Add the word Sport and you'd expect a vehicle with a more sporty experience. Instead you're getting a restyled vehicle that is much shorter, even though it has the same wheelbase, and is only available with a 148-bhp 2.0-liter four-banger. It is considerably lighter than the Outlander, which helps make it somewhat sportier, and it definitely delivers better fuel economy. The 5-seat Sport comes standard with a 5-speed manual transmission. A CVT transmission is optional and there is also an awd version available. All models come with Mitsubishi's Fuse hands-free link system.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/fwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	105.1in.
Length/width/height	169.1/69.7/64.2 in.
Curb weight	3098 lb
Engines	2.0-liter dohc 16V I-4, 148 bhp
Transmission	5M, CVT
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	16.6 gal.
Luggage capacity	21.7/49.5 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	10 years/100,000 miles
CROSSOVER SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Ground clearance	8.5 in.
Max tow capacity	est 1000 lb
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NISSAN
370Z, Roadster

est \$30,410-\$39,610
EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
18 mpg city >>> 26 mpg hwy



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| Compare To: | Pro: |
| • Audi TT/Roadster | Good sports-car value |
| • BMW 135i/Conv. | Con: |
| • Ford Mustang/Conv. | Roadster rump |
| • Mercedes SLK-Class | What's New: |
| • Mitsubishi Eclipse | Gun Metallic paint |

It's now been three years since the current iteration of Nissan's iconic sports car, the 370Z, was introduced. Talk about time flying when you're having fun. For 2011, not much has changed; prospective buyers can choose from the base 370Z, the more luxurious Touring, or the sports-car purist's Nismo model, the last featuring 19-in. forged alloy wheels, limited-slip differential and model-specific bodywork. A rearview monitor is now part of the Touring's optional Navigation Package, and there's one new color: Gun Metallic. The 370Z Roadster, which was introduced as an all-new model just last year, is available in base and Touring versions, and is likewise mostly carryover. Available technology includes USB and iPod connectivity and a Bluetooth hands-free phone system.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/rear drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	100.4 in.
Length/width/height	167.2/72.6/51.8 in.
Curb weight	3232 lb
Engines	3.7-liter dohc 24V V-6, 332 bhp; 3.7-liter dohc 24V V-6, 350 bhp
Transmission	6M, 7A
Seating capacity	2
Fuel capacity	19.0 gal.
Luggage capacity	6.9 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.
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NISSAN
Altima

\$19,000-\$26,780
EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
23 mpg city >>> 32 mpg hwy



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| Compare To: | Pro: |
| • Chevrolet Malibu | Contemporary styling |
| • Ford Fusion/Hybrid | Con: |
| • Honda Accord | Coupe's low roofline |
| • Hyundai Sonata | What's New: |
| • Toyota Camry/Hybrid | Special Edition options |

In terms of mass appeal, it's hard to beat Nissan's Altima. From the economical 2.5 CVT sedan to the 3.5-liter 270-bhp Altima coupe and even an Altima Hybrid, the range offers something for almost everyone in the hunt for a midsize car. This year, only subtle changes have been made to the lineup: The sedan gets a new Special Edition option package with alloy wheels and foglights, and there are three new colors. Changes to the Coupe and Hybrid are limited to new colors and a stand-alone Bluetooth option. Available amenities on all models include navigation, rearview monitor and Nissan Intelligent Key with pushbutton start. Standard safety features include stability control, traction control, 4-wheel disc brakes with ABS and six airbags.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	109.3 in.
Length/width/height	189.8/70.7/57.9 in.
Curb weight	3145 lb
Engines	2.5-liter dohc 16V I-4, 175 bhp; 3.5-liter dohc 24V V-6, 270 bhp; 2.5-liter dohc 16V I-4/electric motor, 198 hp combined (Hybrid)
Transmission	CVT, 6M
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	20.0 gal.
Luggage capacity	15.3 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles; Hybrid components 8 years/100,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.
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NISSAN

Armada

\$37,910-\$50,090

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
12 mpg city >>> 18 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Chevy Tahoe
- Ford Expedition
- Honda Pilot
- Kia Borrego
- Toyota Sequoia

Pro:

Handsome, rugged

Con:

Poor fuel economy

What's New:

Revised model names

Solid off-road ruggedness and on-road civility have always been hallmarks of Nissan's full-size SUV, the Armada. This is due in no small part to a boxed ladder frame and 5.6-liter V-8, which provide the strength to pull up to 8200 lb. At the same time, a double wishbone suspension yields a compliant ride. With revisions to the model lineup just last year, Nissan has again changed things up for 2011: SV replaces SE, and SL replaces the Titanium model. The Platinum model continues unchanged, and all three trim levels are available with 2wd or 4wd. Standard and available features include leather-appointed seating, Bluetooth hands-free phone system, Bose audio, power-folding 60/40-split third-row seat and auto-leveling rear air suspension.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/rwd, 4wd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	123.2 in.
Length/width/height	207.7/79.3/77.2 in.
Curb weight	5372 lb
Engines	5.6-liter dohc 32V V-8, 317 bhp
Transmission	5A
Seating capacity	7, 8
Fuel capacity	28.0 gal.
Luggage capacity	20.0/56.7/97.1 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles
SUV SPECIFICS	
Low-range gearing	avail.
Ground clearance	9.8 in.
Max tow capacity	9000 lb
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NISSAN

Cube

est \$13,990-\$20,440

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
28 mpg city >>> 30 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Chevrolet Cruze
- Honda Element
- Kia Soul
- Scion iQ
- Toyota Yaris

Pro:

Smiles per mile

Con:

More power, please

What's New:

Improved nav

Now entering its third model year, Nissan's cheeky little Cube can't help but put a smile on your face with its asymmetrical rear window, fridge-like rear door and quirky interior details. If you like the way it looks, you'll be happy to know its styling won't change for 2011; about the only enhancements are navigation and XM radio on certain models, and one new interior color: Golden Ginger. You'll also like the way it's equipped—standard gear includes air conditioning, AM/FM/CD audio, power windows and locks, six airbags, ABS and Vehicle Dynamic Control with traction control. Two more models, the 1.8S and 1.8SL, pile on more content, and a special Cube 1.8S Krom Edition gets unique alloy wheels, body styling and interior features.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/beam
Wheelbase	99.6 in.
Length/width/height	156.7/66.7/65.0 in.
Curb weight	2762 lb
Engines	1.8-liter dohc 16V I-4, 122 bhp
Transmission	CVT, 6M
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	13.2 gal.
Luggage capacity	11.4/58.1 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	na
Bluetooth	avail.
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NISSAN

Frontier

\$17,750-\$31,630

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
19 mpg city >>> 23 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Chevrolet Colorado
- Ford Ranger
- GMC Canyon
- Honda Ridgeline
- Toyota Tacoma

Pro:

Tough, capable

Con:

Thirsty V-6

What's New:

Trim grades

There's an old adage that goes, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." And so it is with Nissan's formidable Frontier. While it has indeed undergone incremental revisions, it hasn't been significantly changed since the 2005 model year. But then again, a solid structure, reliable powerplants and chiseled looks aren't something to mess with. For 2011, changes are limited to some model shuffling and feature availability; King and Crew Cab models are still offered in 2wd or 4wd, but the trim grades are now S, SV, PRO-4X and SL (Crew Cab only). New options include an SV Premium Utility Package and a PRO-4X Luxury Package. Standard/available safety includes six airbags, stability control, Hill Start Assist and Hill Descent Control.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/rwd, 4wd
Suspension, f/r	ind/live
Wheelbase	125.9 in.
Length/width/height	205.5/72.8/68.7 in.
Curb weight	3664 lb
Engines	2.5-liter dohc 16V I-4, 152 bhp; 4.0-liter dohc 24V V-6, 261 bhp
Transmission	5M, 6M, 5A
Seating capacity	4, 5
Fuel capacity	21.1 gal.
Max payload	1565 lb
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles
TRUCK SPECIFICS	
Cabs	2D, 4D
Bed lengths	59.5/73.3 in.
Max tow capacity	6500 lb
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NISSAN

GT-R

\$84,060

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:

15 mpg city >>> 21 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Audi R8
- Dodge Viper
- Chevrolet Corvette Z06
- Porsche 911 Carrera S

Pro:

Incredible performance

Con:

Base model not offered

What's New:

Retuned suspension

Since its introduction in North America, Nissan's GT-R has been heralded as the best supercar value for the money. With a conservatively rated 485-hp twin-turbo V-6, all-wheel drive and 0-60 times in the 3-second range, it simply has no competition at its price point. For 2011, you'll be glad to know that Nissan hasn't dumbed down the GT-R, but has simplified the line by paring it down to one model: the GT-R Premium. Largely unchanged from last year's car, the GT-R Premium gets darker wheel center caps, rear brake cooling ducts and a retuned suspension for greater ride comfort. Auto on/off headlights and speed-sensitive windshield wipers, along with USB iPod interface and streaming audio via Bluetooth are now standard.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/all-wheel drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	109.4 in.
Length/width/height	183.1/74.9/54.0 in.
Curb weight	3829 lb
Engines	3.8-liter twin-turbo dohc 24VV-6, 485 bhp
Transmission	6PSM
Seating capacity	2+2
Fuel capacity	19.5 gal.
Luggage capacity	8.8 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	std
Bluetooth	std
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NISSAN

Juke

\$18,960-\$24,550

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:

27 mpg city >>> 32 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Hyundai Tucson
- Kia Sportage
- Mitsubishi Outlander Sport
- Suzuki SX4

Pro:

Unique styling, price

Con:

Unique styling

What's New:

All-new vehicle

It's a commonly held belief that what you drive is a reflection of who you are. So if you're fun and a little bit quirky, then Nissan's new Juke could be perfect for you. Edgy styling cues inspired by motorcycles and rally cars are complemented by a standard 1.6-liter Direct Injection Gasoline (DIG) turbocharged engine and either a 6-speed manual or CVT transmission, depending on which of the eight models you choose. A cool feature is an available torque-vectoring all-wheel-drive system that splits power both front to back and side to side. Inside, the Juke's Integrated Control system boasts a drive mode selector with Normal, Sport and Eco settings. Room for five, a 60/40 split bench seat and a flat load floor offer added versatility.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/fwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/beam
Wheelbase	99.6 in.
Length/width/height	162.4/69.5/61.8 in.
Curb weight	2970 lb
Engines	1.6-liter turbo dohc 16V I-4, 188 bhp
Transmission	6M, CVT
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	13.2 gal.
Luggage capacity	10.5/35.9 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles
CROSSOVER SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Ground clearance	7.0 in.
Max tow capacity	na
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NISSAN

Leaf

\$32,780-\$33,720

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:

na >>> 100-plus miles per charge



Compare To:

- Chevrolet Volt
- Honda FCX Clarity
- Honda Insight
- Toyota Prius

Pro:

Pure electric

Con:

No long-distance trips

What's New:

All-new vehicle

The world's first affordable production electric car is here: Nissan's Leaf. Available late in 2010, the Leaf is a medium-size 4-door hatchback that promises to deliver a range of more than 100 miles to satisfy "real world" consumer requirements. The Leaf is powered by laminated compact lithium-ion batteries and an electric motor that churns out 80kW/280Nm, which Nissan claims will deliver a driving experience comparable to an equivalent gasoline-powered car. The Leaf can be charged up to 80 percent of its full capacity in just under 30 minutes with a quick charger, while charging at home through a 220-volt home outlet is expected to take about eight hours. An integrated IT system provides support, information and entertainment 24 hours a day.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front motor/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	106.3 in.
Length/width/height	175.0/69.7/61.0 in.
Curb weight	est 3500 lb
Propulsion	electric motor, 107 hp
Transmission	none
Seating capacity	5
Battery capacity	24kWh
Luggage capacity	6.9 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	est 8 years/100,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	std
Bluetooth	std
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NISSAN

Maxima

\$30,810-\$36,760

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
19 mpg city >>> 26 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Chevrolet Malibu
- Ford Taurus
- Honda Accord
- Hyundai Genesis
- Toyota Avalon

Pro:

Well equipped

Con:

CVT not great

What's New:

SV with Sport Package

When I was a child, I used to speak like a child, think like a child, reason like a child; when I became a man, I did away with childish things. For some, that means replacing the hot rod of our youth with a "sensible" family car—but it doesn't have to be that way. Nissan's Maxima offers 4-door comfort and versatility, along with a 290-bhp V-6 and numerous creature comforts. While Maximas are still offered in 3.5 S and 3.5 SV trim levels, most of the changes for 2011 focus on the Maxima SV with Sport Package, which receives a new dark chrome grille, smoked headlights and metallic interior trim, along with standard equipment like 19-in. wheels, sport-tuned suspension, leather upholstery and HID headlights. Other special equipment packages are also offered.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	109.3 in.
Length/width/height	160.6/73.2/57.8 in.
Curb weight	3556 lb
Engines	3.5-liter dohc 24V V-6, 290 bhp
Transmission	CVT
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	20.0 gal.
Luggage capacity	14.2 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.

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NISSAN

Murano

est \$28,340-\$37,110

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
18 mpg city >>> 23 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Acura RDX
- Chevrolet Traverse
- Honda Pilot
- Hyundai Santa Fe
- Toyota Highlander

Pro:

Sleek, powerful

Con:

No optional powertrain

What's New:

Revised styling

Think of Nissan's Murano as the "un-SUV" for people who appreciate practicality, but don't relish the oft-negative connotations associated with SUV ownership. One of the original "crossovers," the Murano gets several improvements for 2011, including a revised front grille and bumper, freshened taillights and a new 18-in. alloy wheel design. A new Murano SV model benefits from a dual panel power moonroof, rearview monitor, Bluetooth phone system and more, while the Murano SL and LE receive subtle interior updates. Available with front- or all-wheel drive, the Murano comes standard with Vehicle Dynamic Control with Traction Control; standard and optional equipment includes an iPod interface, 11-speaker Bose audio, touch-screen navigation and more.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/fwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	111.2 in.
Length/width/height	189.9/74.1/67.0 in.
Curb weight	4025 lb
Engines	3.5-liter dohc 24V V-6, 260 bhp
Transmission	CVT
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	21.7 gal.
Luggage capacity	31.6/64.0 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles

CROSSOVER SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Ground clearance	7.3 in.
Max tow capacity	3500 lb

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NISSAN

Pathfinder

est \$27,540-\$42,300

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
15 mpg city >>> 22 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Ford Explorer
- Honda Pilot
- Jeep Grand Cherokee
- Kia Sorento
- Toyota 4Runner

Pro:

Solid; optional V-8

Con:

4x4 models thirsty

What's New:

Silver Edition

It's hard to believe that, as of the 2011 model year, Nissan's Pathfinder will have been in production for 25 years. To commemorate this auspicious occasion, Nissan is introducing a Pathfinder Silver Edition model, which differentiates itself with 17-in. alloy wheels, body-color side moldings with chrome inserts, Bose audio system, Bluetooth phone system, leather, heated front seats and Silver Edition badging. Aside from the Silver Edition, the Pathfinder is offered in S V6, SE V6 and LE V6 trim levels in 2wd or 4wd, and LE V8 in 4wd only. Three-row seating offers fold-flat functionality in the second and third rows. A range of amenities is offered, including Nissan Navigation with a 9.3-gig Music Box Hard Drive, rearview monitor and more.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/rwd, 4wd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	112.2 in.
Length/width/height	192.2/72.8/72.0 in.
Curb weight	4446 lb
Engines	4.0-liter dohc 24V V-6, 266 bhp; 5.6-liter dohc 32V V-8, 310 bhp
Transmission	5A
Seating capacity	7
Fuel capacity	21.1 gal.
Luggage capacity	16.5/49.2/79.2 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles

SUV SPECIFICS

Low-range gearing	avail.
Ground clearance	8.7 in.
Max tow capacity	7000 lb

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NISSAN

Quest

est \$28,000

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
est 16 mpg city >>> 24 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Chrysler T&C
- Honda Odyssey
- Kia Sedona
- Toyota Sienna
- Volkswagen Routan

Pro:

All-new design

Con:

Unknown

What's New:

All-new vehicle

Perhaps the original Nissan Quest was ahead of its time, or perhaps it was just a little too different—but suffice it to say, it was removed from Nissan's lineup last year. Now it's back, and it's all-new. Nissan is holding details close to the vest at press time, but this much we do know: The new Quest is a lot closer in appearance to its competition than the first generation, boasting masculine lines, chiseled looks and the familiar Nissan-family front fascia. Somewhere around 270 bhp from the corporate 3.5-liter V-6 seems like a safe bet, along with an Xtronic CVT transmission. Count on the latest high-tech gadgetry, along with 4-wheel ABS, stability/traction control and six airbags.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	118.1 in.
Length/width/height	200.8/77.6/71.5 in.
Curb weight	4350 lb
Engines	3.5-liter dohc 24V V-6, est 270 bhp
Transmission	CVT
Seating capacity	7
Fuel capacity	est 20.0 gal.
Luggage capacity	37.1/63.6/108.4 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles
VAN SPECIFICS	
Power side doors	avail.
Rear entertainment	avail.
Max tow capacity	3500 lb
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NISSAN

Rogue

\$20,810-\$25,660

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
22 mpg city >>> 27 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Chevrolet Equinox
- Ford Escape
- Honda CR-V
- Kia Sportage
- Toyota RAV4

Pro:

Roomy, efficient

Con:

No manual gearbox

What's New:

Revised models

By definition, a rogue is someone mischievous or unorthodox—befitting descriptors for Nissan's small crossover of the same name. For 2011, the Rogue has undergone numerous updates to the exterior and interior, and the model names and options have been revised. Buyers now have a choice of S or SV models in Premium and SL packages, as well as four new exterior colors. New features that were previously unavailable in the Rogue include a rearview monitor, Nissan Navigation System, 18-in. alloy wheels, iPod connectivity, automatic climate control and auto. on/off headlights. The Rogue Krom Edition adds a unique grille, front fascia, foglights and sport-tuned exhaust. A 60/40 split rear seat and fold-down passenger seat provide room for your stuff.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/fwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	105.9 in.
Length/width/height	183.3/70.9/65.3 in.
Curb weight	3428 lb
Engines	2.5-liter dohc 16V I-4, 170 bhp
Transmission	CVT
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	15.9 gal.
Luggage capacity	28.9/57.9 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles
CROSSOVER SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Ground clearance	8.3 in.
Max tow capacity	1500 lb
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NISSAN

Sentra, SE-R, Spec V

\$15,520-\$20,080

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
24 mpg city >>> 31 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Chevrolet Cobalt
- Ford Focus
- Honda Civic
- Mitsubishi Lancer
- Toyota Corolla

Pro:

Several models

Con:

SE-Rs don't look special

What's New:

Three option packages

A recipient of numerous improvements just last year, Nissan's sporty Sentra returns for 2011 largely unchanged, save for some additional content. Three new option packages—SL Value Package, Visual Audio Package and SL Audio Package—are offered, and an SE-R-style rear spoiler has been added to the 2.0 CVT, 2.0 S and 2.0 SL models. Anti-lock braking with Electronic Brake force Distribution (EBD) is now standard on Sentra 2.0, while the Sentra 2.0, 2.0 S and 2.0 SR now come with Vehicle Dynamic Control with Traction Control. The model range culminates with the SE-R and SE-R Spec V, which offer unique interior/exterior styling and exclusive wheel/tire offerings, not to mention 2.5-liter engines making 177 and 200 bhp, respectively. Luxury features are also available.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/fwd
Suspension, f/r	ind/beam
Wheelbase	105.7 in.
Length/width/height	179.8/70.5/59.5 in.
Curb weight	2948 lb
Engines	2.0-liter dohc 16V I-4, 140 bhp; 2.5-liter dohc 16V I-4, 177 bhp; 2.5-liter dohc 16V I-4, 200 bhp
Transmission	6M, CVT
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	14.5 gal.
Luggage capacity	13.1 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.
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NISSAN

Titan

\$26,820–\$29,370

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
13 mpg city >>> 18 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Chevrolet Silverado
- Dodge Ram
- Ford F-150
- GMC Sierra
- Toyota Tundra

Pro:

Several models

Con:

Getting old

What's New:

Revised options

Like its smaller sibling, the Frontier, the full-size Nissan Titan is mostly carryover for 2011 with the exception of a few adjustments to optional equipment package content. In addition, the Titan SE model has been replaced with the SV, while the SL replaces the LE. The Titan is offered in a variety of flavors, including King and Crew Cab body styles in 2wd or 4wd, two wheelbases and three bed lengths; there's also a flex-fuel option. Aside from the two models already mentioned, Titan is available in the base S and off-road-worthy PRO-4X. Side curtain airbags, Vehicle Dynamic Control and Active Brake Limited Slip are standard, and the Titan can tow up to 9500 lb. when properly equipped. Options include a moonroof, navigation system and more.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/rwd, 4wd
Suspension, f/r	ind/live
Wheelbase	139.8 in.
Length/width/height	224.6/79.5/74.6 in.
Curb weight	4847 lb
Engines	5.6-liter dohc 32V V-8, 317 bhp
Transmission	5A
Seating capacity	5, 6
Fuel capacity	28.0 gal.
Max payload	2153 lb
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles

TRUCK SPECIFICS

Cabs	4D
Bed lengths	67.3/79.1/87.0 in.
Max tow capacity	9500 lb

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NISSAN

Versa

\$9990–\$16,900

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
26 mpg city >>> 34 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Chevrolet Cruze
- Honda Fit
- Hyundai Accent
- Suzuki SX4
- Toyota Yaris

Pro:

Low, low price

Con:

Plain-Jane looks

What's New:

6-disc CD player

These days, everyone's watching their budget. So if what you're looking for is an affordable car from a reputable manufacturer, Nissan's Versa should be on your list. After all, the 1.6 Base model retails for under \$10,000—less than many motorcycles. Nissan offers the Versa in both sedan and hatchback models; the base 1.6-liter engine is offered only in the sedan, while the 1.8-liter is offered in both body styles, and four different transmissions are available depending on model. For 2011, the Sedan 1.8S receives a new 6-disc CD player, and the Versa Sedan 1.6 gets standard ABS (optional on the Base model). All Versas come with six airbags, and can be outfitted with options like cruise control, power windows/locks and navigation.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/beam
Wheelbase	102.4 in.
Length/width/height	169.1/66.7/60.4 in.
Curb weight	2693 lb
Engines	1.6-liter dohc 16V I-4, 107 bhp; 1.8-liter dohc 16V I-4, 122 bhp
Transmission	5M, 6M, 4A, CVT
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	13.2 gal.
Luggage capacity	13.8 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.

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NISSAN

Xterra

\$23,850–\$30,100

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
16 mpg city >>> 20 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Dodge Nitro
- Ford Escape
- Honda Pilot
- Jeep Liberty
- Toyota FJ Cruiser

Pro:

Tough truck

Con:

Long in the tooth

What's New:

Lineup thinned

In a world of softly sprung cute utes, the Nissan Xterra is a dying breed. With a truck-based chassis and useful features, it truly is designed for those with an active lifestyle. This year, not much has changed except that the lineup has been pared down to Xterra, Xterra S and Xterra PRO-4X (formally Off Road); the SE model has been discontinued. Available in 2- or 4-wheel drive with Nissan's venerable 4.0-liter V-6, the Xterra rides on an independent suspension up front, with a live axle on leaf springs out back. The PRO-4X adds hard-core hardware like a locking rear differential, Bilstein shocks, skid plates and BF Goodrich rubber. All models feature an easy-clean cargo area, tie-down channel system and a built-in first aid kit.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/rwd, 4wd
Suspension, f/r	ind/live
Wheelbase	106.3 in.
Length/width/height	178.7/72.8/74.9 in.
Curb weight	4150 lb
Engines	4.0-liter dohc 24V V-6, 261 bhp
Transmission	6M, 5A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	21.1 gal.
Luggage capacity	35.2/65.7 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles

SUV SPECIFICS

Low-range gearing	avail.
Ground clearance	8.1 in.
Max tow capacity	5000 lb

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PORSCHE

911 Carrera, S, GTS

\$77,800-\$112,900

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
18 mpg city >>> 25 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- BMW 6 Series
- Chevrolet Corvette
- Lotus Evora
- Mercedes SL550
- Nissan GT-R

Pro:

Classic, timeless

Con:

Pricey options

What's New:

GTS model

When it comes to automotive icons, none is as widely recognized—and as enduring—as the Porsche 911. Introduced in 1963, it has gone through dozens of styling and mechanical revisions while maintaining its classic shape and rear-engine design. Available with rear- or all-wheel drive in coupe, cabriolet or Targa trim, the 345-hp Carrera and the 385-hp Carrera S come with either a standard 6-speed manual transmission or optional PDK automatic. Even without a staggering array of options, the latest Carrera, essentially unchanged for 2011, sports a list of standard features too numerous to mention. New for 2011 is the Carrera GTS, a wide-body 911 with a healthy 408 bhp. This is a rear-drive model in both coupe and cabrio forms.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	rear engine/rwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	92.5 in.
Length/width/height	176.3/71.2/51.6 in.
Curb weight	3075 lb
Engines	3.6-liter dohc 24V F-6, 345 bhp; 3.8-liter dohc 24V F-6, 385 bhp; 3.8-liter dohc 24V F-6, 408 bhp
Transmission	6M, 7PSM
Seating capacity	2+2
Fuel capacity	16.9 gal.
Luggage capacity	4.4 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	4 years/50,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.
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PORSCHE

911 GT3, RS

\$115,700-\$135,500

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
14 mpg city >>> 21 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Audi R8 V-8
- Aston V8 Vantage
- Chevy Corvette ZR1
- Ferrari California
- Nissan GT-R

Pro:

Minimum of frills

Con:

No PDK

What's New:

Carryover model

It may not be the fastest Porsche, topping out at a mere 194 mph. But to a Porsche purist the GT3 represents the essence of a 911. With rear-wheel drive and a 6-speed manual transmission (no awd or PDK), the GT3 is a finely balanced machine that rewards skilled drivers with lively handling and exhilarating performance, especially when its 435-hp normally aspirated flat-6 approaches its 8500-rpm redline. Ratcheting things up is the GT3 RS, a 450-hp homologation special with race-car-like handling, performance and looks, including a fixed, high-mounted rear wing, wider fenders and tires, plus a distinctive paint scheme with zoomy graphics. Lighter, quicker-revving and with more lateral grip, the shorter-geared RS features dynamic engine mounts that control vibration.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	rear engine/rwd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	92.7 in.
Length/width/height	175.8/71.2/50.4 in.
Curb weight	3075 lb
Engines	3.8-liter dohc 24V F-6, 435 bhp; 3.8-liter dohc 24V F-6, 450 bhp
Transmission	6M
Seating capacity	2
Fuel capacity	17.7 gal.
Luggage capacity	3.7 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	4 years/50,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

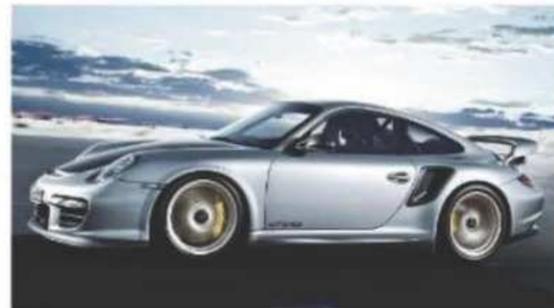
Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.
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PORSCHE

911 Turbo, S, GT2 RS

\$135,500-\$245,000

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
16 mpg city >>> 24 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Audi R8 V-10
- Corvette Z06, ZR1
- Ferrari 458 Italia
- Lamborghini Gallardo
- Mercedes SLS AMG

Pro:

Stunning performance

Con:

Expensive

What's New:

GT2 RS

Fast, faster, fastest: three words that summarize the variations on a trio of Turbos that elevate the 911 to supercar status. Fundamentally unchanged for 2011, the 194-mph all-wheel-drive base Turbo sports all-inclusive luxuries plus performance and handling niceties that belie its take-no-prisoners demeanor. Add optional Launch Control and PDK transmission, and the entry-level Turbo goes from zero to 60 mph in just 3.2 seconds. Incrementally faster, the new S costs \$20,000 more than the base Turbo, but comes standard with PDK, carbon-ceramic brakes, Porsche Torque Vectoring and Launch Control. For purists and turbo lovers, the brand-new, rear-wheel-drive/manual-transmission-only GT2 RS delivers race-car-like handling and performance, including a 205-mph top speed that makes this super-Turbo the fastest production Porsche ever.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	rear engine/rwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	92.5 in.
Length/width/height	176.3/72.9/51.2 in.
Curb weight	3461 lb
Engines	3.8-liter twin-turbo dohc 24V F-6, 500 bhp; 3.8-liter twin-turbo dohc 24V F-6, 530 bhp; 3.6-liter twin-turbo dohc 24V F-6, 620 bhp
Transmission	6M, 7PSM
Seating capacity	2+2, 2
Fuel capacity	16.9 gal.
Luggage capacity	4.8 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	4 years/50,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.
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PORSCHE

Boxster, S, Spyder

\$47,600-\$64,260

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
est 19 mpg city >>> 27 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Audi TTS Roadster
- BMW Z4
- Lotus Elise SC
- Mercedes SLK
- Nissan 370Z

Pro:

Great balance

Con:

Pricey

What's New:

Spyder model

Think of it as a retro roadster that pays homage to the very first Porsche, built 62 years ago in Gmünd, Austria. With a price that's low considering it's German and a Porsche, the Boxster delivers styling, handling and performance that are anything but bargain basement. Except for minor touchups, the base 265-hp Boxster and the 320-hp 170-mph Boxster S cruise into 2011 unchanged, as does the Boxster Spyder, introduced in early 2010. A lighter, sportier, slightly stripped-down model aimed at the Porsche purist, the Spyder, which costs about \$3000 more than the S, is set off by headrests that necessitate a minimal, manually erected soft top—in RSK Spyder fashion—plus a more powerful engine, modified suspension and oversize wheels/tires.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	mid engine/rear drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	95.1 in.
Length/width/height	172.1/70.9/50.9 in.
Curb weight	2943 lb
Engines	2.9-liter dohc 24V F-6, 255 bhp; 3.4-liter dohc 24V F-6, 310 bhp; 3.4-liter dohc 24V F-6, 320 bhp
Transmission	6M, 7PSM
Seating capacity	2
Fuel capacity	16.9 gal.
Luggage capacity	9.9 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	4 years/50,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.

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PORSCHE

Cayenne, Hybrid, Turbo

\$46,700-\$104,800

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
16 mpg city >>> 22 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Audi Q7
- BMW X5
- Mercedes M-Class
- Toyota Land Cruiser
- Volkswagen Touareg

Pro:

Improved styling

Con:

Weight

What's New:

Hybrid, 8-speed auto.

What's a car company, known for its iconic sports cars and legendary racing cars, doing building a sport ute? Making money, and showcasing its engineering prowess that's what. Simply put, Porsche's 500-hp Cayenne Turbo, bristling with technology, is the ultimate expression of the form. Like its siblings, it's tastefully restyled for 2011 and fitted with every bell and whistle. Stealing the limelight are the latest base-model Cayenne with a new 300-hp V-6 and 6-speed manual gearbox, and the long-awaited S Hybrid, whose supercharged V-6 and electric motor develop a combined 380 hp. Also new: the Tiptronic S 8-speed automatic, which is standard on all models except the base Cayenne. Although standard equipment abounds, optional comfort, convenience and performance packages are numerous.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	114.0 in.
Length/width/height	190.8/76.3/67.4 in.
Curb weight	4398 lb
Engines	3.6-liter dohc 24V V-6, 300 bhp; 4.8-liter dohc 32V V-8, 400 bhp; 3.0-liter supercharged dohc 24V V-6/ electric motor, 380 hp (Hybrid); 4.8-liter twin-turbo dohc 32V V-8, 500 bhp
Transmission	6M, 8A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	22.4 gal.
Luggage capacity	23.7/62.9 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/50,000 miles; Hybrid components 8 years/100,000 miles

CROSSOVER SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Ground clearance	8.7 in.
Max tow capacity	7716 lb

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PORSCHE

Cayman, S

\$51,400-\$61,500

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
est 19 mpg city >>> 27 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Audi TTS
- Chevrolet Corvette
- Lotus Exige S
- Mercedes-Benz SLK
- Nissan 370Z

Pro:

Crisp handling

Con:

Boxster with a top

What's New:

Unchanged for 2011

Crave a Carrera but can't cough up the coin? Then consider the Cayman, Porsche's Boxster-derived mid-engine coupe for the cost-conscious car buyer. With great balance (better than the 911's, some say) and clean, crisp lines, the base Cayman costs about \$26,000 less than a Carrera. Yet it's every inch a Porsche and more than holds its own among the competition. Mostly unchanged for 2011, the 265-hp base model doesn't disappoint. But it's the 320-hp 172-mph Cayman S that truly impresses and is worth the extra \$10K. Although both models are rife with standard equipment such as Bluetooth, tire pressure monitoring and Auto Brake Differential, optional styling, comfort and performance packages can personalize your Cayman and make it even more like a Carrera.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	mid engine/rear drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	95.1 in.
Length/width/height	172.3/70.9/51.3 in.
Curb weight	2932 lb
Engines	2.9-liter dohc 24V F-6, 265 bhp; 3.4-liter dohc 24V F-6, 320 bhp
Transmission	6M, 7PSM
Seating capacity	2
Fuel capacity	16.9 gal.
Luggage capacity	14.5 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	4 years/50,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.

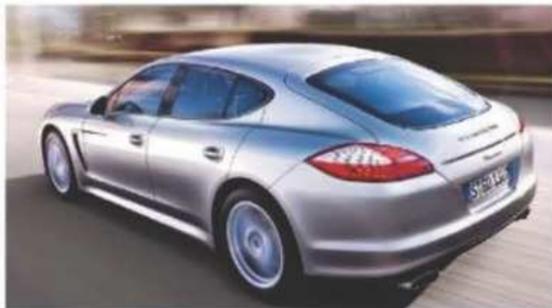
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PORSCHE

Panamera, Turbo

\$74,400-\$135,300

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
18 mpg city >>> 27 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Aston Martin Rapide
- Jaguar XJ
- Maserati Quattroporte
- Mercedes CLS

Pro:

Sensational interior

Con:

Awkward rear styling

What's New:

Option packages

A stretched 911? Not quite. Although the Panamera's front and rear ends bear a strong resemblance to those of the Carrera, Cayman and even the Cayenne, this sleek 5-door sedan is structurally unique, despite a few shared components. Although the existing V-8-powered models are essentially unchanged for 2011, entry-level rear- and all-wheel-drive models powered by a 300-bhp V-6 derived from Porsche's corporate V-8 join the Panamera lineup. About 240 lb. lighter than the V-8, the Panamera V-6 fitted with Porsche's PDK 7-speed automatic goes from 0 to 60 mph in 5.8 seconds and tops out at 160 mph while sipping about 12 percent less fuel than the V-8. Handling- and safety-enhancing features, plus a reprogrammed auto stop/start system, are standard across the line.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/rwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	115.0 in.
Length/width/height	195.7/76.0/55.8 in.
Curb weight	3880 lb
Engines	3.6-liter dohc 24V V-6, 300 bhp; 4.8-liter dohc 32V V-8, 400 bhp; 4.8-liter twin-turbo dohc 32V V-8, 500 bhp
Transmission	7PSM
Seating capacity	4
Fuel capacity	21.1 gal.
Luggage capacity	15.7/44.6 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	4 years/50,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.
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ROLLS-ROYCE

Ghost

\$245,000

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
13 mpg city >>> 20 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Bentley Flying Spur
- Maserati Quattroporte
- Maybach 57
- Mercedes S65 AMG

Pro:

Sleek, fast

Con:

Still pretty big

What's New:

All-new for 2011

According to the EPA, the Ghost is officially a subcompact car even though it is longer and heavier than a Mercedes-Benz S600. Despite this misleading fact, the Ghost is far from being a small car. It offers almost as much interior space as the larger Phantom and is naturally full of luxurious touches such as rear-hinged rear doors for gracious entering and exiting that are closed by the touch of a button. Rolls says the Ghost is for owners who want to drive themselves. For that pleasure they get a 6.6-liter twin-turbo V-12 engine that produces 563 bhp and can propel the car to 60 mph in just 4.7 seconds, making it as quick as a Jaguar XJ Supersport. An intelligent air-suspension system with electronic variable damping can detect the slightest shift in weight distribution.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/rear drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	129.7 in.
Length/width/height	212.6/76.7/61.0 in.
Curb weight	5368 lb
Engines	6.6-liter twin-turbo dohc 48V V-12, 563 bhp
Transmission	8A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	21.8 gal.
Luggage capacity	17.3 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	4 years/50,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	std
Bluetooth	std
www.rolls-roycemotorcars.com	

ROLLS-ROYCE

Phantom

est \$380,000-\$450,000

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
11 mpg city >>> 18 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Bentley Mulsanne
- Maybach 62
- Mercedes S600

Pro:

Bespoke regality

Con:

Heavy, pricey

What's New:

More bespoke choices

On paper, the 2011 Phantom is offered in four different versions—regular Phantom, Extended Wheelbase, Coupe and Drophead Coupe. It is described as the most expensive production car in the world, but the term "production car" makes it sound as though you just walk into a showroom and purchase one. That's not really true with the Phantom, as the vast majority of buyers have their motorcar built to order from an extensive list of bespoke options, such as lambskin rugs, veneer picnic tables and 12-in. entertainment monitors. It takes between 15 and 18 hides from carefully selected herds of cattle to supply the 450 individual leather parts that go into a Phantom. Despite the Phantom's heft and luxurious appointments it also moves rapidly, thanks to its 453-bhp V-12 engine.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/rear drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	140.6 in.
Length/width/height	229.7/78.3/64.3 in.
Curb weight	5800 lb
Engines	6.7-liter dohc 48V V-12, 453 bhp
Transmission	6A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	26.4 gal.
Luggage capacity	14.1 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	4 years/50,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	std
Bluetooth	std
www.rolls-roycemotorcars.com	

SAAB

9-3

\$28,900-\$38,115

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:

21 mpg city >>> 31 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Acura TSX
- Audi A4
- Buick Regal
- Infiniti G37
- Subaru Legacy

Pro:

Unique Saab styling

Con:

Where's the dealer?

What's New:

Standard XM radio

What's most important here is the fact that there *is* a Saab in 2011. Sold by giant General Motors to tiny Spyker, the Swedish automaker carries on with minor changes to the 9-3, like standard XM radio on all models and minor revisions to the optional equipment packages. We're told there will be a Griffin edition come 2012 and a new hyphen-less 93 in 2013. We still have six 9-3 models, all powered by the 210-bhp turbo 2.0-liter four with 221 lb.-ft. of torque. Transmissions include 5- and 6-speed automatics and a 6-speed manual. The six models are the sedan in standard form with front- or all-wheel drive, the cool Aero package on those platforms and the convertible as an Aero or non-Aero Saab.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/fwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	105.3 in.
Length/width/height	182.9/69.0/57.1 in.
Curb weight	3175 lb
Engines	2.0-liter turbo dohc 16V I-4, 210 bhp
Transmission	6M, 5A, 6A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	16.4 gal.
Luggage capacity	15.0 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	4 years/50,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.

www.saabusa.com

THE DEPARTED...

For better or for worse, these American brands have left the building.

- 1 **PONTIAC:** In theory, it was GM's performance brand. We'll miss cars like the G8, GTO and Solstice GXP; we wish we could erase the Aztek from our memory (as did Pontiac, no doubt).
- 2 **MERCURY:** Founded in 1939 by Henry Ford's son, Edsel, Mercury most recently served as an example of poor badge engineering.
- 3 **SATURN:** Originally known for its plastic-bodied cars and "no-haggle" dealer model; severely held back by a lack of new and unique product.
- 4 **HUMMER:** Thrust into pop culture by a muscle-bound Austrian-born actor/governor, these off-road-biased trucks proved far too bulky and inefficient for the times.



TESTING THE U.S. WATERS

New automakers poised to pounce in 2011...will they make it or not?

- 1 **FIAT:** The Fiat 500 Prima Edizione is a go; it should pry a few U.S. enthusiasts out of their Minis. About 200 Fiat franchises at Chrysler dealerships are planned.
- 2 **CODA:** A plug-in lithium-ion electric based on the Chinese-made Hafei Sabo 4-door sedan; an ambitious 14,000 cars are promised in 2011.
- 3 **APTERA:** After design delays and foraging for additional capital, Aptera will begin selling its composite-bodied ultra-aerodynamic electric 3-wheeler in 2011, albeit late in the year.
- 4 **GEELY:** The Chinese industrial giant first made refrigerators in 1986 and has threatened to bring cars to the U.S. since about 2005; now the company owns Volvo.
- 5 **ALFA ROMEO:** The delays continue. Although the Giulietta's chassis will ultimately underpin some Chrysler offerings, no definitive plans have been made yet for Alfa-badged cars to be sold here.

SAAB

9-5

\$47,565

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
21 mpg city >>> 31 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Audi A6
- Acura TL
- BMW 5 Series
- Jaguar XF
- Volvo S60

Pro:

Handsome shape

Con:

No turbo four

What's New:

All-new 9-5

When Spyker bought Saab from General Motors, it happened at the time the venerable 9-5 sedan was finally being replaced. That means the new “big” Saab is GM-based, having the same basic Epsilon II architecture as Buick’s LaCrosse. Yet the Saab 9-5 is quite different, with its “fuselage-inspired” design, Saab grille, wraparound windshield and sloping tail. Ditto with the Saab influence inside, right down the start button being in the center console. Seat and dashboard shapes are simple and reflect Saab heritage. There will be only one engine, a twin-turbo 2.8-liter V-6 sourced from GM. All 9-5s are Aero models and each is fitted with Saab’s Cross-Wheel Drive awd system. No wagon is available.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	111.7 in.
Length/width/height	197.2/73.5/57.7 in.
Curb weight	4156 lb
Engines	2.8-liter twin-turbo dohc 24V V-6, 300 bhp
Transmission	6A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	18.5 gal.
Luggage capacity	13.6 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	4 years/50,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.
www.saabusa.com	

SCION

iQ

est \$13,000–\$16,000

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
est 30 mpg city >>> 40 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Fiat 500
- Hyundai Accent
- Mini Cooper
- Smart Fortwo
- Toyota Yaris

Pro:

Thrifty, easy to park

Con:

No manual gearbox

What's New:

All-new vehicle

With the launch of the all-new iQ, Scion expands its lineup to four models for 2011. Designed in Europe, built in Japan and sold in both markets as a Toyota, this petite 2-door hatchback is nearly 3 ft. shorter than the Scion xD, yet it’s nearly the same width and height. The cabin features “3+1” seating with room for an adult behind the front passenger’s seat but only a child, pet or package behind the driver. Big on safety features, the iQ has 10 airbags, including one for the rear window and driver’s seat (whoopee?) cushion. Stability control, ABS and traction control are standard. A 1.3-liter 4-cylinder engine mates to a continuously variable transmission, providing adequate motivation with excellent fuel economy and low emissions.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/beam
Wheelbase	78.7 in.
Length/width/height	120.1/66.1/59.1 in.
Curb weight	2106 lb
Engines	1.3-liter dohc 16V I-4, 97 bhp
Transmission	CVT
Seating capacity	2+2
Fuel capacity	8.5 gal.
Luggage capacity	na
Powertrain warranty	5 years/unlimited miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.
www.scion.com	

SCION

tC

\$18,275–\$19,275

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
est 23 mpg city >>> 31 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Chevrolet Cobalt
- Honda Civic
- Hyundai Genesis
- Kia Forte Koup
- Mitsubishi Eclipse

Pro:

Bold new looks

Con:

Cramped rear seats

What's New:

All-new vehicle

The long-awaited second-generation Scion tC debuts for 2011. All-new angular styling influenced by Scion’s Fuse concept features a “helmet”-inspired cabin and big fender flares housing 18-in. alloys. A larger, more powerful 2.5-liter 4-cylinder that puts out 180 bhp and 173 lb.-ft. of torque is teamed with new a 6-speed manual or 6-speed automatic transmission. These changes, along with a revised suspension and standard sport-tuned exhaust, should boost the fun-to-drive factor. A restyled interior features new seats with deep bolsters, a 3-spoke steering wheel with a flat bottom and a V-shaped gauge cluster. A panoramic moonroof, eight airbags, stability control and an 8-speaker audio system with steering-wheel controls are standard.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	106.3 in.
Length/width/height	174.0/70.7/55.7 in.
Curb weight	3060 lb
Engines	2.5-liter dohc 16V I-4, 180 bhp
Transmission	6M, 6A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	14.5 gal.
Luggage capacity	14.7/34.5 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/unlimited miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.
www.scion.com	

SCION

xB

\$16,000–\$16,950

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
22 mpg city >>> 28 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Chevrolet HHR
- Honda Element
- Kia Soul
- Nissan Cube
- Toyota Matrix

Pro:

Boxy means roomy

Con:

Mpg not great

What's New:

Minor facelift

Sciontologists will notice the iconic boxy compact receives a minor facelift. A new front bumper, grille and headlights give it a more muscular look. The rear bumper-mounted backup light is relocated to the rear light clusters. A tilt/telescopic steering wheel is now standard along with a new center console and sliding armrest. The xB retains its slab-sided design that results in a cavernous cabin with plenty of head room for five. Like all Scions, the xB comes “mono-spec.” Choose a 5-speed manual or 4-speed automatic transmission to mate with the peppy 2.4-liter 4-cylinder engine and pick an exterior hue. Budget permitting, buyers can then customize their rides with a humongous roster of Scion accessories including TRD performance parts.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/beam
Wheelbase	102.4 in.
Length/width/height	167.3/69.3/63.4 in.
Curb weight	3027 lb
Engines	2.4-liter dohc 16V I-4, 158 bhp
Transmission	5M, 4A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	14.0 gal.
Luggage capacity	21.7 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/unlimited miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.

www.scion.com

SCION

xD

\$14,900–\$15,700

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
27 mpg city >>> 33 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Hyundai Elantra Touring
- Mazda3
- Nissan Versa
- Toyota Matrix

Pro:

Affordable runabout

Con:

Plain wheel covers

What's New:

Suspension upgrades

Scion has taken a page from its own customization book and enhanced the handling and bling factor of the xD. Underneath, suspension mods yield a sportier ride with firmer springs, shocks and lower ride height. Outside, there's a new honeycomb-style grille and color-keyed rear spoiler. The cabin gains a faux titanium silver finish on various trim bits plus silver fabric on the door panels. Unchanged is the mission of providing affordable style along with a fuel-stingy 1.8-liter 4-cylinder engine. The standard 6-speaker 160-watt Pioneer audio system features iPod/USB connectivity. Owners can opt for a trick Alpine system with touchscreen LCD display and navigation upgrade. Or, dip into the list of more than 30 other factory accessories.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/beam
Wheelbase	96.9 in.
Length/width/height	154.7/67.9/59.4 in.
Curb weight	2625 lb
Engines	1.8-liter dohc 16V I-4, 128 bhp
Transmission	5M, 4A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	11.1 gal.
Luggage capacity	10.5 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/unlimited miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.

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SMART

Fortwo

est \$11,999–\$16,999

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
33 mpg city >>> 41 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Ford Fiesta
- Kia Rio
- Mazda2
- Scion iQ
- Toyota Yaris

Pro:

Easy parking!

Con:

Clunky gearbox

What's New:

Electric Fortwo

For drivers looking for an economical runabout, the Smart Fortwo is the perfect car. Its steel cage and plastic body panels make for a strong and featherweight chassis. And then there's the mileage! Available now, the Smart Expressions program allows you to paint your Fortwo in any one of 92 paint colors; you can even bring a sample and have it color-matched. If that's not enough, you can even get your Fortwo covered in either a gloss or matte vinyl vehicle wrap. An available Brabus package for the Fortwo coupe and cabriolet consists of exhaust, trim pieces and sport suspension. Although power doesn't change, the car is lowered by 10 mm. We're looking forward to the electric Fortwo, but if you haven't applied for a lease yet, you're probably out of luck.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	rear engine/rear drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/de Dion
Wheelbase	73.5 in.
Length/width/height	106.1/61.4/60.7 in.
Curb weight	1808 lb
Engines	1.0-liter dohc 12V I-3, 71 bhp; electric motor, 40 hp
Transmission	5PSM
Seating capacity	2
Fuel capacity	8.7 gal.
Luggage capacity	12.0 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	2 years/24,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	na
Bluetooth	na

www.smartusa.com

SUBARU



Forester

est \$20,000–\$28,500

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
21 mpg city >>> 27 mpg hwy



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| Compare To: | Pro: |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ford Escape • Honda CR-V • Mazda CX-7 • Nissan Rogue • Toyota RAV4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practical |
| | Con: |
| | Needs a 5-speed auto. |
| | What's New: |
| | Top trim level |

A lot of families are gravitating toward the Subaru Forester, and for some very convincing reasons: The price is reasonable, the power is adequate, and the interior is roomy. And all-wheel drive is always standard. The 2011 Forester pecking order now consists of four tiers (in ascending order of comfort and convenience): Base, Premium, Limited and the new top level, Touring. The 2.5X Touring and turbocharged 2.5XT Touring come very nicely outfitted with a backup camera, HID headlights and a new audio system with inputs for every audio player imaginable. Premium-level Foresters receive extra audio points as well, plus the find-your-way option of a TomTom navigation system, while the style points of a body-color roof spoiler go to turbocharged models.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/all-wheel drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	103.0 in.
Length/width/height	179.5/70.1/65.9 in.
Curb weight	3250 lb
Engines	2.5-liter sohc 16V F-4, 170 bhp; 2.5-liter turbo dohc 16V F-4, 224 bhp
Transmission	5M, 4A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	16.9 gal.
Luggage capacity	33.5/68.3 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles
CROSSOVER SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Ground clearance	8.7 in.
Max tow capacity	2400 lb
www.subaru.com	

SUBARU

Impreza, WRX, STI

\$17,495–\$37,345

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
20 mpg city >>> 27 mpg hwy



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| Compare To: | Pro: |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honda Civic • Mazda3 • Mazdaspeed3 • Mitsu Lancer Evo • Volkswagen Jetta | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5-door looks good |
| | Con: |
| | Base is base |
| | What's New: |
| | Wide-body sedan |

Subaru's 2011 family of Impreza 4-door sedans and 5-door wagons is as deep as it is wide. For depth, the range stretches from the 170-bhp Impreza 2.5i way up into the 305-bhp performance sphere of the Impreza WRX STI at twice the price. And for width, well, both the quick Impreza WRX and quicker-still WRX STI share the imposing "Wide Body" platform that last year's STI 5-door sported—presented this year in both 4-door and 5-door forms. The wider stance adds wicked visual impact and better command for deep-diving into corners. At the more rational non-WRX end of the 2011 Impreza line, there are no wide-body models, but the 5-door Outback Sport Special Edition adds "cool" to Subaru's deep (and wide) Impreza lexicon.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/all-wheel drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	103.0 in.
Length/width/height	179.5/70.1/65.9 in.
Curb weight	3250 lb
Engines	2.5-liter sohc 16V F-4, 170 bhp; 2.5-liter turbo dohc 16V F-4, 224 bhp; 2.5-liter turbo dohc 16V F-4, 265 bhp; 2.5-liter turbo dohc 16V F-4, 305 bhp
Transmission	6M, 5M, 4A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	16.9 gal.
Luggage capacity	11.3 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.
www.subaru.com	

SUBARU

Legacy

\$19,995–\$28,295

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
23 mpg city >>> 31 mpg hwy



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| Compare To: | Pro: |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ford Fusion • Hyundai Sonata • Nissan Altima • Toyota Camry • Volkswagen Passat | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good value, great mpg |
| | Con: |
| | Iffy interior materials |
| | What's New: |
| | Folding mirrors |

There's no drama in the Subaru Legacy sedan for 2011—the high-zoot 2.5 GT Limited becomes the only turbocharged model, and the Harman/Kardon Audio Package gives you three months of free XM radio. Like we said, no drama. That's because the Legacy, all-new last year, is still trying to find solid footing. That should be easy, you think, what with standard all-wheel drive and three engine choices (plus a transmission menu that includes a 6-speed manual and a CVT automatic that's good for 31 mpg). Should be easy for such a safety leader with so much room in its rear seat and trunk. Should be easy, but the Legacy is a midsize sedan going up against the heaviest hitters on the block from Toyota, Hyundai and Ford. In that arena, nothing is easy.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/all-wheel drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	108.3 in.
Length/width/height	186.4/71.7/59.3 in.
Curb weight	3270 lb
Engines	2.5-liter sohc 16V F-4, 170 bhp; 2.5-liter turbo dohc 16V F-4, 265 bhp; 3.6-liter dohc 24V F-6, 256 bhp
Transmission	6M, 5A, CVT
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	18.5 gal.
Luggage capacity	14.7 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.
www.subaru.com	

SUBARU

Outback

\$23,195–\$31,495

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
22 mpg city >>> 29 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Honda CR-V
- Nissan Rogue
- Toyota Venza
- Volvo XC70

Pro:

Roomy

Con:

No turbo

What's New:

Wi-Fi connectivity

The 2011 Subaru Outback specializes in meeting needs. If you want a fuel miser, the 4-cylinder Outback 2.5i with the optional CVT automatic transmission delivers 22 mpg city/29 mpg highway. Looking for space? This 5-passenger wagon presents roomy seating in the first and second rows, as well as enough rear cargo space to seal the deal. Performance? Every Outback gets all-wheel drive, and a 256-bhp flat-6 is available. And if you crave features, the option packages for 2011 have been enhanced. What else could you ask for? How about a coffeehouse atmosphere? Done: For \$499, plus subscription fees, the 2011 Outback can actually become a Wi-Fi hotspot, connecting 10 or more users to a wireless 3G network for up to 150 ft. around the vehicle.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/all-wheel drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	107.9 in.
Length/width/height	188.2/71.7/63.9 in.
Curb weight	3386 lb
Engines	2.5-liter sohc 16V F-4, 170 bhp; 3.6-liter dohc 24V F-6, 256 bhp
Transmission	6M, 5A, CVT
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	18.5 gal.
Luggage capacity	34.3/71.3 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.

www.subaru.com

SUBARU

Tribeca

est \$30,495–\$35,795

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
16 mpg city >>> 21 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- GMC Acadia
- Honda Pilot
- Hyundai Veracruz
- Mazda CX-9
- Toyota Highlander

Pro:

Seats seven

Con:

Soft suspension

What's New:

Bronze Pearl paint

It's a breather year for the Subaru Tribeca. Only one change—a new exterior color—is on the books for 2011: Deep Bronze is out and the brighter, richer Caramel Bronze Pearl is in. Beyond that, well, there is no beyond that for Subaru's post-modern full-size crossover SUV minivan. The Tribeca's family-focused strengths continue, including three rows of air-conditioned seating, a baby-soft suspension, a respectable 3.6-liter flat-6 engine, and heated seats for the driver and front passenger. While not the roomiest contestant in the competition, the 2011 Tribeca gets downright luxurious if you travel far enough up the price list, where you'll also find Bluetooth compatibility, a rear-vision camera and a killer 10-speaker Harman/Kardon audio system.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/all-wheel drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	108.2 in.
Length/width/height	191.5/73.9/66.4 in.
Curb weight	4140 lb
Engines	3.6-liter dohc 24V F-6, 256 bhp
Transmission	5A
Seating capacity	7
Fuel capacity	16.9 gal.
Luggage capacity	8.3/37.6/74.4 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles

CROSSOVER SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Ground clearance	8.4 in.
Max tow capacity	3500 lb

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SUZUKI

Equator

est \$17,520–\$30,900

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
19 mpg city >>> 23 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Chevrolet Avalanche
- Ford Ranger
- Honda Ridgeline
- Nissan Frontier
- Toyota Tacoma

Pro:

Not too big or small

Con:

Really a Nissan

What's New:

Carryover model

Since Suzuki is a company that specializes in recreational machines, it makes sense to offer something for owners to transport their toys. But the Equator is more than just a toy hauler, and thanks to available features such as locking rear differential, Hill Descent Control and a 261-bhp V-6 engine, it can be a toy in and of itself. Not quite a full-size truck, the Equator can be had in either extended- or crew-cab configurations. Crew-cab models can be specified with either a long or short bed length. The Equator features body-on-frame construction, with fully boxed frame members. And every Equator's bed features a cleat and track system for securing loads and a sprayed-on liner material.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/rwd, 4wd
Suspension, f/r	ind/live
Wheelbase	125.9 in.
Length/width/height	206.6/72.8/68.7 in.
Curb weight	3685 lb
Engines	2.5-liter dohc 16V I-4, 152 bhp; 4.0-liter dohc 24V V-6, 261 bhp
Transmission	5M, 5A
Seating capacity	4, 5
Fuel capacity	21.1 gal.
Max payload	1471 lb
Powertrain warranty	7 years/100,000 miles

TRUCK SPECIFICS

Cabs	2D, 4D
Bed lengths	59.5/73.3 in.
Max tow capacity	6500 lb

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SUZUKI

Grand Vitara

est \$19,099-\$27,199

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
19 mpg city >>> 26 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Jeep Liberty
- Honda CR-V
- Mazda Tribute
- Nissan Xterra
- Toyota RAV4

Pro:

Civil off-roader

Con:

No more V-6

What's New:

Spare tire cover

Suzuki's Grand Vitara is a competent off-roader that wears sheet metal that wouldn't look out of place in an upscale neighborhood. It strikes a good balance of street manners and dirt credibility, thanks to its all-wheel-drive hardware, 4-wheel independent suspension and 18-in. wheels on the top-level Limited trim. On 4-wheel-drive-equipped Grand Vitaras, the transfer case features a low range, something not many other so-called "off-roadable" SUVs can offer in this price range. Other standard features include a Garmin navigation system, automatic climate control, reclining rear seats, keyless entry and XM satellite radio-compatible 4-speaker audio system.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/rwd, 4wd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	103.9 in.
Length/width/height	177.1/71.3/66.7 in.
Curb weight	3470 lb
Engines	2.4-liter dohc 16V I-4, 166 bhp
Transmission	5M, 4A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	17.4 gal.
Luggage capacity	24.4/68.9 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	7 years/100,000 miles
CROSSOVER SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Ground clearance	7.4 in.
Max tow capacity	3000 lb

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SUZUKI

Kizashi

est \$18,999-\$26,899

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
est 21 mpg city >>> 31 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Chevrolet Cruze
- Honda Civic Si
- Hyundai Sonata
- Subaru Legacy
- Volkswagen Jetta

Pro:

High-end look and feel

Con:

No manual with awd

What's New:

Kizashi Sport

The Kizashi may sway Suzuki's motorcycle-centric image and shift recognition toward 4-wheeled machines, and we're not talking about ATVs. And for good reason: The exterior and interior styling is a big departure from previous designs. The interior is smartly designed, roomy, and when combined with its just-right suspension setup, the Kizashi feels like it should sit in a higher price bracket. The lone engine, a 2.4-liter 4-cylinder, produces 185 bhp and adequate torque. If you opt for the manual transmission, you'll find it satisfying to row through the gears. Pushbutton ignition, steering wheel-mounted audio controls and automatic dual-zone climate control are standard, even on the base model. The Kizashi Sport features a different body kit, 18-in. wheels, trunk-mounted spoiler, a sportier steering wheel and contrasting seat stitching.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/fwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	98.4 in.
Length/width/height	183.1/71.1/58.3 in.
Curb weight	3240 lb
Engines	2.4-liter dohc 16V I-4, 185 bhp
Transmission	6M, CVT
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	16.6 gal.
Luggage capacity	13.3 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	7 years/100,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.

www.suzukiauto.com

SUZUKI

SX4

est \$13,359-\$19,999

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
23 mpg city >>> 32 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Honda Civic
- Nissan Sentra
- Subaru Impreza
- Toyota Corolla
- Volkswagen Jetta

Pro:

Available awd

Con:

A bit chintzy inside

What's New:

Crossover Tech pkg

As econoboxes go, the SX4, in any of its variants, is equipped for fun. The Sport is equipped with stiffer KYB shocks and a lower ride height than the base sedan. A more aerodynamic front fascia and 17-in. wheels are standard features for the Sport as well. The SX4 Crossover is, as its name suggests, a crossover mini-SUV that's perfectly suited for those who want to stay firmly in the compact segment while still being able to haul toys to the mountains and lakes. Key points are its standard roof rack and available all-wheel drive. The SportBack keeps the 5-door layout, but optimizes the suspension and styling for the street. Another plus: The SX4 SportBack and Sport come standard with a Garmin navigation system.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/fwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/beam
Wheelbase	98.4 in.
Length/width/height	177.6/68.1/60.8 in.
Curb weight	2723 lb
Engines	2.0-liter dohc 16V I-4, 150 bhp
Transmission	6M, CVT
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	13.2 gal.
Luggage capacity	15.0 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	7 years/100,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.

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TESLA

Roadster, Roadster S

\$109,000–\$128,500

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
na >>> 245 miles per charge



Compare To:

- Aston Vantage
- Audi R8
- Chevrolet Corvette
- Lotus Evora
- Porsche 911 Carrera S

Pro:

Exotic electric

Con:

Charging limitations

What's New:

Improved seats

The greenest sports car currently offered today receives a refresh dubbed "Roadster 2.5." Aesthetically this adds a new front fascia with Pininfarina-like side vents, a rear diffuser and new slant-spoke directional wheels. On the inside, the seats offer improved lateral and lumbar support, plus noise has been reduced with new front fender liner material and you can now specify a 7-in. touchscreen navigation display that interfaces with the new back-up camera. The air-cooled 375-volt AC induction motor remains, making 288 hp and 273 lb.-ft. of torque (295 lb.-ft. for the Roadster Sport) mated to a single-speed gearbox, while new power control hardware ensures that even in hot weather, your spirited driving experience won't be compromised.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	mid motor/rear drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	92.6 in.
Length/width/height	155.1/72.9/44.4 in.
Curb weight	2723 lb
Propulsion	375-volt electric motor, 248 hp, 288 hp (Sport)
Transmission	none
Seating capacity	2
Battery capacity	56 kWh
Luggage capacity	6.0 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	3 years/36,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	na
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.
www.teslamotors.com	

TOYOTA

4Runner

\$29,525–\$39,685

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
18 mpg city >>> 23 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Chevrolet Tahoe
- Ford Explorer
- Jeep Grand Cherokee
- Kia Borrego
- Nissan Pathfinder

Pro:

Tough character

Con:

No manual, no V-8

What's New:

No 4-cylinder

Targeting a shrinking group of buyers in the market for a truck-based midsize SUV, Toyota introduced an all-new 4Runner last year. Twenty-seven years and five generations have vastly improved the breed. Catering to loyalists, the 4Runner is powered exclusively by a 4.0-liter V-6 along with 2- and 4-wheel drive, with part- or full-time versions. Models include the base SR5, the rugged Trail with a Multi-Terrain Select system to dial in traction, and the luxurious Limited. Availability of other high-tech features like Hill Start and Downhill Assist Control, X-REAS sport and Kinetic Dynamic suspensions varies by model. Spacious cabins offer 5- and 7-passenger seating along with a wide array of safety, comfort, luxury and convenience features.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/rwd, 4wd
Suspension, f/r	ind/live
Wheelbase	109.8 in.
Length/width/height	189.9/75.8/70.1 in.
Curb weight	4400 lb
Engines	4.0-liter dohc 24V V-6, 270 bhp
Transmission	5A
Seating capacity	5, 7
Fuel capacity	23.0 gal.
Luggage capacity	9.0/46.3/89.7 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles
SUV SPECIFICS	
Low-range gearing	avail.
Ground clearance	9.0 in.
Max tow capacity	5000 lb
www.toyota.com	

TOYOTA

Avalon

\$32,445–\$35,685

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
20 mpg city >>> 28 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Buick Lucerne
- Chrysler 300
- Ford Taurus
- Hyundai Azera
- Lincoln MKS

Pro:

Roomy, safe

Con:

Floaty ride

What's New:

Facelift

Say goodbye to bland and hello to bling. Toyota has treated its full-size Avalon to a Hollywood makeover with a bold chrome grille, redesigned headlights, front bumper, LED taillights and more bright trim all around. A redesigned interior features Optitron instruments, standard Bluetooth and iPod/USB ports, leather trim, reclining rear seats and backup camera. The Limited gains heated and ventilated front seats, rain-sensing wipers and xenon headlights. Audio choices top out with a 660-watt JBL Synthesis 12-speaker system with satellite radio and navigation. New safety features include a brake override system and active headrests. Avalon's refined, silky smooth 268-bhp 3.5-liter V-6 teamed with a 6-speed automatic transmission continue unchanged.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	111.0 in.
Length/width/height	197.6/72.8/58.5 in.
Curb weight	3572 lb
Engines	3.5-liter dohc 24V V-6, 268 bhp
Transmission	6A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	18.5 gal.
Luggage capacity	14.4 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	std
www.toyota.com	

TOYOTA

Camry, Hybrid

\$19,720-\$29,370

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
22 mpg city >>> 33 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Chevrolet Malibu
- Ford Fusion
- Honda Accord
- Hyundai Sonata
- Nissan Altima

Pro:

Refined, competent

Con:

Single body style

What's New:

Brake override

The Camry continues to sell in huge numbers because it offers Lexus-like refinement at Toyota prices. Available in base, LE, SE and XLE trim levels, this midsize sedan has something for everyone. The most popular powerplant is the 2.5-liter 4-cylinder teamed with a 6-speed manual or 6-speed automatic transmission. Stepping up to the 3.5-liter V-6 gains considerable thrust. The eco-friendly Camry Hybrid generates the highest mileage and lowest emissions among its siblings. Hybrid Synergy Drive teams a 2.4-liter Atkinson-cycle 4-cylinder gasoline engine with an electric motor and continuously variable transmission. Toyota's "Star" safety system is standard on all Camry models and includes stability and traction control plus ABS with brake assist.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	109.3 in.
Length/width/height	189.2/71.7/57.9 in.
Curb weight	3263 lb
Engines	2.5-liter dohc 16V I-4, 169 bhp; 2.5-liter dohc 16V I-4, 179 bhp; 3.5-liter dohc 24V V-6, 268 bhp; 2.4-liter dohc 16V I-4/electric motor, 187 hp combined (Hybrid)
Transmission	6M, 6A, CVT
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	18.5 gal.
Luggage capacity	15.0 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles; Hybrid components 8 years/100,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.

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TOYOTA

Corolla

est \$15,450-\$20,150

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
26 mpg city >>> 35 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Chevrolet Cruze
- Ford Focus
- Honda Civic
- Mazda3
- Nissan Sentra

Pro:

Quality choice

Con:

Vanilla styling

What's New:

Minor facelift

Toyota's evergreen compact nets subtle changes for 2011. There's a new grille, trunklid and redesigned taillights. Electric-assist power steering has been retuned for improved feel and feedback. Deluxe USB and CAD Continental audio are new sound choices, and interior trim and fabric colors have been tweaked for a freshened look. Otherwise, the Corolla maintains the status quo by delivering basic transportation with the Toyota tenets of quality, durability and reliability. The base 1.8-liter 4-cylinder engine is stingy with fuel whether coupled to a standard 5-speed manual or optional 4-speed automatic transmission. Those seeking a dash of sport can select the XRS model fitted with a more powerful 2.4-liter four, 17-in. alloys and cosmetic flourishes. Specs and photo are for the 2010 model.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/beam
Wheelbase	102.4 in.
Length/width/height	178.7/69.3/57.7 in.
Curb weight	2723 lb
Engines	1.8-liter dohc 16V I-4, 132 bhp; 2.4-liter dohc 16V I-4, 158 bhp
Transmission	5M, 4A, 5A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	13.2 gal.
Luggage capacity	16.6 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.

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TOYOTA

FJ Cruiser

est \$24,180-\$25,770

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
17 mpg city >>> 21 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Jeep Wrangler
- Nissan Xterra
- Subaru Forester
- Suzuki Grand Vitara
- Toyota 4Runner

Pro:

Retro off-roader

Con:

Clamshell rear doors

What's New:

Special Edition

Like the classic FJ40 Land Cruiser upon which it draws inspiration, the FJ Cruiser may become a future collectible. A new Special Edition features Army Green monotone paint, green seat inserts and door trim, floating ball multi-information display, locking rear differential, Bilstein shocks and Active Traction Control. A new Off-Road Package includes these mechanical goodies with regular paint schemes and signature white roof. The FJ's audio systems are upgraded with standard satellite radio, iPod/USB ports, Bluetooth and steering wheel controls. A new 10-speaker JBL system is optional. Built upon a shortened 4Runner frame, the FJ features a 4.0-liter V-6, 6-speed manual or 5-speed automatic transmission and choice of rear- or 4-wheel drive.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/rwd, 4wd
Suspension, f/r	ind/live
Wheelbase	105.9 in.
Length/width/height	183.9/74.6/70.9 in.
Curb weight	4050 lb
Engines	4.0-liter dohc 24V V-6, 258 bhp
Transmission	6M, 5A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	19.0 gal.
Luggage capacity	27.9/66.8 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles

SUV SPECIFICS

Low-range gearing	avail.
Ground clearance	98.7 in.
Max tow capacity	5000 lb

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TOYOTA



Highlander

est \$25,855-\$41,220

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
22 mpg city >>> 28 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Chevrolet Traverse
- Ford Edge
- Honda Pilot
- Hyundai Santa Fe
- Nissan Pathfinder

Pro:

Carlike manners

Con:

A bit heavy

What's New:

Upgraded interior

The Highlander gains a freshened appearance with a new front fascia, hood, fenders, headlights and taillights. Meanwhile, the Hybrid receives unique front styling with a slender grille. All models are now equipped with a third-row seat and rear climate control. The 2.7-liter 4-cylinder, formerly standard on the base model, can now be had on the SE 2WD. Highlander's smooth 3.5-liter V-6 remains standard on the Limited and optional on the others. The Hybrid's 3.3-liter V-6 engine is supplanted by the more powerful 3.5-liter. Combined output with electric motors is 280 hp for a 10-hp gain. A new driver-selectable econ mode enhances fuel efficiency. A new Tech Audio package on SE and Limited features a standard USB port, satellite radio and Bluetooth.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/fwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	109.8 in.
Length/width/height	188.4/75.2/68.1 in.
Curb weight	3979 lb
Engines	2.7-liter dohc 16V I-4, 187 bhp; 3.5-liter dohc 24V V-6, 270 bhp; 3.5-liter dohc 24V V-6/167-hp front electric motor & 68-hp rear electric motor, 280 hp combined (Hybrid)
Transmission	5A, 6A, CVT
Seating capacity	7
Fuel capacity	19.2 gal.
Luggage capacity	42.3/94.5 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles; Hybrid components 8 years/100,000 miles

CROSSOVER SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Ground clearance	8.1 in.
Max tow capacity	5000 lb

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SPECIAL FEATURE

Should I Buy or Lease?

How to find the option that is best for you

BY PETER BOHR

Besides winning one on a game show, there are only three ways to drive a new car: Pay cash, take out a loan or sign up for a lease.

Paying cash could be the cheapest way to go because you won't have to pay any interest. And interest can cost you plenty—more than \$3300 over four years on a \$24,000 loan at 6.45 percent interest, for example.

But if you pay cash, you'll be giving up the chance to earn interest on the money—the so-called *opportunity cost*. Depending upon your investment options, paying cash might cost you more than borrowing to buy a car if you consider the opportunity costs involved.

However, there's a more compelling reason not to pay cash: Most people don't have enough of it to buy car. So if paying cash is out of the question, is it cheaper to lease a car or buy it with a loan?

The monthly payment for a lease will certainly be cheaper than one for a loan—by 30 to 60 percent. But remember, at the end of the loan you'll own the car; it will have some resale value or you could keep it and drive it free of monthly payments. With the lease, you'll own nothing but memories of the car.

It's important that the monthly payment comfortably fits your budget. But the monthly payment does not tell you whether a loan or a lease is a better value. Interest rates will tell you that.

A monthly loan payment consists of repayment of the amount borrowed plus an interest charge. A monthly lease payment consists of depreciation charges plus an interest charge.

The loan interest rate is clearly specified. Unfortunately, leasing has a lingo all its own, and lease interest rates are more obscure. But if you ask the dealer or leasing company for the *money factor*—expressed in some awkward number like 0.00275—you can figure it out. Multiply the number by 2400 and you'll have the approximate base interest rate of the lease—6.6 percent in this example.

“If paying cash is out of the question, is it cheaper to lease a car or buy it with a loan?”

A few points to keep in mind if you would like to lease:

- When the financial markets collapsed in late 2008, some automakers—notably Chrysler, Ford and General Motors—cut back sharply, or discontinued altogether, their offers of leases on new vehicles. Since then, some have tentatively returned to leasing. But don't expect to find the inexpensive lease deals that were once common.
- Bargain just as hard as you would if you bought the car with cash or a loan. The lower the capitalized cost, the lower your monthly payment.
- Select a lease term that's no longer than the car's bumper-to-bumper warranty—typically 36 or 48 months. Why pay for repairs out of pocket on what is essentially a rental car?
- Buy a car that has a good resale value, especially if you don't plan to buy the car at lease's end. The higher the resale value, the less depreciation charge and the lower the monthly payment.
- If you expect to drive more miles each year than the lease allows, look into buying the extra miles up front; you'll pay less than if you pay the mileage penalties when you return the car.

TOYOTA Land Cruiser

\$67,370

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
13 mpg city >>> 18 mpg hwy



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| Compare To: | Pro: |
| • Cadillac Escalade | Nearly unstoppable |
| • Infiniti QX56 | Con: |
| • Lincoln Navigator | Pricey, thirsty |
| • Mercedes GL450 | What's New: |
| • Range Rover | Brake override |

Toyota's longest-running nameplate is sold worldwide in various guises. Americans flock to luxury SUVs so our Land Cruiser overflows with creature comforts. Four-zone climate control, 28 air vents, three rows of leather-trimmed seats and JBL Synthesis audio with 14 speakers are standard. Yet underneath it all, the Land Cruiser is built to go anywhere. The 381-hp 5.7-liter V-8 mates with full-time 4-wheel drive and sophisticated features like Kinetic Dynamic Suspension and Crawl Control with Downhill Assist. Safety Connect with 24/7 emergency assistance is standard. Want more? Toyota obliges with an Upgrade Package that adds a rear entertainment system, navigation with backup camera, cooler box, rain-sensing wipers and rear seat heaters.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/4-wheel drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/live
Wheelbase	112.2 in.
Length/width/height	194.9/77.6/74.0 in.
Curb weight	5688 lb
Engines	5.7-liter dohc 32V V-8, 381 bhp
Transmission	6A
Seating capacity	8
Fuel capacity	24.6 gal.
Luggage capacity	16.1/43.0/81.7 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles
SUV SPECIFICS	
Low-range gearing	std
Ground clearance	8.9 in.
Max tow capacity	8500 lb
www.toyota.com	

TOYOTA Matrix

est \$16,700-\$22,110

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
26 mpg city >>> 32 mpg hwy



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| Compare To: | Pro: |
| • Chevrolet HHR | Sporty XRS |
| • Hyundai Elantra | Con: |
| • Kia Soul | Odd styling |
| • Mazda3 | What's New: |
| • Scion xD | Redesigned bumpers |

The Matrix and Corolla twins were separated at birth. One grew up in a proper family environment while the other rebelled and took to the street. The funky Matrix crossover could wear a Scion badge, yet it remains true to its roots as a full-fledged Toyota. Minor changes include revamped front and rear bumpers for S and XRS models, redesigned alloy wheels and the availability of Deluxe USB and CAD Continental audio. The Matrix shares the Corolla's 1.8-liter 4-cylinder engine for the base model while the others employ the more powerful 2.4-liter four. All-wheel drive is offered on the S mated to a 4-speed automatic transmission. The XRS has double-wishbone rear suspension, a strut tower brace and 18-in. alloys. Specs and photo are for the 2010 model.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/fwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/beam
Wheelbase	102.4 in.
Length/width/height	171.9/69.5/61.0 in.
Curb weight	2865 lb
Engines	1.8-liter dohc 16V I-4, 132 bhp; 2.4-liter dohc 16V I-4, 158 bhp
Transmission	5M, 4A, 5A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	13.2 gal.
Luggage capacity	19.8 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.
www.toyota.com	

TOYOTA Prius

est \$22,800-\$28,070

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
51 mpg city >>> 48 mpg hwy



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| Compare To: | Pro: |
| • Ford Fusion Hybrid | Top mpg rating |
| • Honda Insight | Con: |
| • Hyundai Sonata | Familiar styling |
| • Nissan Altima Hybrid | What's New: |
| • Volkswagen Jetta TDI | Unchanged for 2011 |

The Prius hybrid has chalked up nearly 1 million U.S. sales since its launch a decade ago. Last year, Toyota introduced the third-generation models sporting a host of refinements. Combined EPA fuel economy of 50 mpg makes the eco-icon a mileage champ. Toyota's latest series-parallel Hybrid Synergy Drive features a 1.8-liter 4-cylinder Atkinson-cycle gas engine and electric motor that put out a combined 134 hp. The driver can select normal/eco/power or EV modes, the latter providing pure electric propulsion at low speed. Mildly revised styling results in improved aerodynamics as well as offering a more spacious cabin with increased cargo room. Five Prius trim levels are available plus Solar Roof, Navigation and Advanced Technology Packages.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/beam
Wheelbase	106.3 in.
Length/width/height	175.6/68.7/58.7 in.
Curb weight	3042 lb
Engines	1.8-liter dohc 16V I-4/two electric motors, 134 hp combined
Transmission	CVT
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	11.9 gal.
Luggage capacity	21.6 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles; Hybrid components 8 years/100,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.
www.toyota.com	

TOYOTA



RAV4

\$21,925–\$28,235

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
22 mpg city >>> 28 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Chevrolet Equinox
- Ford Escape
- Honda CR-V
- Hyundai Tucson
- Mitsubishi Outlander

Pro:

Speedy V-6

Con:

Tiny third seats

What's New:

Value Package

The RAV4 offers a wide array of choices for compact crossover shoppers. A new Extra Value Package for the base model includes a power moonroof, privacy glass, 17-in. alloys and steering wheel audio controls. The Sport continues with 18-in. alloys and sport-tuned suspension while the luxurious Limited has dual-zone climate control and leather trim. A third-row seat suitable for kids is optional on all models. The standard 179-bhp 2.5-liter 4-cylinder is paired with a dated 4-speed automatic transmission. An available 269-bhp V-6 with 5-speed automatic is surprisingly quick. Both can be fitted with front- or all-wheel drive. A pure electric RAV4 is slated to return next year after a lengthy absence, with Tesla Motors supplying the electric powertrain.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/fwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	104.7 in.
Length/width/height	181.9/71.5/66.3 in.
Curb weight	3360 lb
Engines	2.5-liter dohc 16V I-4, 179 bhp; 3.5-liter dohc 24V V-6, 269 bhp
Transmission	4A, 5A
Seating capacity	5, 7
Fuel capacity	15.9 gal.
Luggage capacity	12.3/36.4/73.0 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles
CROSSOVER SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Ground clearance	7.5 in.
Max tow capacity	3500 lb
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TOYOTA

Sequoia

\$39,580–\$59,955

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
14 mpg city >>> 19 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Chevrolet Tahoe
- Ford Expedition
- GMC Yukon
- Lincoln Navigator
- Nissan Armada

Pro:

Seats for eight

Con:

Heavy, floaty, thirsty

What's New:

Brake override

Those who live life large would do well to consider the Sequoia. This full-size SUV seats up to eight, tows up to 10,000 lb. and totes up to 120.8 cu. ft. of cargo. Based on the rugged Tundra pickup frame, the Sequoia comes in SR5, Limited and Platinum grades. Engine choices include a 310-bhp 4.6-liter V-8 and 381-bhp 5.7-liter V-8. Flex-fuel capability is offered on the latter equipped with 4wd. Stability and traction control plus roll-sensing side curtain airbags are standard. Electronic Modulated Suspension with comfort, normal and sport modes comes on the Platinum. So do 18 cupholders, 20-in. alloys, heated and ventilated front seats, dynamic laser cruise control, navigation, rear entertainment system and 14-speaker JBL Synthesis sound.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/rwd, 4wd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	122.0 in.
Length/width/height	205.1/79.9/74.6 in.
Curb weight	5680 lb
Engines	4.6-liter dohc 32V V-8, 310 bhp 5.7-liter dohc 32V V-8, 381 bhp
Transmission	6A
Seating capacity	7, 8
Fuel capacity	26.4 gal.
Luggage capacity	18.9/66.6/120.8 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles
SUV SPECIFICS	
Low-range gearing	std
Ground clearance	9.9 in.
Max tow capacity	7400 lb
www.toyota.com	

TOYOTA

Sienna

\$24,460–\$39,970

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
19 mpg city >>> 24 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Chrysler T&C
- Dodge Grand Caravan
- Honda Odyssey
- Kia Sedona
- VW Routan

Pro:

Bullet Train styling

Con:

Tepid 4-cylinder

What's New:

All-new vehicle

The all-new third-generation Sienna is like minivan nirvana for families. Sleek styling wraps a larger cabin with more versatile seating. On 8-passenger models, the second-row center seat can be removed and stowed. Seven-passenger versions have captain's chairs that slide 23 in. while offering lounge-style leg support on Limited. Third-row seats fold flat with one motion and offer power assist. A thrifty 2.7-liter 4-cylinder is now available, yet the 3.5-liter V-6 remains the top performer and can be paired with awd. Five models include a new SE with sport-tuned suspension and 19-in. alloys. Safety Connect telematics is standard on Limited and optional on XLE. A dual-view rear entertainment center is a new option that merges two screens to create a 16.4-in. image.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/fwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/beam
Wheelbase	119.3 in.
Length/width/height	200.2/78.2/70.7 in.
Curb weight	4275 lb
Engines	2.7-liter dohc 16V I-4, 187 bhp; 3.5-liter dohc 24V V-6, 265 bhp
Transmission	6A
Seating capacity	7, 8
Fuel capacity	20.0 gal.
Luggage capacity	39.1/87.1/117.8 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles
VAN SPECIFICS	
Power side doors	avail.
Rear entertainment	avail.
Max tow capacity	3500 lb
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TOYOTA



Tacoma

\$16,365–\$25,735

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
est 21 mpg city >>> 25 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Chevrolet Colorado
- Dodge Dakota
- Ford Ranger
- Nissan Frontier
- Suzuki Equator

Pro:

Quality reputation

Con:

Pricy packages

What's New:

T|X packages

Toyota's top-selling compact truck gains new T|X and T|X Pro packages for 2011. The former includes unique 16-in. black bead-lock alloys, black tube side steps, stainless steel exhaust and exterior graphics. The latter adds TRD cat-back exhaust. Both are based on V-6 Access Cab or Double Cab in 4x2 PreRunner and 4x4 fitted with the TRD Off-Road Package that features chassis upgrades plus a locking rear differential. Meanwhile, all Tacomas receive new grilles, air conditioning is standard on Regular Cabs, and audio systems fitted with a 6-disc CD changer add satellite radio. Model variations are realigned a bit, with new variants added and slow sellers discontinued. Tacoma's 2.7-liter 4-cylinder and 4.0-liter V-6 engines carry over unchanged.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/rwd, 4wd
Suspension, f/r	ind/live
Wheelbase	109.6 in.
Length/width/height	190.4/72.2/65.8 in.
Curb weight	3250 lb
Engines	2.7-liter dohc 16V I-4, 159 bhp; 4.0-liter dohc 24V V-6, 236 bhp
Transmission	5M, 6M, 4A, 5A
Seating capacity	3, 4, 5
Fuel capacity	21.1 gal.
Max payload	1435 lb
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles
TRUCK SPECIFICS	
Cabs	2D, 4D
Bed lengths	60.3/73.5 in.
Max tow capacity	6500 lb
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TOYOTA

Tundra

\$23,935–\$42,455

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
est 16 mpg city >>> 20 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Chevrolet Silverado
- Dodge Ram
- Ford F-150
- GMC Sierra
- Nissan Titan

Pro:

Big, strong

Con:

No diesel

What's New:

Updated V-6

The full-size Tundra pickup sees modest enhancements this year. Electronic trailer sway control and brake override technology are now standard. The base 4.0-liter V-6 engine gains dual VVT-i, roller rockers and hydraulic lifters for improved performance and efficiency. Powerful 4.6-liter and 5.7-liter V-8s continue unchanged. Regular Cab, Double Cab and Crew Max body styles are offered in base and Limited trim levels. Properly equipped, the Tundra can tow up to 10,800 lb. Packages run the gamut from Work Truck to luxurious Platinum with navigation. TRD editions are available for both 4x2 and 4x4 models with Sport, Rock Warrior and Off-Road choices. Toyota fielded too many Tundra configurations so 10 low-volume models have been discontinued.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/rwd, 4wd
Suspension, f/r	ind/live
Wheelbase	126.8 in.
Length/width/height	209.8/79.9/75.8 in.
Curb weight	4580 lb
Engines	4.0-liter dohc 24V V-6, 270 bhp; 4.6-liter dohc 32V V-8, 310 bhp; 5.7-liter dohc 32V V-8, 381 bhp
Transmission	5A, 6A
Seating capacity	3, 5, 6
Fuel capacity	26.4 gal.
Max payload	2090 lb
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles
TRUCK SPECIFICS	
Cabs	2D, 4D
Bed lengths	66.7/78.7/97.6 in.
Max tow capacity	10,400 lb
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TOYOTA



Venza

\$26,275–\$29,550

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
est 21 mpg city >>> 27 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Dodge Journey
- Ford Edge
- Honda Crosstour
- Mazda CX-7
- Subaru Outback

Pro:

Shapely silhouette

Con:

Lacks hybrid

What's New:

No changes for 2011

As the offspring of the Camry and Highlander, the Venza crossover drives like a car yet offers the cargo-carrying versatility of an SUV. Conceived in Southern California at Toyota's Caltex studios, the Venza's athletic styling stands out. A 182-bhp 2.7-liter 4-cylinder is standard, yet the 268-bhp 3.5-liter V-6 delivers more satisfying performance especially when loaded with passengers and cargo. Both powerplants are coupled to a 6-speed automatic transmission with a choice of front- or all-wheel drive. The well-equipped handsome cabin can be augmented with Leather, Comfort, Premium and Security packages. A panoramic glass roof is available, plus xenon headlights, rear entertainment system, navigation, backup camera and Bluetooth streaming audio.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/fwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	109.3 in.
Length/width/height	189.0/75.0/63.4 in.
Curb weight	3760 lb
Engines	2.7-liter dohc 24V V-6, 182 bhp; 3.5-liter dohc 24V V-6, 268 bhp
Transmission	6A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	17.7 gal.
Luggage capacity	34.4/70.1 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles
CROSSOVER SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Ground clearance	8.1 in.
Max tow capacity	3500 lb
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TOYOTA



Yaris

\$12,855-\$14,415

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
29 mpg city >>> 36 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Ford Fiesta
- Honda Fit
- Hyundai Accent
- Nissan Versa
- Scion iQ

Pro:

Affordable, efficient

Con:

Center-mount gauges

What's New:

Colors

Toyota dubs its subcompact the Yaris because it sounds like Prius. Yet it chalks up impressive fuel economy figures without the need for expensive hybrid technology. The Yaris employs a thrifty 1.5-liter 4-cylinder engine teamed with a 5-speed manual or 4-speed automatic transmission. This small car is big on safety with standard stability and traction control, six airbags and brake assist. The Euro-styled Yaris hatchback comes in 3- and 5-door versions. A more conservative 4-door sedan is also available. Air conditioning is standard. However, features like an audio system, cruise control, and power windows, door locks and mirrors are offered in option packages. The Sport Package includes a color-keyed body kit, sport front seats and foglights.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/beam
Wheelbase	96.9 in.
Length/width/height	150.6/66.7/60.2 in.
Curb weight	2295 lb
Engines	1.5-liter dohc 16V I-4, 106 bhp
Transmission	5M, 4A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	11.1 gal.
Luggage capacity	9.3/25.7 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	na
Bluetooth	na
www.toyota.com	

VOLKSWAGEN

CC

est \$27,760-\$40,420

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
20 mpg city >>> 29 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Audi A4
- BMW 3 Series
- Lexus IS 250
- Mercedes-Benz CLS
- Volvo S60

Pro:

Superb style

Con:

No leather with 4-cyl.

What's New:

Standard Bluetooth

Simply put, there isn't a better-looking car in the VW lineup. The CC looks great, essentially a Passat sedan wearing a sleek sedan body with the roofline of a coupe. For 2011, all CCs powered by the 3.6-liter VR6 engine will be fitted exclusively with VW's 4Motion awd system and a black leather interior. As before, five models are available: Sport, Lux, Lux Plus, Lux Limited and VR6 4Motion Executive. A 6-speed manual transmission is available only on the Sport; all other CCs are fitted with the nifty twin-clutch 6-speed DSG transmission. The one exception to this is the VR6—it's fitted with a standard 6-speed automatic with Tiptronic shift buttons. If you're looking for a stylish European ride at a reasonable price, the CC fits that bill.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/fwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	106.7 in.
Length/width/height	188.9/73.0/55.8 in.
Curb weight	3300 lb
Engines	2.0-liter turbo dohc 16V I-4, 200 bhp; 3.6-liter dohc 24V V-6, 280 bhp
Transmission	6A, 6M, 6PSM
Seating capacity	4
Fuel capacity	18.5 gal.
Luggage capacity	13.0 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	std
www.vw.com	

VOLKSWAGEN

Eos

est \$32,390-\$35,950

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
21 mpg city >>> 31 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- BMW 128i Conv.
- Ford Mustang Conv.
- Lexus IS 250 C
- Mazda MX-5
- Volvo C70

Pro:

Stylish

Con:

No VR6

What's New:

Standard alloy wheels

There may not be a classic Golf Cabrio in Volkswagen's 2011 lineup, but there is the Eos, a stylish 2+2 that is effectively a convertible version of the previous Jetta. As before, only one engine is available—VW's turbocharged and direct-injected 2.0-liter 4-cylinder, and it represents a great blend of economy and performance. Apart from a couple of colors being dropped for 2011, little has changed with the Eos, whose suspension is tuned more for comfort than canyon carving. Comfort and Lux models remain, the latter available with Navigation, Tech and Sport packages that drive the price of the Eos into the mid \$30s. Nevertheless, if you're looking for a stylish 4-seat convertible, one that's a VW but not a New Beetle, the Eos is for you.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	101.5 in.
Length/width/height	173.6/70.5/56.8 in.
Curb weight	3505 lb
Engines	2.0-liter turbo dohc 16V I-4, 200 bhp
Transmission	6M, 6PSM
Seating capacity	2+2
Fuel capacity	14.5 gal.
Luggage capacity	10.5 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	std
www.vw.com	

VOLKSWAGEN

Golf, GTI

\$17,965-\$23,690

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
23 mpg city >>> 30 mpg hwy



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| Compare To: | Pro: |
| • Audi A3 | Compact but roomy |
| • Hyundai Elantra | Con: |
| • Mazda3 | No VR6 |
| • Toyota Matrix | What's New: |
| • Volvo C30 | Sixth-gen chassis |

One of the most popular cars in Europe for decades, Volkswagen's Golf hasn't caught on as well in the U.S. Nevertheless, this front-driver is a great car, available in handy 3- and 5-door hatchback configurations and in base, TDI and sporty GTI forms. Base Golfs are powered by a 2.5-liter 5-cylinder engine; a much sportier choice is the turbo 4-cylinder that gives the GTI lots of spunk. And many folks prefer the TDI diesel, which has excellent torque and returns fuel economy in the low 40s. Really. Base Golfs have either a 5-speed manual transmission or a 6-speed automatic. TDIs and GTIs, on the other hand, are available with a 6-speed manual or the twin-clutch DSG gearbox, the latter a superb blend of an automatic and a manual transmission.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	101.5 in.
Length/width/height	165.4/70.3/58.3 in.
Curb weight	2968 lb
Engines	2.5-liter dohc 20V I-5, 170 bhp; 2.0-liter turbodiesel dohc 16V I-4, 140 bhp; 2.0-liter turbo dohc 16V I-4, 200 bhp
Transmission	5M, 6M, 6A, 6PSM
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	14.5 gal.
Luggage capacity	15.0 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.
www.vw.com	

VOLKSWAGEN

Jetta

est \$14,900-\$20,000

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
est 21 mpg city >>> 29 mpg hwy



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| Compare To: | Pro: |
| • Honda Civic | Larger, less expensive |
| • Ford Fusion | Con: |
| • Hyundai Elantra | A bit bland |
| • Mazda3 | What's New: |
| • Toyota Corolla | All-new model |

To better compete with the Toyota Corolla and Honda Civic, VW has launched the new Jetta, a larger and more affordably priced version of its perennial best-seller and based on an all-new chassis. Base models, expected at less than \$15,000, will be powered by VW's old sohc 2.0-liter inline-4 with 115 bhp. Other available engines will include the 2.5-liter 5-cylinder and the 2.0-liter turbodiesel in the TDI model. Best of all, there will be a GLI model, which swaps the twist beam rear suspension for a multilink design and is powered by the 200-bhp turbocharged 2.0-liter inline-4 mated to a 6-speed manual or DSG. Most folks, though, will probably care more about the Jetta's back seat, which is far more spacious than that of its competition.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/beam
Wheelbase	104.4 in.
Length/width/height	182.2/70.0/57.2 in.
Curb weight	2804 lb
Engines	2.0-liter sohc 8V I-4, 115 bhp; 2.5-liter dohc 20V I-5, 170 bhp; 2.0-liter turbodiesel dohc 16V I-4, 140 bhp; 2.0-liter turbo dohc 16V I-4, 200 bhp
Transmission	5M, 6M, 6A, 6PSM
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	14.5 gal.
Luggage capacity	15.0 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.
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VOLKSWAGEN

Jetta SportWagen

est \$19,510-\$25,710

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
21 mpg city >>> 29 mpg hwy



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| Compare To: | Pro: |
| • Acura TSX wagon | Handy, TDI economy |
| • Chevrolet HHR | Con: |
| • Dodge Caliber | Aging 2.5 engine |
| • Subaru Outback | What's New: |
| • Toyota Matrix | Optional nav improved |

Want in on a secret? The Jetta SportWagen is actually the Golf station wagon sold in Europe. And it's not based on the new larger 2011 Jetta sedan. No worries, though, because it's a fine ride offering lots of utility and excellent economy, especially when ordered in TDI diesel form. In fact, more than 80 percent of the Jetta SportWagens sold in the U.S. are diesels, and VW can't keep them on the lots. The S and SE models are powered by VW's 2.5-liter 5-cylinder, a decent powerplant that mates to either a 5-speed manual or a 6-speed automatic gearbox. Much better is the 2.0-liter TDI 4-cylinder, which offers either a 6-speed manual or a twin-clutch 6-speed DSG. Standard on SE and TDI versions is a new leather-covered multifunction steering wheel.

SPECIFICATIONS	
Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	101.5 in.
Length/width/height	179.4/70.1/59.2 in.
Curb weight	3288 lb
Engines	2.5-liter dohc 20V I-5, 170 bhp; 2.0-liter turbodiesel dohc 16V I-4, 140 bhp
Transmission	5M, 6A, 6PSM
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	14.5 gal.
Luggage capacity	32.8/66.9 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles
CAR SPECIFICS	
Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	avail.
www.vw.com	

VOLKSWAGEN

NMS

est \$27,195

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
est 20 mpg city >>> 29 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Ford Fusion
- Hyundai Sonata
- Mazda6
- Nissan Altima
- Toyota Camry

Pro:

Roomier

Con:

Unknown

What's New:

All-new model

VW has been coy about the name of this NMS (new midsize sedan) being built at the new plant in Chattanooga, Tennessee, but we suspect it might be called the Passat. And much like the new Jetta being a competitor for the Corolla and Civic, this new larger car is designed to compete with the Camry and Accord. Will it lose some VW character in the name of greater sales? We suspect not, because VW knows it must retain its identity to succeed. Although there's a chance the 2.5-liter 5-cylinder will be the base engine, we hope it's the turbocharged and direct-injected 2.0-liter inline-4 with 200 bhp. It's a good engine, mated to either a 6-speed manual or a 6-speed automatic. We'd also like to see a TDI diesel model with fuel economy in the mid-30s. The specs below are for a 2010 Passat.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	106.7 in.
Length/width/height	188.2/71.7/58.0 in.
Curb weight	3344 lb
Engines	2.0-liter turbo dohc 16V I-4, 200 bhp
Transmission	6PSM
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	18.5 gal.
Luggage capacity	14.2 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	std

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VOLKSWAGEN

Routan

est \$25,900-\$42,500

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
est 16 mpg city >>> 23 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Chrysler T&C
- Dodge Caravan
- Honda Odyssey
- Nissan Quest
- Toyota Sienna

Pro:

Proven hardware

Con:

Not really a VW

What's New:

Unchanged

Yes, the traditionalists amongst us wish Volkswagen would build its own van, a new Microbus if you will. But for now there's the Routan, based on Chrysler's minivan and even built at the same factory, although with some VW input in the interior and suspension tuning. And you know what? It can be felt. The Routan drives nicely, with a well-sprung ride and no floaty feel, even through dips at highway speed. As in the Chrysler, the rear seats of the 7-seat Routan fold away to create a perfectly flat load floor, and there are cupholders galore. What's more, two engines are available: a push-rod 3.8-liter V-6 with 197 bhp and a sohc 4.0-liter V-6 with 253 bhp, this latter powerplant a better choice for the 4500-lb. Routan. Standard equipment includes privacy glass, cruise control and power side doors on all but the base S model.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/beam
Wheelbase	121.2 in.
Length/width/height	202.5/76.9/68.9 in.
Curb weight	4335 lb
Engines	3.8-liter ohv V-6, 197 bhp; 4.0-liter sohc 24V V-6, 253 bhp
Transmission	6A
Seating capacity	7
Fuel capacity	20.5 gal.
Luggage capacity	32.7/83.0/140.6 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/100,000 miles

VAN SPECIFICS

Power side doors	avail.
Rear entertainment	avail.
Max tow capacity	3500 lb

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VOLKSWAGEN

Tiguan

est \$23,200-\$33,500

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
19 mpg city >>> 26 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Acura RDX
- Audi A5
- BMW X3
- Honda CR-V
- Toyota RAV4

Pro:

Practical, fuel-efficient

Con:

Gets pricey

What's New:

Night Blue color

Volkswagen's compact crossover, the Tiguan, motors into 2011 in S, SE and SEL forms, each available with fwd or awd. The sole powerplant remains VW's proven 2.0-liter inline-4, turbocharged and direct-injected to the tune of 200 bhp. Only the base model is available with a 6-speed manual gearbox; all other Tiguans are fitted with VW's 6-speed automatic with Tiptronic manual shifting. The Wolfsburg Edition is not available for 2011, and the only stand-alone option on the Tiguan is a trailer hitch. For the record, the Tiguan can tow a 2200-lb. trailer, but VW's attractive little crossover is best suited for bopping about town (or heading to the slopes) from the comfort and security of a high seating position. The hatchback also swallows lots of gear.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/fwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	102.5 in.
Length/width/height	174.3/71.2/66.3 in.
Curb weight	3395 lb
Engines	2.0-liter turbo dohc 16V I-4, 200 bhp
Transmission	6M, 6A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	16.8 gal.
Luggage capacity	23.8/56.1 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles

CROSSOVER SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Ground clearance	6.9 in.
Max tow capacity	2200 lb

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VOLKSWAGEN

Touareg

est \$41,000–\$51,000

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:

est 16 mpg city >>> 21 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Acura MDX
- Audi A7
- BMW X3
- Honda Pilot
- Porsche Cayenne

Pro:

Fuel-efficient TDI

Con:

Price of entry

What's New:

All-new model

There's an all-new Volkswagen Touareg in town, looking a bit more like a raised off-road-ready station wagon than the original SUV, which worked great on the dirt. This new Touareg is available in three forms—with a 280-bhp 3.6-liter narrow-angle V-6, a 225-bhp 3.0-liter turbodiesel V-6, or a 333-bhp hybrid powertrain that promises V-8 levels of performance and overall fuel economy in the high 20s. Nickel-metal hydride batteries, 274 lb. of them, provide the electrical power. All Touaregs, for the record, have double-wishbone suspension and 4Motion all-wheel drive (unfortunately without low-range gearing as before), along with an 8-speed automatic transmission with Tiptronic manual shifting. Of note, the TDI Touareg, to meet 50-state U.S. emissions regulations, has automatic urea treatment of its exhaust, the AdBlue fluid stored in a 5.5-gal. onboard tank.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/all-wheel drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	113.9 in.
Length/width/height	188.8/76.4/67.3 in.
Curb weight	4899 lb
Engines	3.6-liter dohc 24V V-6, 280 bhp; 3.0-liter turbodiesel V-6, 221 bhp; 3.0-liter supercharged dohc 24V V-6/ electric motor, 375 hp (Hybrid)
Transmission	8A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	22.5 gal.
Luggage capacity	20.5/58.0 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles; Hybrid components 8 years/100,000 miles

CROSSOVER SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Ground clearance	8.7 in.
Max tow capacity	7716 lb
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VOLVO

C30

\$24,600–\$26,950

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:

21 mpg city >>> 29 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Audi A3
- Honda Civic Si
- Mazda3
- Mini Cooper S
- Volkswagen GTI

Pro:

Fun, stylish

Con:

Only seats four

What's New:

Minor facelift

Volvo's sporty compact receives a modest facelift for 2011 with a redesigned front fascia, fenders, hood, grille and headlights. This hot hatch continues to be offered in C30 T5 and R-Design models. Both share a 227-bhp 2.5-liter turbocharged 5-cylinder engine teamed with a 6-speed manual or 5-speed automatic transmission. The R-Design receives a new standard sport chassis with stiffer springs, increased low-speed damping and a quicker steering ratio. Upholding Volvo's tradition, the base model is well equipped with safety and luxury features. The R-Design ups the ante with a full body kit, premium leather seats, watch-dial gauges and sport pedals. A Multimedia Package adds a stellar 650-watt 10-speaker Dynaudio sound system and navigation.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	103.9 in.
Length/width/height	167.4/70.2/57.0 in.
Curb weight	3200 lb
Engines	2.5-liter turbo dohc 20V I-5, 227 bhp
Transmission	6M, 5A
Seating capacity	4
Fuel capacity	15.9 gal.
Luggage capacity	12.9 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	std
www.volvocars.us	

VOLVO

C70

\$39,950

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:

19 mpg city >>> 28 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Audi A5 Cabrio
- BMW 3 Series Conv.
- Infiniti G37 Conv.
- Lexus IS C
- Saab 9-3 Conv.

Pro:

Stylish cruiser

Con:

No manual gearbox

What's New:

Front and rear styling

Completely new front-end styling brings the C70 convertible up to date with Volvo's latest design language. Add in a new rear fascia with LED taillights and the C70 almost looks like a completely new car. Other changes include a redesigned instrument panel with watch-dial gauges, plus standard Sovereign Hide leather and satellite radio. The 227-bhp 2.5-liter turbocharged 5-cylinder engine is now mated exclusively to a 5-speed Geartronic automatic since the manual gearbox has been discontinued. Four-season luxury remains the name of the game for C70 with a power retractable hardtop that disappears into the trunk with the touch of a button. Side curtain airbags are designed to provide head protection even when the windows are down.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	103.9 in.
Length/width/height	180.4/72.3/55.1 in.
Curb weight	3837 lb
Engines	2.5-liter turbo dohc 20V I-5, 227 bhp
Transmission	5A
Seating capacity	4
Fuel capacity	15.9 gal.
Luggage capacity	12.8 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	std
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VOLVO
S40, V50

\$27,750–\$32,850

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
21 mpg city >>> 30 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Acura TSX
- Audi A4
- BMW 3 Series
- Mazda3
- Saab 9-3

Pro:

Turbos for everyone

Con:

No manual, no awd

What's New:

Revised lineup

Volvo has simplified the lineup of its compact sedan and sport wagon. Base models, now designated S40/V50 T5, are fitted with the 227-bhp 2.5-liter turbocharged 5-cylinder engine and 5-speed automatic transmission. Former normally aspirated 2.4i models are discontinued. The top-line T5 R-Design returns, but loses its all-wheel-drive variants and manual gearboxes. Standard features increase across the board with a power driver's seat and auto-dimming mirror for the T5s. R-Designs receive standard power moonroofs and 17-in. alloys along with carryover cues such as a full body kit, leather/Flextech upholstery, sport pedals, unique aluminum inlays and dynamic sport suspension. A navigation system has been added to the optional Multimedia Package.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/front drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	103.9 in.
Length/width/height	176.2/69.7/57.2 in.
Curb weight	3338 lb
Engines	2.5-liter turbo dohc 20V I-5, 227 bhp
Transmission	5A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	15.9 gal.
Luggage capacity	12.6 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	std

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VOLVO
S60

\$37,700

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
18 mpg city >>> 26 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Audi A4 Quattro
- Cadillac CTS
- Infiniti G37x
- Lexus IS 350
- Saab 9-5

Pro:

Gorgeous, powerful

Con:

Only one model

What's New:

All-new vehicle

Billed as the "sportiest Volvo ever," the all-new midsize S60 is also the sexiest. Emotionally charged styling radiates the look of a 4-door coupe. Beauty is more than skin deep with a 300-bhp turbocharged 3.0-liter inline-6 coupled to a 6-speed Geartronic automatic transmission and all-wheel drive with Instant Traction. Loaded with safety technology, the S60 has Pedestrian Detection with Full Auto Brake as part of the optional Technology Package. It warns the driver if someone walks into the path of the car, then automatically applies the brakes if the driver fails to do so. The luxurious cabin is fitted with a new Driver Control Interface that enables personalized settings for vehicle controls, audio, climate and optional navigation.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/all-wheel drive
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	109.3 in.
Length/width/height	182.0/73.4/58.4 in.
Curb weight	3812 lb
Engines	3.0-liter turbo dohc 24V I-6, 300 bhp
Transmission	6A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	17.8 gal.
Luggage capacity	12.0 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	std

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VOLVO
S80

\$36,950–\$40,700

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
18 mpg city >>> 26 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Acura RL
- Audi A6
- BMW 535i
- Lexus GS 350
- Mercedes E350

Pro:

Comfy, competent

Con:

Adiós, V-8

What's New:

Power increases

Power players need not fret over the departure of the S80 V-8. Increasing the output of the S80 T6 AWD's turbocharged 3.0-liter inline-6 to 300 bhp makes it a mere 11 ponies shy of the V-8's number. And with an identical 325 lb.-ft. of torque at lower rpm, it should be just as fun to drive. Volvo claims 0–60 acceleration in 6.3 seconds, just three-tenths off the V-8's. Meanwhile, the base S80 3.2's normally aspirated I-6 receives a 5-bhp bump to 240 bhp. Those seeking supreme luxury can equip either model with a new Inscription Package that includes Sovereign Hide leather, walnut wood accents throughout the cabin and ventilated front seats. The S80's optional Multimedia Package adds a rear park assist camera to the navigation and premium sound systems.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/fwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	111.6 in.
Length/width/height	191.0/73.3/58.8 in.
Curb weight	3761 lb
Engines	3.2-liter dohc 24V I-6, 240 bhp; 3.0-liter turbo dohc 24V I-6, 300 bhp
Transmission	6A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	18.5 gal.
Luggage capacity	14.9 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	std

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VOLVO
XC60

\$32,400–\$41,550

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
18 mpg city >>> 27 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Acura RDX
- Audi Q5
- BMW X3
- Infiniti FX
- Lexus RX 350

Pro:

Curvy, powerful

Con:

So-so fuel economy

What's New:

Added power, features

New last year, the XC60 lineup expands to four models. The 3.2 features base and new R-Design variants. The latter receives upgrades including a panoramic roof, 20-in. alloys, active xenon headlights, leather seats and sporty R-Design exterior and interior cues. Both gain a modest 5-bhp increase to 240 bhp, while offering a choice of front- or all-wheel drive. Meanwhile, the turbocharged XC60 T6 AWD and R-Design now deliver 300 bhp (up 19) and 325 lb.-ft. of torque (up 30). The T6 receives the standard panoramic roof plus aluminum interior décor and silver roof rails. Among its lengthy list of standard safety features, the XC60 was the first to offer City Safety, a system that helps avoid low-speed collisions by automatically applying the brakes.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/fwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	108.2 in.
Length/width/height	182.2/74.4/67.4 in.
Curb weight	3300 lb
Engines	3.2-liter dohc 24V I-6, 240 bhp; 3.0-liter turbo dohc 24V I-6, 300 bhp
Transmission	6A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	18.5 gal.
Luggage capacity	30.8/67.4 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles

CROSSOVER SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Ground clearance	9.1 in.
Max tow capacity	3300 lb

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VOLVO
XC70

\$32,000–\$38,000

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
18 mpg city >>> 25 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Acura TSX Wagon
- Audi A6 Avant
- Cadillac CTS Wagon
- Subaru Outback
- Volkswagen Passat

Pro:

Big-time T6 power

Con:

So-so fuel economy

What's New:

Fwd model

To assuage those lamenting the loss of the V70 wagon, Volvo now offers the XC70 3.2 in a front-drive model. Thus the 240-bhp 3.2-liter inline-6 can transfer power to the front wheels, or all four if one opts for all-wheel drive with Instant Traction. For those who want to get to the ski slopes in a hurry, the top-line XC70 T6 AWD boosts horsepower by 19, to an even 300 for its turbocharged 3.0-liter engine, while torque increases 30 lb.-ft. to 325. All feature the XC70's signature raised ride height and SUV-like styling cues. Satellite radio is now standard on the 3.2 while the T6 gains a power moonroof. A Technology Package adds safety features including Collision Warning with Auto Brake, Adaptive Cruise Control and Lane Departure Warning.

SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/fwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	110.0 in.
Length/width/height	190.5/73.3/63.1 in.
Curb weight	4147 lb
Engines	3.2-liter dohc 24V I-6, 240 bhp; 3.0-liter turbo dohc 24V I-6, 281 bhp
Transmission	6A
Seating capacity	5
Fuel capacity	18.5 gal.
Luggage capacity	33.3/72.1 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles

CAR SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Navigation	avail.
Bluetooth	std

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VOLVO
XC90

\$38,200–\$48,000

EPA FUEL ECONOMY:
16 mpg city >>> 22 mpg hwy



Compare To:

- Acura MDX
- Audi Q7
- Land Rover LR4
- Mercedes M-Class
- Volkswagen Touareg

Pro:

V-8, room for seven

Con:

Usurped by XC60

What's New:

Modest power boost

Volvo's flagship 7-passenger crossover sees minor changes for 2011. The XC90's 3.2-liter inline-6 gets a 5-bhp bump in horsepower to 240. Bluetooth, satellite radio, watch-dial gauges and silver roof rails are now standard. The unchanged 3.2 R-Design includes sport-tuned suspension and steering, 19-in. alloys, a unique grille and leather upholstery. Both come in front- and all-wheel-drive models. The XC90 V8 AWD offers the ultimate in performance and luxury with a 311-bhp 4.4-liter V-8, wood-trimmed interior, heated seats and headlight washers. A Luxury Package gilds the lily with upgraded leather and massage/ventilated front seats. A rear entertainment system, blind-spot warning and active xenon headlights are XC90 options.

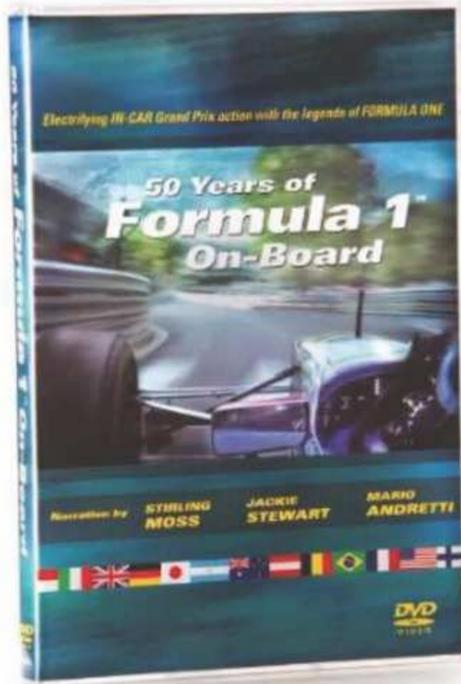
SPECIFICATIONS

Layout	front engine/fwd, awd
Suspension, f/r	ind/ind
Wheelbase	112.6 in.
Length/width/height	189.3/74.7/70.2 in.
Curb weight	4751 lb
Engines	3.2-liter dohc 24V I-6, 240 bhp; 4.4-liter dohc 32V V-8, 311 bhp
Transmission	6A
Seating capacity	7
Fuel capacity	21.1 gal.
Luggage capacity	8.8/43.3/85.1 cu ft
Powertrain warranty	5 years/60,000 miles

CROSSOVER SPECIFICS

Side airbags	std
Ground clearance	8.6 in.
Max tow capacity	3300 lb

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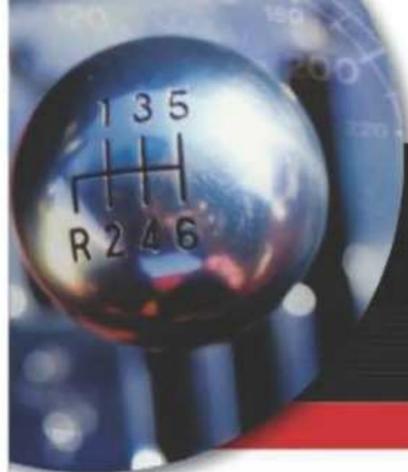
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Road Test Summary

Make & Model	Issue	Price as Tested ³	Engine Type	Horsepower	Torque, lb.-ft.	Curb Weight, lb.	0-60 mph, sec.	1/4 mile, sec. @ mph	Top Speed, mph ⁴	Braking from 60 mph, ft.	Skidpad, g	Slalom, mph	Our Fuel Mileage, mpg
Acura TL SH-AWD	5-10 ²	\$44,195	V-6	305	273	3860	5.2	13.7@102.3	130 ⁵	113	0.91	68.4	15.8
TSX V-6 ¹	9-09 ¹⁰	\$38,760	V-6	280	254	3630	5.9	14.4@99.3	130 ⁵	133	0.85	64.1	19.0 ⁴
Alfa Romeo 8C Competizione	1-08	\$253,750	V-8	450	354	3495 ⁴	4.2	12.4@115.4	181	105	1.02	na	14.0 ⁴
Ameritech McLaren F1	12-97	\$1,131,120	V-12	627	479	2840	3.4	11.6@125.0	231	127	0.86	64.5	11.5
Aston Martin DBS ¹	3-09 ¹⁰	\$276,140	V-12	510	420	3940	4.1	12.4@114.9	191	111	0.95	71.4	na
Rapide ¹	9-10	\$212,445	V-12	470	443	4385	4.7	13.1@109.5	188	119	0.92	69.7	12.0 ⁴
V8 Vantage Roadster	4-10 ^{10,2}	\$157,630	V-8	420	346	3775	4.5	12.8@113.3	180 ⁵	119	0.95	72.5	10.9
Audi A4 3.2 Quattro ¹	5-09 ²	\$49,975	V-6	265	243	3810	5.9	14.4@97.5	130 ⁵	125	0.86	66.2	18.3
A5 2.0T Quattro	4-10 ¹⁰	\$45,150	I-4t	211	258	3645	6.2	14.8@95.2	130 ⁵	118	0.94	68.9	21.3 ²
R8 5.2	2-10 ¹⁰	\$172,250	V-10	525	391	3745	3.3	11.5@123.1	196 ⁵	118	0.99	73.2	14.0 ⁴
S4 Quattro	5-10 ²	\$58,675	V-6s	333	325	4010	4.5	12.9@108.6	155 ⁵	114	0.96	70.1	14.4
TTS ²	11-09	\$52,075	I-4t	265	258	3235	4.6	13.2@105.2	155 ⁵	115	0.98	72.0	19.9
Bentley Cont. Flying Spur Spd ¹	8-10 ²	\$226,485	W-12tt	600	553	5575	4.3	12.9@108.5	201	116	0.90	61.2	14.1
Continental GT Speed ¹	5-08 ¹⁰	\$226,555	W-12tt	600	533	5170	4.0	12.5@113.4	202 ⁵	116	0.90	66.2	11.0
Continental Supersports ¹	3-10 ¹⁰	\$274,055	W-12tt	621	590	4915	3.6	11.9@117.4	204	118	0.90	66.3	13.0 ⁴
BMW M3 Coupe DCT	12-08 ¹⁰	\$65,000	V-8	414	295	3670	4.3	12.7@112.4	155 ⁵	116	0.93	71.1	13.1
Z4 sDrive35i	7-09	\$57,500	I-6tt	300	300	3460	4.8	13.3@106.7	150 ⁵	116	0.89	66.2	21.6
135i	11-09 ²	\$38,175	I-6tt	300	300	3375	4.7	13.3@105.3	150 ⁵	117	0.92	71.0	19.7
335i	5-10 ²	\$47,625	I-6tt	300	300	3570	4.7	13.3@105.7	150 ⁵	119	0.91	68.4	18.4
550i Gran Turismo ¹	7-10 ¹⁰	\$74,025	V-8tt	400	450	4720	5.1	13.4@106.5	150 ⁵	122	0.89	66.7	16.0 ⁴
750i ¹	10-10 ²	\$95,725	V-8tt	400	450	4600	4.9	13.3@108.0	155 ⁵	119	0.89	68.2	14.9
750Li ¹	8-09	\$110,170	V-8tt	400	450	4735	4.9	13.4@106.0	150 ⁵	120	0.87	68.7	15.9
Bugatti Veyron 16.4	2-07	\$1,482,700	W-16gt	1001	922	4470	2.6	10.2@142.9	253	111	0.94	68.0	9.0⁴
Cadillac CTS-V	8-09 ²	\$66,835	V-8s	556	551	4130	4.1	12.3@118.8	191	114	0.90	70.1	15.6
CTS-V Coupe ¹	10-10 ¹⁰	\$71,410	V-8s	556	551	4240	4.1	12.3@116.6	175 ⁵	117	0.89	70.3	18.6
Callaway Corvette SC606	9-10	\$116,560	V-8s	606	553	3445	3.8	11.8@125.3	205	106	1.05	74.2	16.0
Chevrolet Camaro 2LT Coupe	8-10 ¹⁰	\$29,175	V-6	304	273	3810	5.9	14.4@99.4	118 ⁵	115	0.85	68.4	18.3
Camaro SS Coupe	8-10 ²	\$36,265	V-8	426	420	3870	4.6	13.0@110.7	155 ⁵	119	0.88	68.6	16.9
Corvette Grand Sport	2-10 ¹⁰	\$68,365	V-8	436	428	3360	4.1	12.4@116.5	190 ⁵	112	0.96	70.7	17.0 ⁴
Corvette ZR1	6-10 ²	\$121,425	V-8s	638	604	3365	3.5	11.5@128.7	205	112	1.04	74.9	14.0
Dodge Challenger R/T	10-09 ²	\$38,170	V-8	376	410	4135	5.8	14.1@101.2	142 ⁵	136	0.83	62.7	20.3
Viper SRT10 ACR	4-08 ¹⁰	\$98,110	V-10	600	560	3430	3.4	11.6@122.6	177 ⁵	109	1.12	73.4	na
Ferrari California	2-10	\$200,822	V-8	453	358	3925	3.5	11.9@116.9	193	106	0.96	69.2	14.0 ⁴
Enzo	7-03	\$652,830	V-12	650	485	3230	3.3	11.1@133.0	218	109	1.01	73.0	13.3
599 GTB Fiorano F1	5-07	\$319,408	V-12	611	448	3865	3.2	11.2@129.3	205	109	0.97	71.2	10.0 ⁴
Ford GT	12-03	\$150,525	V-8s	500	500	3390 ⁴	3.8	12.2@121.6	190	117	0.99	69.5	15.0 ⁴
Mustang GT Premium	8-10 ²	\$39,680	V-8	412	390	3665	4.6	13.2@109.3	145 ⁵	116	0.91	70.6	17.5
Mustang V-6 Coupe Premium	8-10 ¹⁰	\$33,055	V-6	305	280	3520	5.4	14.0@101.4	115 ⁵	115	0.92	69.2	20.6
Shelby GT500	10-10 ¹⁰	\$55,537	V-8s	550	510	3820	4.4	12.6@118.9	155 ⁵	117	1.00	69.6	16.0 ⁴
Taurus SHO ¹	12-09 ²	\$42,985	V-6tt	365	350	4285	5.2	13.6@103.2	131 ⁵	122	0.88	64.8	17.5
Hennessey HPE700 Camaro	4-10	\$125,000	V-8s	725	741	3930	4.1	12.0@125.4	201	117	0.92	71.0	11.0 ⁴
HKS Nissan GT-R	10-10 ¹⁰	\$107,000	V-6tt	638	606	3900	3.0	11.1@128.9	195	122	0.97	73.8	na
Honda FCX Clarity ¹	5-09	\$600/mo.	FC	134	189	3575	8.6	16.8@84.3	100 ⁵	129	0.82	64.1	na
Hyundai Genesis 4.6L V8 ¹	5-09	\$42,000	V-8	375	333	4015	5.5	13.9@103.8	149 ⁵	120	0.86	63.8	18.0 ⁴
Genesis Coupe Track	6-09 ²	\$30,345	V-6	306	266	3470	5.7	14.4@99.1	149 ⁵	118	0.90	69.3	18.0 ⁴
Sonata SE ¹	7-10 ¹⁰	\$25,195	I-4	200	186	3340	7.5	15.8@89.1	130 ⁵	128	0.85	65.4	26.6
Infiniti G37 Coupe Journey ¹	6-09 ²	\$45,045	V-6	330	270	3700	5.4	13.8@103.2	155 ⁵	118	0.89	68.4	19.0 ⁴
G37S Sport	5-10 ²	\$40,085	V-6	328	269	3665	5.1	13.6@105.6	155 ⁵	117	0.90	67.8	16.6
Jaguar XFR ¹	8-09 ²	\$80,000	V-8s	510	461	4405	4.3	12.6@115.3	155 ⁵	117	0.88	66.1	16.7
Kia Forte Koup SX	6-10 ¹⁰	\$20,090	I-4	173	168	2920	6.9	15.4@92.3	130 ⁵	125	0.89	67.2	23.0 ⁴
Lamborghini Gallardo Balboni	11-09	\$255,295	V-10	550 ⁵	398	3210 ⁴	3.5	11.5@126.7	199	115	0.95	72.5	13.0 ⁴
Murciélago LP670-4 SV	11-09	\$480,325	V-12	670 ⁵	487	3660 ⁴	2.8	10.9@129.4	209	114	0.97	70.0	10.0 ⁴
Lexus HS 250h ¹	11-09 ¹⁰	\$39,150	I-4/Elec	187	138	3690	8.2	16.2@88.6	112 ⁵	126	0.77	63.7	28.3
IS 350C ¹	12-09 ¹⁰	\$49,415	V-6	306	277	3895	5.5	14.0@100.7	141 ⁵	133	0.81	64.5	19.0 ⁴
LFA	7-10	\$388,475	V-10	560 ⁵	354	3580	3.8	11.8@124.4	202 ⁵	112	1.04	74.2	16.0 ⁴
LS 460 Sport ¹	10-10 ²	\$76,014	V-8	380	367	4545	5.6	14.1@102.3	130 ⁵	123	0.84	64.5	15.8
Lincoln MKS EcoBoost ¹	10-09 ¹⁰	\$56,625	V-6tt	355	350	4440 ⁴	5.0	13.6@103.8	131 ⁵	123	0.90	62.6	21.4
Lotus Evora	9-10 ²	\$83,520	V-6	276	258	3100	4.9	13.4@103.9	162 ⁵	114	0.99	71.9	21.8
Exige S 260 Sport	10-09 ¹⁰	\$79,420	I-4s	257	174	2005	4.1	12.6@110.1	150	112	0.97	74.5	21.0 ⁴
Maserati Gran Turismo Conv. ¹	9-10	\$144,335	V-8	440	361	4610	4.8	13.2@107.8	176	114	0.87	69.7	15.3
Mazda Mazda3 s	5-09 ¹⁰	\$22,130	I-4	167	168	3035	7.5	15.7@89.3	130 ⁵	132	0.86	66.8	22.0 ⁴
Mazdaspeed3	2-10 ¹⁰	\$25,090	I-4t	263	280	3250	6.1	14.4@99.6	155 ⁵	126	0.90	68.8	17.0

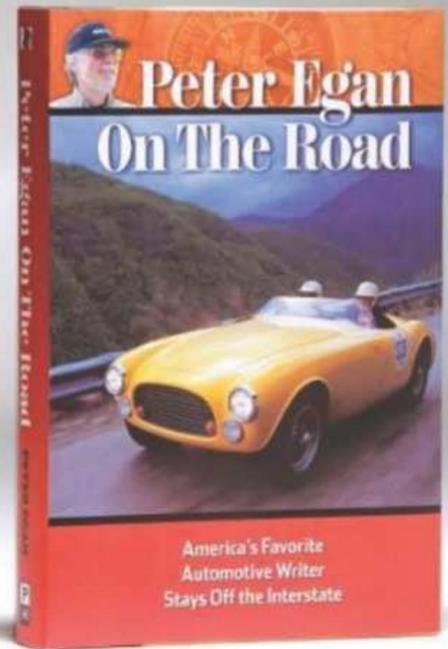
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Mercedes-Benz C63 AMG ¹	6-08 ²	\$63,930	V-8	451	443	3920	4.1	12.5@114.4	155 ⁵	113	0.93	69.3	15.1
C350 Sport ¹	9-07	\$44,500	V-6	268	258	3630	5.8	14.3@98.2	130 ⁵	135	0.81	63.8	21.0 ⁶
E63 AMG ¹	6-10 ¹⁰	\$93,075	V-8	518	465	4285	4.1	12.5@115.1	155 ⁵	119	0.92	68.2	15.0 ⁶
E320 Bluetec ¹	7-07 ¹⁰	\$59,375	V-6td	208	388	3860	6.7	15.0@93.2	130 ⁵	129	0.83	62.0	24.0
E550 Coupe ¹	9-09	\$67,225	V-8	382	391	3810	4.7	13.1@108.9	130 ⁵	137	0.84	63.2	15.7
SL63 AMG ¹	4-10 ^{10,2}	\$143,460	V-8	518	465	4420	4.0	12.4@115.3	186 ⁵	120	0.89	66.6	10.0
SL65 AMG ¹	2-09	\$198,175	V-12tt	604	738	4555 ⁴	3.7	11.8@121.6	155 ⁵	115	0.89	67.4	13.4
SL65 AMG Black Series ¹	3-09	\$304,350	V-12tt	661	738	4215	3.9	11.8@126.3	199 ⁵	112	0.99	70.3	14.2
SLR McLaren ¹	7-05	\$455,750	V-8s	617	575	3860	3.5	11.5@126.1	207	107	0.97	69.6	18.0 ⁶
SLS AMG ¹	7-10	\$202,150	V-8	563	479	3795	3.6	11.6@124.3	197 ⁵	112	0.96	71.8	10.8
Mini Cooper S Clubman	7-08 ¹⁰	\$29,100	I-4t	172	177	2845	6.8	15.3@92.1	139 ⁵	120	0.89	67.2	27.0 ⁶
Cooper S	11-07 ²	\$28,850	I-4t	172	177	2665	6.4	15.0@92.6	139 ⁵	122	0.85	67.9	29.8
John Cooper Works	2-09	\$31,450	I-4t	208	192	2655	6.0	14.4@98.9	147 ⁵	121	0.91	71.3	27.0 ⁶
Mitsubishi Eclipse GT	8-07 ²	\$27,694	V-6	263	260	3570	5.9	14.5@99.3	148	121	0.84	63.9	19.6
Lancer Evolution GSR	3-08 ²	\$33,625	I-4t	291	300	3555	4.9	13.6@100.9	162 ⁵	124	0.97	71.7	15.0 ⁶
Lancer Evolution MR Touring	12-09 ²	\$44,234	I-4t	291	300	3690	4.6	13.2@103.6	162 ⁵	120	0.92	69.2	18.1
Lancer Ralliart	11-08 ²	\$29,915	I-4t	237	253	3540	5.4	14.1@97.2	130 ⁵	129	0.84	66.7	17.3
Nissan Altima 3.5 SE Coupe	8-07	\$25,515	V-6	270	258	3200	5.7	14.2@101.2	130	130	0.84	65.2	18.7
GT-R Premium	6-10 ²	\$85,340	V-6tt	485	434	3920	3.3	11.6@120.4	193	112	1.01	74.8	14.4
Maxima 3.5 SV ¹	9-08	\$34,940	V-6	290	261	3610	6.1	14.6@97.7	149 ⁵	121	0.86	65.4	18.8
Nismo 370Z	9-09 ¹⁰	\$39,540	V-6	350	276	3300	5.0	13.5@106.6	155 ⁵	123	0.93	69.9	19.0 ⁶
Sentra SE-R Spec V	6-07 ²	\$22,715	I-4	200	180	3075	6.6	15.0@94.2	130 ⁵	134	0.87	65.3	22.1
370Z	4-09 ²	\$33,740	V-6	332	270	3360	5.2	13.7@103.9	155 ⁵	115	0.98	69.5	18.7
Pontiac G8 GT ¹	6-08	\$29,995	V-8	361	385	3910	5.0	13.5@104.9	140 ⁵	119	0.85	64.3	16.0 ⁶
G8 GXP ¹	3-09 ²	\$43,280	V-8	415	415	4000	4.7	13.1@109.4	155 ⁵	120	0.88	65.0	17.8
Porsche Boxster Spyder	3-10	\$79,210	F-6	320	273	2940	4.4	12.8@109.6	166 ⁵	112	1.02	74.6	19.0 ⁶
Carrera GT	6-04	\$460,400	V-10	605	435	3530 ⁴	3.6	11.3@131.6	205	124	0.99	71.1	11.0 ⁶
Cayman S	9-10 ²	\$70,915	F-6	320	273	3100	4.6	12.9@108.8	172 ⁵	117	1.00	72.6	20.9
Panamera Turbo	12-09	\$153,615	V-8tt	500	516	4635	3.4	11.7@118.0	188	116	0.96	69.1	16.3
911 Carrera S	4-08 ¹⁰	\$94,815	F-6	355	295	3295	4.1	12.6@111.9	182	111	1.00	72.5	19.0 ⁶
911 GT2	12-08	\$198,875	F-6tt	530	501	3265	3.4	11.5@123.9	204	108	1.03	75.9	15.0 ⁶
911 GT3	9-09	\$133,135	F-6	435	317	3075 ⁴	3.7	11.8@119.5	193	106	1.04	75.9	13.0 ⁶
911 Turbo	6-10 ²	\$149,370	F-6tt	500	480	3535	3.5	11.7@121.8	194	112	1.01	73.0	16.0
Rolls-Royce Ghost ¹	8-10 ²	\$308,350	V-12tt	563	575	5495	4.7	12.9@114.3	155 ⁵	119	0.85	60.1	16.5
Phantom ¹	8-06 ¹⁰	\$346,650	V-12	453	531	5810	5.9	14.5@97.4	149 ⁵	123	0.77	57.9	11.7
Rosion Q1	1-10	\$108,151	V-6tt	450	390	2675	3.2	11.6@121.6	185	130	1.06	73.0	18.0 ⁶
Saab 9-3 Turbo X Sport Combi	10-08 ¹⁰	\$44,755	V-6t	280	295	3910	6.4	15.0@91.8	155 ⁵	127	0.80	65.1	17.3
Saleen S7 Twin Turbo	9-06 ¹⁰	\$602,442	V-8tt	750	700	2900 ⁴	3.3	10.6@139.8	250	119	1.03	69.9	13.0 ⁶
Saturn Astra XR	3-08	\$20,330	I-4	138	125	2820	8.6	16.6@84.4	129 ⁵	120	0.87	67.0	23.0 ⁶
Shelby GT500 Super Snake	12-07	\$70,670	V-8s	605	590	3915	4.4	12.5@119.9	150 ⁵	118	0.93	68.4	15.6
Smart For Two passion coupe	3-08	\$15,625	I-3	70	68	1825	13.3	19.2@70.5	90⁵	130	0.72	57.6	32.0 ⁶
Spyker C8 Spyder	3-07	\$296,785	V-8	400	354	2985	4.4	12.7@112.0	160	120	0.92	67.1	18.0
Subaru Impreza 2.5i	12-07 ¹⁰	\$17,640	F-4	170	170	3055 ⁴	8.2	16.1@85.6	120 ⁵	138	0.79	64.2	21.0 ⁶
Impreza WRX	11-08 ²	\$28,660	F-4t	265	244	3230	5.1	13.8@101.0	140 ⁵	124	0.87	67.0	22.2
Impreza WRX STI	3-08 ²	\$39,440	F-4t	305	290	3360	5.0	13.6@98.2	155	119	0.90	69.8	16.0 ⁶
Legacy 2.5GT Limited	5-10 ¹⁰	\$34,146	F-4t	265	258	3500	5.8	14.3@97.2	150 ⁵	116	0.84	67.2	19.0
Legacy 3.6R Limited ¹	12-09 ¹⁰	\$32,383	F-6	256	247	3555	6.5	14.9@95.6	149 ⁵	129	0.81	63.8	19.2
Tesla Roadster	2-09	\$118,400	Elec	248	276	2750	4.0	12.7@105.3	121	119	0.92	68.6	132.1 ⁶
Roadster Sport	5-10 ¹⁰	\$159,145	Elec	288	295	2790	3.7	12.6@104.9	125 ⁵	123	0.96	70.3	160.1 ⁶
Volkswagen CC 3.6L 4Motion ¹	7-09 ²	\$42,630	V-6	280	265	3855	6.1	14.5@97.0	130 ⁵	127	0.91	66.5	19.2
Golf TDI	4-10 ¹⁰	\$27,090	I-4td	140	236	3120	8.8	16.6@83.9	125 ⁵	132	0.84	64.4	38.9
Golf GTI 3-dr ¹⁰	8-10	\$31,900	I-4t	200	207	3370	6.1	14.6@96.9	130 ⁵	143	0.86	66.2	25.0 ⁶
Golf GTI 5-dr ¹⁰	8-10	\$24,789	I-4t	200	207	3285	6.6	14.9@96.2	130 ⁵	136	0.88	67.1	25.0 ⁶
R32	12-07 ¹⁰	\$35,430	V-6	250	236	3720	6.0	14.6@95.0	130 ⁵	134	0.85	65.9	18.2
Volvo C30 Version 2.0	11-07 ²	\$27,700	I-5t	227	236	3200	6.5	14.9@95.8	149 ⁵	122	0.85	66.3	22.8
C70	4-07 ²	\$40,400	I-5t	218	236	3785	7.5	15.7@91.2	150 ⁵	120	0.83	65.0	25.8
S80 V8 AWD ¹	6-07	\$56,025	V-8	311	325	4080	5.6	14.2@99.4	155 ⁵	123	0.85	64.6	16.3
V70 ¹	5-08 ¹⁰	\$34,410	I-6	235	236	3530	7.3	15.6@92.3	130 ⁵	131	0.82	63.0	21.5 ⁶

Data apply to the model at the time (issue date) of testing. Legend: For engine types, I is an inline design, F is a flat and R is a rotary. The number following the letter is the number of cylinders or rotor chambers. An additional letter, a "t" or an "s" designates turbo- or supercharging; "d" designates diesel; "FC" designates fuel cell; **boldface**=extremes in that particular category, excluding nonproduction cars; na=not available, na/U.S.; ¹automatic transmission; ²comparison test; ³price at time of test, some estimated; ⁴estimated; ⁵electronically limited; ⁶DIN bhp; ⁷from previous test; ⁸altitude-affected; ⁹aerodynamically limited; ¹⁰Road Test Update; ¹¹performance data, no sideview.

INTERPRETING THE NUMBERS: Factors that affect test numbers include air temperature, barometric pressure, condition of track surface, tune of test car. When comparing cars' performances, look for the **Significant differences** in each category, as listed below. This is the amount of difference that is meaningful.

WEIGHT of a car is generally accurate to **within 1 percent**.
ACCELERATION numbers are obtained using drop-clutch starts and lift-throttle shifts. **Significant difference: 0-60 mph, 0.3 sec.; 1/4 mile, 0.5 sec.**
TOP SPEED is typically as reported by the manufacturer, but occasionally we measure it on a closed test track. **Significant difference: 5.0 mph.**
BRAKING distances are initiated when the pedal is touched, and just enough effort is used to avoid wheel locking; on cars equipped with anti-lock braking systems, the ABS is fully invoked. **Significant difference: 60-0 mph, 10 ft.**
HANDLING is quantified two ways: The skidpad measures steady-speed cornering grip around a 200-ft.-diameter circle (run in both directions). The slalom, run through eight cones spaced at 100-ft. intervals, samples both controllability and grip during transient handling. **Significant difference: Skidpad, 0.02g; slalom, 1.0 mph.**
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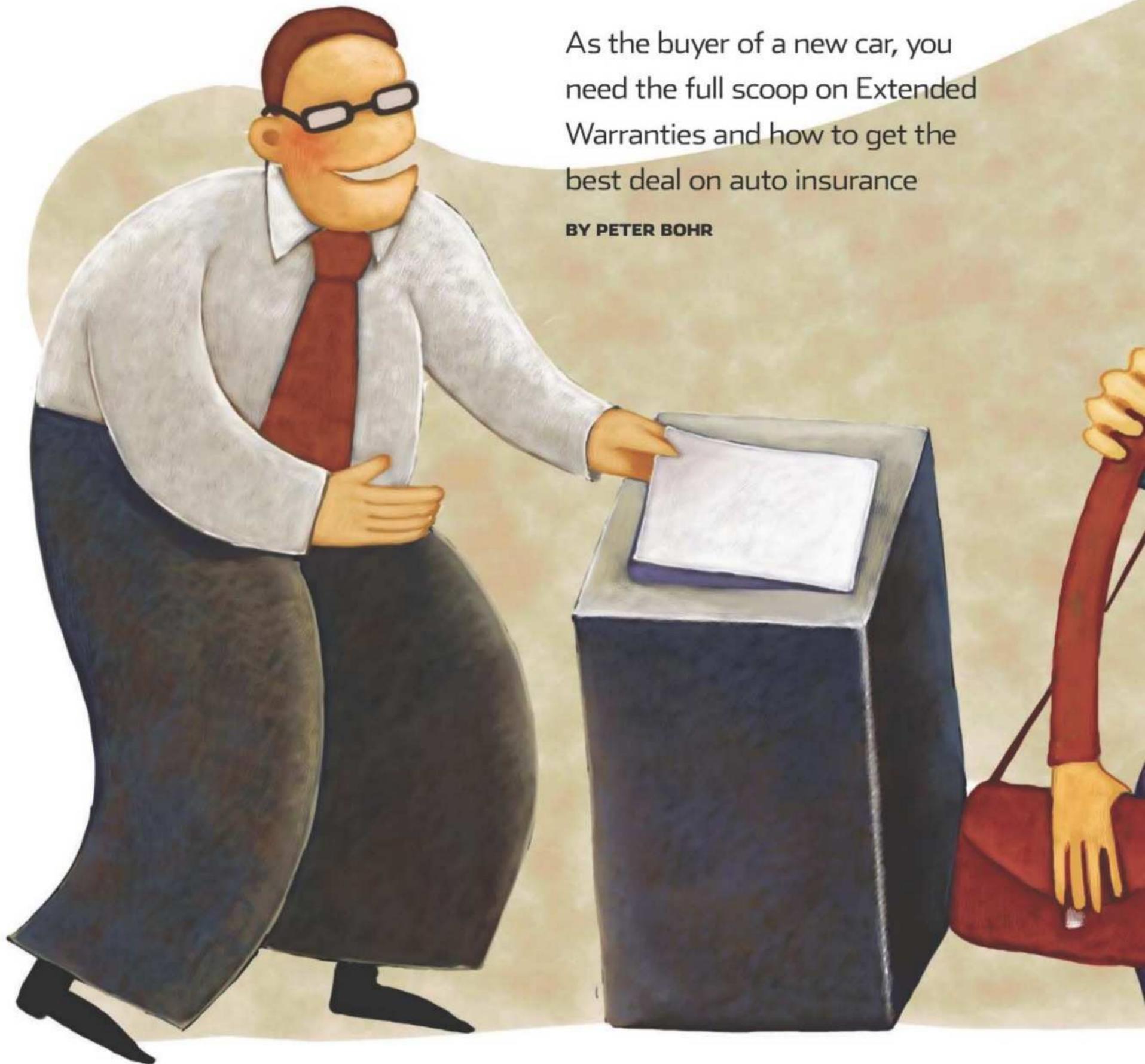


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After the Sale

As the buyer of a new car, you need the full scoop on Extended Warranties and how to get the best deal on auto insurance

BY PETER BOHR



Extended Warranties: Are they smart, or a waste of money? Commonly called “extended warranties,” these service contracts aren’t really warranties at all. A warranty comes with the car at no extra charge. A service contract is an agreement, sold for a separate charge, that kicks in after the factory new-car warranty expires.



But no matter what you call it, the idea of paying a relatively small sum now as protection against costly repairs in the future can be enticing to many new-car buyers. And car dealers love to sell the contracts because—surprise!—they're highly profitable.

For some new-car buyers, the right kind of contract bought at the right price can be a prudent form of budget control.

For others, they're a waste of money. To help you decide, ask a few questions:

WHO BACKS THE CONTRACT? New-car dealers typically sell two kinds of contracts, one backed by the new-car manufacturer and the other by an independent service-contract provider company. An automaker isn't likely to disappear overnight. But many service-contract provid-

er companies have, over the years, come and gone, leaving contract holders with worthless documents.

WHAT'S IT COST? A car dealer is free to charge whatever he wishes for a service contract—often doubling, or more, his cost. Savvy car buyers will bargain with the dealer over the price of the contract just as they will over the price of the car.

WHAT'S COVERED? Basic contracts or policies often cover little more than the engine and transmission. But with modern technology, engines and transmissions rarely break before 100,000 miles—the upper limit of most service contracts—so such coverage doesn't mean much. More likely to go haywire are all the various electrical components that fill today's cars, from power-window switches to anti-lock brake systems. Coverage for these items is more expensive, but also more useful.

There are other questions to ask, as

well: Can the repairs be performed at the shop of your choice? How much is the deductible for each repair? Do you have to pay for the repair and get reimbursed later, or will the contract backer pay the shop directly?

THERE ARE ALTERNATIVES TO BUYING A DEALER-OFFERED CONTRACT.

Mechanical breakdown insurance (MBI) policies are actual insurance policies issued by insurance companies. They're only sold by those licensed to sell insurance; licensed agents are al-

lowed to sell MBI policies online. You can usually buy an MBI policy any time during the period that your car is covered by the factory new-car warranty.

You could plan to sell the car before, or shortly after, the factory warranty expires, making a contract or MBI policy unnecessary. Factory warranties, such as those from Hyundai, Kia and Mitsubishi, have become quite long in recent years.

You could be careful to buy a car with a strong reputation for long-term reliability, one less likely to need many repairs as you pile on the miles. 

INSURANCE TIPS:

How to get the best deal on auto insurance

Like fuel, insurance is one of those pesky but unavoidable costs of car ownership. State laws require that you have it. And unless you've paid cash for your new car, the de facto owner of the car—the bank that lent you the money—will demand that you have it.

Insurance protects several entities.

It protects you against the claims of others if you harm them or damage their vehicle (bodily injury and property damage liability coverage). And it protects your new car if say, a tree falls on it (comprehensive coverage) or if you drive it into say, a tree (collision coverage).

What determines the cost of your insurance?

A bunch of factors, with each insurer weighing the factors differently. You can bet that your record of accidents and moving violations will be a determinant, as will the number of miles you drive annually, and where you drive. Your age is important: Insurers often consider drivers between 55 and 65 especially good risks. But if you're under 20 or beyond 70, expect higher premiums.

And surprise! Your credit worthiness counts.

(Except in California where insurers are barred from considering credit scores.) Insurers have discovered that there's a high correlation between those who handle their financial matters responsibly and those who drive responsibly.

Then there's the matter of what you drive.

Don't assume that your new, small economy car will be

cheap to insure or that your new 2-seat convertible sports car will have an outrageously high premium. The insurance industry keeps close track of models' claims records and charges premiums accordingly. The latest findings of the Highway Loss Data Institute show that the Honda Civic Si and Scion tC have poor loss records, while soft-top Corvettes and Mazda Miatas have relatively few claims. Go to www.hldi.org and look under "research" then "insurance losses by make and model."

The car-insurance business is highly competitive.

Shopping around before you commit to a policy can save you hundreds of dollars. Be certain to ask for any possible discounts such as those for having other insurance with the same company, for having your monthly payment automatically deducted from your checking account or for having good grades if you're a student.

Plan on paying for minor repairs out of pocket.

A high deductible will lower your premium. Don't buy more coverage than your net worth requires. If you've wiped out your savings to put a down payment on a new Kia, you may not need a \$1 million "umbrella" policy. On the other hand, if you own substantial assets, that umbrella policy is cheap insurance if you seriously injure someone.

And once you have a policy, keep your record clean.

If you receive a moving violation, attend traffic school to remove the ticket from your driving record if the court makes you such an offer.

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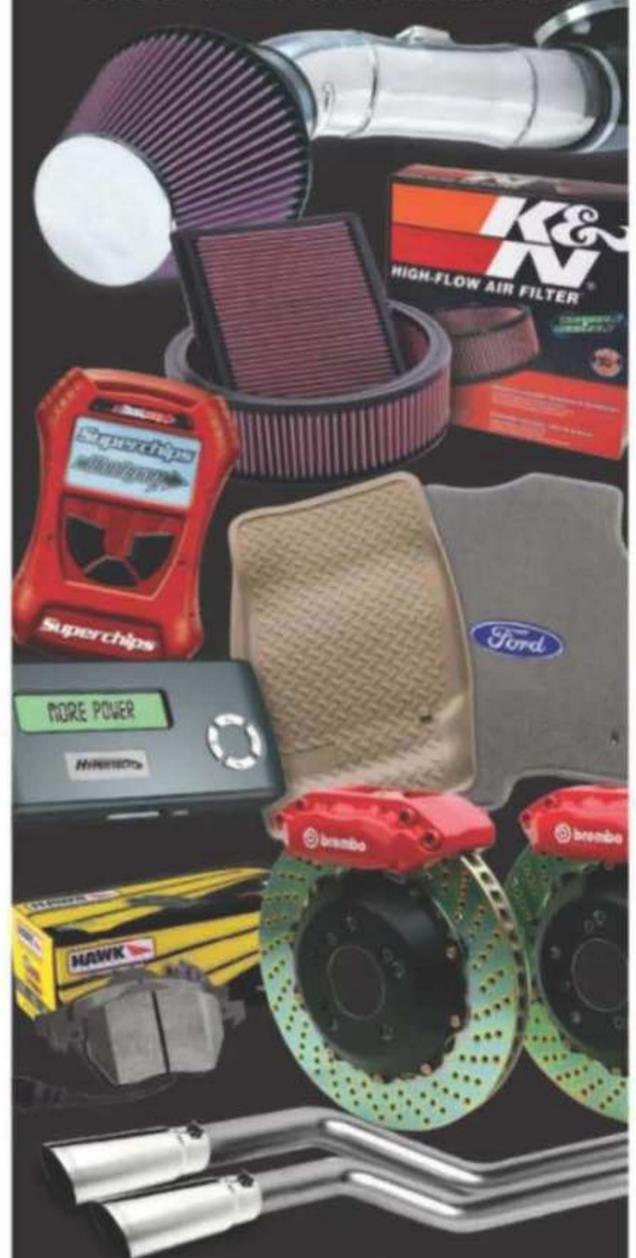
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2012 AUDI TT RS—COMING TO AMERICA NEXT FALL!

You asked. We asked. And in September, Audi finally made it official: The hot TT RS sports coupe will be coming to America. You'll have to wait until the third quarter of 2011 to find one in a U.S. showroom (the hot little sports coupes are already on sale in Europe), but if R&T Road Test Editor Jonathan Elfalan is a good judge of performance cars—and we think he is!—then we're confident it'll be worth it.

After sampling a TT RS at Willow Springs International Raceway earlier this year, Elfalan basically got down on his knees and begged Audi to start shipping the all-wheel-drive rockets our way.

Apparently he wasn't the only one hassling Audi. In just one month, more than 11,500 enthusiasts expressed interest in the TT RS via a survey on Audi's Facebook page. That, along with lots of positive reviews from U.S. media outlets, served up a no-brainer decision for Audi.

"With performance and agility rooted in Audi motorsports success,



the TT RS is truly an emotional sports car," said Audi of America President Johan de Nysschen. "That emotion became abundantly clear as we explored interest across the country."

The TT RS's emotion comes by way of a 2.5-liter turbocharged 5-cylinder

producing 360 bhp and 332 lb.-ft. of torque. The sole transmission—a 6-speed manual—points to the car's utter enthusiast bent, as does the lack of a convertible version. Pricing will be announced closer to the car's on-sale date next year.

2012 MERCEDES-BENZ CLS—COMPLETELY REDESIGNED 4-DOOR COUPE

Mercedes basically created a whole new category of car when it came out with the CLS in 2003. Although there really is no such thing as a 4-door coupe, the CLS has been both a sales success (with 170,000 sold worldwide) and a design leader, and other manufacturers have scrambled to produce their own versions. And this year, at the Paris Motor Show, Mercedes unveiled its all-new, second-generation 2012 CLS.

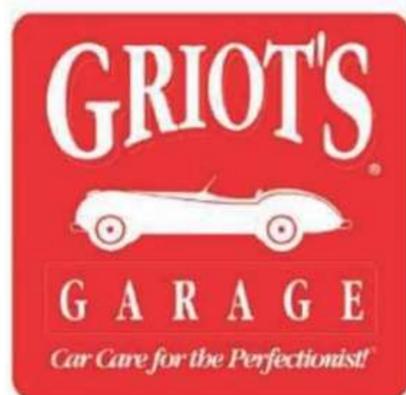
The car has been through a complete redesign. The dramatically sloping roofline is still there, but most everything else is completely changed, with several design cues mimicking those found on the new E-Class sedan. For instance, the hood and grille are significantly more upright to meet new pedestrian-impact standards. Also, the arching side line—a distinguishing feature on the current car—has been ditched, replaced by what Mercedes is calling "a new interplay of lines and surfaces," including a "dropping line"



that extends from the front to the rear fenders.

There will be a choice of two new twin-turbo V-8s for the States. The CLS550 will employ the same 4.6-liter direct-injected engine found in the upcoming 2011 CL550 4Matic Coupe. Based on the outgoing 5.5-liter normally aspirated V-8, the new

twin-turbo engine produces 429 bhp and 516 lb.-ft. of torque in the CL550. A CLS63 AMG will adopt the 5.5-liter twin-turbo V-8 found in the new S63 AMG, mated to Mercedes-Benz's 7-speed MCT (Multi-Clutch Technology) transmission. The 2012 CLS hits U.S. dealerships in July.



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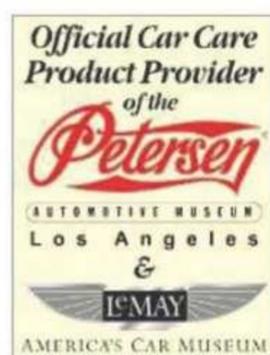
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