

New Cars

(as of March 2020)



CR Recommended	Make & Model	Overall Score	Road Test Results		Survey Results		Highs	Lows
			Road-test score	Overall mpg	Predicted reliability	Owner satisfaction		
✓	2020 Subaru Forester	84	90	28	↓	↑	Fuel economy, great visibility, roomy interior, easy controls, standard AEB.	Engine noise.
✓	2020 Mazda CX-5	84	80	24	↑	↑	Rides comfortably, quiet cabin, responsive handling, nicer interior than the class norm, standard forward collision warning and automatic emergency braking with pedestrian detection.	So-so visibility to the rear corners, infotainment learning curve, fuel economy not a standout.
✓	2020 Honda CR-V	77	82	28	↓	↑	Roomy interior, responsive handling, competitively priced and well-equipped.	Ride is a touch firm, fussy infotainment system on EX and higher trims.
✓	2020 Chevrolet Equinox	76	78	25	↑	↓	Roomy interior, comfortable ride and quiet cabin, intuitive controls, easy-to-use infotainment system, standard forward collision warning and automatic emergency braking.	Drab interior, leisurely acceleration with the 1.5-liter turbo.
✓	2020 Kia Sportage	75	78	23	↓	↓	Easy-to-use controls, handy size with a roomy and versatile interior, sportier to drive than most competitors, automatic emergency braking is standard.	Hampered rear and side visibility.
✓	2020 Nissan Rogue	75	74	24	↑	↓	Roomy and accommodating interior, very easy access, optional surround-view camera system, lots of standard safety equipment.	Bland to drive, engine gets loud when pushed and is exacerbated by the CVT transmission, driver's seat short on support.
✓	2020 Toyota RAV4	72	72	27	↓	↓	Fuel economy, standard advanced safety features.	Engine noise, ride, fit and finish.
	2020 GMC Terrain	69	67	22	↑	↓	Strong acceleration with optional 2.0-liter turbo, impressive braking performance, secure handling, standard automatic emergency braking.	Loud cabin, stiff ride, short on agility, push button gear selector is a nuisance, hampered visibility, low-rent interior.
	2020 Hyundai Tucson	67	75	22	↓	↓	Controls, braking, standard advanced safety features.	Humdrum interior, uncompetitive fuel economy with the 2.4-liter engine.
	2020 Ford Escape	62	73	26	↓	↑	Agility, stopping distance, fuel economy with standard 1.5-liter engine and hybrid, controls.	Engine vibration with the 1.5-liter, overly sensitive brake pedal (except hybrid), no auto up windows in SE.
	2020 Volkswagen Tiguan	61	84	25	↓	↓	Roomy interior, user-friendly controls, easy access, good visibility, fuel economy, optional third row within a modest footprint SUV, standard automatic emergency braking.	Engine gets noisy when revved, acceleration trails competitors.
	2020 Mitsubishi Outlander	54	59	24	↓	↓	Lots of utility for the money, has a standard third-row seat, unusual for a small SUV, long warranty.	Ponderous handling, unsettled ride, tepid acceleration accompanied by lots of racket from the engine.
	2020 Jeep Cherokee	52	68	23	↓	↓	Space, controls, braking.	Sluggish initial acceleration with turbo engine, uncooperative transmission, ride, agility, engine noise.
	2020 Mitsubishi Eclipse Cross	52	57	24	↓	↓	Access, rear seat room.	Controls, agility, visibility, front-seat comfort, acceleration, cargo space.
	2020 Jeep Compass	51	56	24	↓	↓	The allure of the Jeep brand, easy-to-use controls.	Slow, noisy, rough riding, short on agility, uncomfortable rear seat.
	2021 Chevrolet TrailBlazer	Not Tested	NA	NA	↓	↑		

HOW TO READ THE RATINGS

Recommended vehicles, indicated with a check mark (✓), are the models with the highest Overall Scores that meet the threshold in their category.

Make + Model reflect the vehicle we tested and its engine displacement.

Overall Score reflects a vehicle's performance in our road tests; the latest results from the reliability and owner satisfaction sections of CR's exclusive Annual Auto Surveys; the availability of frontal crash prevention systems with forward collision warning, automatic emergency braking, and pedestrian detection, along with blind spot warning; and, if available, results from government and insurance-industry crash tests.

Survey Results reflect findings from CR's Annual Auto Surveys, completed by Consumer Reports members.

Predicted reliability is our determination of how well a model will hold up, based on the problems that members reported in CR's Annual Auto Surveys, which include data on around 420,000 vehicles.

Owner satisfaction is based on the percentage of surveyed owners who said they would definitely buy the same car again. We use a model's latest three years of data to determine the prediction, provided it hasn't been redesigned or significantly updated. In cases where we have insufficient survey responses, or when a model is all-new or redesigned, we use our expert judgment based on brand track record and similar models to predict reliability and owner-satisfaction ratings.

Road-Test Results include CR's test findings that we feel are the most relevant. We buy and test between 50 and 60 vehicles each year, driving them for thousands of miles and putting them through more than 50 tests and evaluations. The results of these tests make up our road-test score. Some tests, such as those for braking and fuel economy, are measured with instruments; categories such as seat and ride comfort, noise, and fit and finish are graded by our experts. The Usability rating is a combination of our testers' assessments of the ease of performing everyday driving tasks, as well as cockpit ergonomics and interface design. The energy consumption of electric vehicles is expressed in a miles-per-gallon equivalent rating (MPGe). Energy consumption for plug-in hybrids is listed in electric and gas modes.

Highs and lows give a quicksummary of a model's notable strengths and weaknesses.

Why Some Vehicles Are Not Rated

Certain models have been redesigned or extensively refreshed since our last test, or are new. All are scheduled to be included in future road tests. Models include the Chevrolet Corvette, Hyundai Sonata, Mazda CX-30, Mercedes-Benz GLB, Nissan Sentra, Toyota Highlander, and Volkswagen Passat.

What Our Ratings Symbols Mean



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