

New Cars

(as of April 2021)



CR Recommended	Make & Model	Overall Score	Road Test Results		Survey Results		Highs	Lows
			Road-test score	Overall mpg	Predicted reliability	Owner satisfaction		
✓	2021 Subaru Outback	86	91	24	↓	↑	Ride, transmission, seat comfort, driving position, integrated cross bars, visibility, standard automatic emergency braking.	Some controls.
✓	2021 Ford Edge	83	84	22	↑	↓	Handling, quietness, braking, interior room, access, standard safety features.	Driving position.
✓	2020 Nissan Murano	79	77	21	↑	↓	Plush cabin, powerful engine, simple infotainment system, standard automatic emergency braking.	Hampered outward visibility to rear and sides, overly light and vague steering robs driver confidence, CVT idiosyncrasy is not for everyone.
	2021 Toyota Venza	78	75	37	↑	↑	Fuel economy, ease of access.	Controls, visibility, road noise, cargo capacity.
	2021 Chevrolet Blazer	67	83	19	↓	↓	Acceleration, braking, transmission, quietness, controls.	Visibility, low dash vents, no standard advanced safety features.
	2021 Jeep Grand Cherokee	67	80	18	↓	↑	Versatility and towing capability, off-road capability when properly optioned, refined, with a quiet well-finished cabin, composed ride, and supportive seats, optional Uconnect infotainment system is one of the most user-friendly available.	Fuel economy with the gasoline V6 has fallen behind the curve.
	2021 Honda Passport	64	79	21	↓	↓	Acceleration, quietness, interior room, standard advanced safety features.	Ride, lackluster handling.
	2021 Volkswagen Atlas Cross Sport	64	81	21	↓	↓	Interior room, access, controls.	Too wide for tight parking spaces.
	2021 Jeep Wrangler	29	36	18	↓	↑	Off-road ability, strong V6 powertrain.	Stiff ride, lots of wind noise, awkward access, fuel economy.
	2021 Ford Bronco	Not Tested	NA	NA	↓	↑		
	2021 Hyundai Santa Fe	In Test	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 reflects 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 active safety features (forward collision warning, automatic emergency braking with pedestrian detection and at highway speeds, and blind spot warning), and, if available, results from government and insurance-industry crash tests.

Survey Results reflects findings

from CR's Annual Auto Surveys, completed by CR 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 329,000 vehicles.

Owner Satisfaction is based on the percentage of surveyed owners who said they would definitely buy the same car again.

To determine the reliability and owner satisfaction predictions, we use a model's latest three years of data, 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.

Road-Test Results includes CR's test findings that we feel are the

most relevant. We buy and test more than 50 vehicles each year, driving them for thousands of miles and putting them through multiple 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 quick summary of a model's notable strengths and weaknesses.

Why Some Vehicles Are Not Rated
Certain models have been redesigned or extensively freshened since our last test, or are new. All are scheduled to be included in future road tests.

What Our Ratings Symbols Mean



Green Choice

This new designation, developed in collaboration with the Environmental Protection Agency, indicates which cars, SUVs, and minivans are among the top 20 percent cleanest-emitting cars. Green Choice vehicles are designated with a green leaf icon.



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