

New Cars (as of March 2024)



CR Recommended	Make & Model	Overall Score	Road Test Results		Survey Results		Highs	Lows
			Road-test score	Overall mpg	Predicted reliability	Predicted Owner satisfaction		
✓	2024 Subaru Crosstrek	87	82	29	↑	↑	Comfortable ride, strong fuel economy, short stopping distances, standard all-wheel drive, airy outward visibility.	Standard engine feels underpowered and sounds strained
✓	2024 Toyota Corolla Cross Hybrid	79	82	41	↑	↓	Fantastic fuel economy, short braking distances, standard all-wheel drive	Loud cabin, cheap interior.
✓	2024 Honda HR-V	74	70	27	↑	↓	Straightforward controls, strong fuel economy, roomy interior fit for its size.	Stiff ride, noisy cabin, slow acceleration.
✓	2024 Toyota Corolla Cross	69	68	28	↑	↓	Fuel economy, braking, cabin access	Noisy, feels underpowered, lacks agility, mediocre fit and finish.
✓	2024 Kia Seltos	68	73	28	↓	↓	Fuel economy, braking, controls, visibility.	Ride, noise.
✓	2024 Mazda CX-30	67	65	27	↑	↓	Fit and finish, fuel economy.	Controls, engine noise, tight quarters, visibility, parking brake engages automatically but doesn't disengage automatically.
	2024 Chevrolet TrailBlazer	63	68	27	↓	↓	Interior room, mid-range torque, fuel economy, controls.	Rear and side visibility, agility, front-seat comfort.
	2024 Volkswagen Taos	47	75	26	↓	↓	Rear-seat room, visibility, agility, braking.	Uneven power delivery.
	2024 Jeep Renegade	44	56	24	↓	↓	Jeep's esteemed brand image, lots of upscale options available, Trailhawk version can tackle some off-roading.	Nine-speed automatic is neither smooth nor responsive; stiff, jittery ride; restricted view out; uncomfortable front seats; unimpressive fuel economy.
	2023 Fiat 500X	41	49	23	↓	↓	Reminds you of Luigi from the movie Cars, tight turning circle and compact dimensions make it easy to maneuver, upscale feature availability.	Stiff ride, transmission is neither smooth nor responsive; noisy, unsupportive front seats, hampered visibility, touchy brake pedal, idle vibration.
	2025 Nissan Kicks	Not Tested	NA	NA	↓	↓		
	2024 Hyundai Kona	In Test	NA	NA	↓	↓		
	2024 Mitsubishi Outlander Sport	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 Nissan Kicks, Hyundai Kona, and the Mitsubishi Outlander Sport.

What Our Ratings Symbols Mean



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