

## 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 Forester	89	90	28	↑	↑	Fuel economy, great visibility, roomy interior, easy controls, standard AEB.	Engine noise.
✓	2021 Mazda CX-5	83	78	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.
✓	2021 Honda CR-V	82	82	28	↑	↓	Roomy interior, competitively priced and well-equipped, fuel economy, particularly in hybrid version	Ride skews firm, fussy infotainment system on EX and higher trims.
✓	2021 Kia Sportage	81	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.
✓	2021 Toyota RAV4 Prime	79	85	72	↓	↑	Acceleration, fuel economy, part-time electric driving, ride, controls.	Long stopping distance, high pitch warning signal in reverse.
✓	2021 Hyundai Tucson	77	75	22	↓	↓	Controls, braking, standard advanced safety features.	Humdrum interior, uncompetitive fuel economy with the 2.4-liter engine.
✓	2021 Chevrolet Equinox	74	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.
✓	2021 Toyota RAV4	69	72	27	↓	↓	Fuel economy, standard advanced safety features.	Engine noise, ride, fit and finish.
	2021 GMC Terrain	66	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.
	2021 Volkswagen Tiguan	65	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.
	2022 Mitsubishi Eclipse Cross	56	61	24	↓	↓	Access, rear seat room, standard forward collision warning and automatic emergency braking with pedestrian detection.	Controls, agility, visibility, front-seat comfort, acceleration, cargo space.
	2021 Jeep Cherokee	54	68	23	↓	↓	Space, controls, braking, standard safety features.	Sluggish initial acceleration with turbo engine, uncooperative transmission, ride, agility, engine noise.
	2021 Ford Escape	46	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.
	2021 Jeep Compass	39	56	24	↓	↓	The allure of the Jeep brand, easy-to-use controls.	Slow, noisy, rough riding, short on agility, uncomfortable rear seat.
	2022 Chevrolet Bolt EUV	Not Tested	NA	NA	↓	↑		
	2022 Hyundai Ioniq 5	Not Tested	NA	NA	↓	↑		
	2022 Hyundai Tucson	In Test	NA	NA	↓	↓		
	2022 Kia EV6	Not Tested	NA	NA	↓	↑		
	2022 Mitsubishi Outlander	In Test	NA	NA	↓	↓		
	2022 Nissan Ariya	Not Tested	NA	NA	↓	↑		
	2021 Ford Bronco Sport	In Test	NA	NA	↓	↑		

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	2021 Mitsubishi Outlander	Not Tested	NA	NA				
	2021 Nissan Rogue	In Test	NA	NA				
	2021 Volkswagen ID4	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** 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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