

Midsize luxury/near luxury cars

CRASHWORTHINESS

CRASH AVOIDANCE & MITIGATION

Current models

Awards and ratings explained

Model	FRONT small overlap	FRONT moderate overlap	SIDE	ROOF STRENGTH	HEAD RESTRAINTS & SEATS	FRONT CRASH PREVENTION
2014 TOP SAFETY PICK+ Volvo S60 2014 models	G	G	G	G	G	SUPERIOR with optional equipment
2014 TOP SAFETY PICK+ BMW 2 series 2014 models built after June 2014	G	G	G	G	G	ADVANCED with optional equipment
2014 TOP SAFETY PICK+ Audi A3 4-door sedan 2015 models	G	G	G	G	G	ADVANCED with optional equipment
2014 TOP SAFETY PICK+ Infiniti Q50 2014 models	A	G	G	G	G	SUPERIOR with optional equipment
2014 TOP SAFETY PICK+ Lincoln MKZ 2014 models	A	G	G	G	G	BASIC with optional equipment
2014 TOP SAFETY PICK Acura TL 2014 models	G	G	G	G	G	NOT AVAILABLE
Mercedes C class 2014 models	M	G	G	G	G	SUPERIOR with optional equipment
						FRONT CRASH

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BMW 3 series 4-door sedan 2014 models	M	G	G	G	G	ADVANCED with optional equipment
Acura TSX Sport Wagon 2014 models	M	G	G	G	G	FRONT CRASH PREVENTION NOT AVAILABLE
Acura TSX 2014 models	M	G	G	G	G	FRONT CRASH PREVENTION NOT AVAILABLE
Volkswagen CC 2014 models Roof strength rating is Acceptable for 4-wheel-drive V6 model.	M	G	G	G	G	FRONT CRASH PREVENTION NOT AVAILABLE
Audi A4 2014 models	P	G	G	G	G	ADVANCED with optional equipment
Lexus ES 350 2014 models All ratings apply to both the ES 350 and ES 300h (hybrid) models.		G	G	G	G	FRONT CRASH PREVENTION ADVANCED with optional equipment
Lexus IS 250/350 2014 models		G	G			FRONT CRASH PREVENTION ADVANCED with optional equipment

G GOOD **A** ACCEPTABLE **M** MARGINAL **P** POOR

How vehicles are listed

On these pages, winners of *TOP SAFETY PICK+* are listed first, followed by winners of *TOP SAFETY PICK*. Vehicles that don't earn either award come last. Within those groups, vehicles are listed in order of their ratings (good, acceptable, marginal or poor in the Institute's five crashworthiness evaluations and superior, advanced, basic or not available for front crash prevention). Results in front crash tests are given priority in this ranking, followed by side and roof strength, then head restraints and, finally, front crash prevention. Vehicles with identical ratings appear in alphabetical order.

About the awards and ratings

- ▶ To qualify for 2014 *TOP SAFETY PICK*, a vehicle must earn good ratings in the moderate overlap front, side, roof strength and head restraint tests, as well as a good or acceptable rating in the small overlap front test.
- ▶ To qualify for 2014 *TOP SAFETY PICK+*, a vehicle must meet the *TOP SAFETY PICK* criteria, plus earn a basic, advanced or superior rating for front crash prevention.

- ▶ The **small overlap front** rating is based on a 40 mph crash test in which 25 percent of the vehicle's width strikes a rigid barrier.
- ▶ The **moderate overlap front** rating is based on a 40 mph crash test in which 40 percent of the vehicle's width strikes a deformable barrier.
- ▶ The **side** rating is based on a crash test in which an SUV-like barrier strikes the driver side of the vehicle at 31 mph. Except where noted, models have a standard complement of side airbags, generally consisting of front and rear curtain airbags to protect the head and front seat-mounted airbags to protect the torso.
- ▶ The **roof strength** rating is based on a test in which a metal plate is pushed against one side of the vehicle's roof at a slow, constant speed.
- ▶ The **head restraints & seats** rating is based on a sled test of the vehicle's seat and head restraint. This rating only applies to the specific seat/head restraint combination tested, indicated on the vehicle details page.
- ▶ The **front crash prevention** rating is based on autobraking performance in tests at 12 mph and 25 mph and on availability of a forward collision warning system meeting government performance criteria.

Small overlap front, moderate overlap front and head restraint ratings should be compared only among vehicles of similar weight. Side, roof strength and front crash prevention ratings can be compared across vehicle categories.