

## VEHICLES WITH LOWEST DEATH RATES – SEARCH OR BROWSE

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The following list of vehicles was compiled by Leon S. Robertson, Ph.D., author of “Injury Epidemiology” and former Senior Scientist at the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. Vehicles shown on the list are predicted to have lower-than-average annual crash death rates. The vehicles are ranked by EPA gas mileage estimates. The actual gas mileage will vary depending on where and how you drive. Fast acceleration and speed reduces gas mileage.

Factors reflected in the ratings include IIHS 45-mph crash test results (<http://www.iihs.org/ratings/default.aspx>), vehicle weight relative to size, and vehicle stability. Vehicles that performed poorly in the IIHS tests, or were not tested, are not on the list. Some vehicles that have not been crash tested may be added to the list when they are tested, depending on the test results. If a vehicle has already been crash-tested and is not on the list, it is not considered among the safest.

Dr. Robertson advises users of the list: “Note that only one pickup truck made the list, and only a few SUVs, contrary to claims by manufacturers that such vehicles are safer. I do not recommend using a pickup or SUV unless there is a compelling need for one. They usually have higher rollover propensity and disproportionately kill occupants in other vehicles and other road users because of their height, weight and associated longer braking distances.”

Vehicle Make- Model	Model Year(s)	Type	Highway Mileage
Toyota Prius	2004-2006	Car	51
Volkswagen Beetle	1998-2006	Car	44
Chevrolet Cobalt	2005-2006	Car	34
Honda Accord	2003-2006	Car	34
Mazda 3	2004-2006	Car	32
Volkswagen Passat	2006	Car	32
Honda Civic	2001-2006	Car	31
Suzuki Aerio	2002-2006	Car	31
Pontiac Grand Prix	2004-2006	Car	30
Volvo S80	2001-2006	Car	30
Acura TL	2004-2006	Car	29
Ford Five Hundred	2005-2006	Car	29
Mercury Montego	2005-2006	Car	29
Mercedes C class	2001-2006	Car	29
Lexus ES 330	2004-2006	Car	29
Saab 9-3	2003-2006	Car	29
Volvo S40	2004-2006	Car	29
BMW 3 series	2000-2005	Car	28
Buick Park Avenue	1997-2005	Car	28
Lexus IS 300	2002-2005	Car	28

Mercury Sable	1996-2006	Car	28
Nissan Maxima	2004-2006	Car	28
Subaru Impreza	2002-2006	Car	28
Buick LaCrosse	2005-2006	Car	27
Ford Taurus	1996-2006	Car	27
Honda CR-V	2002-2006	SUV	27
Chrysler 300	2005-2006	Car	27
Dodge Charger	2006	Car	27
Acura RL	2005-2006	Car	26
Audi A4	2002-2006	Car	26
Lincoln LS	2000-2006	Car	26
Subaru Legacy	2005-2006	Car	26
Honda Element	2003-2006	SUV	25
Honda Odyssey	2005-2006	Van	25
Lexus GS	2006	Car	25
Lexus LS 430	2001-2006	Car	25
Mitsubishi Outlander	2003-2006	SUV	25
Acura MDX	2001-2006	SUV	23
Cadillac CTS	2003-2006	Car	23
Infiniti Q45	2003-2006	Car	23
Toyota Sienna	1998-2006	Van	23
Kia Sedona	2005-2006	Van	20
Hyundai Entourage	2007	Van	20
Volvo XC90	2003-2006	SUV	20
Lexus GX 470	2003-2006	Car	19
Ford F-150	2004-2006	Pickup	19