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NHTSA Announces List of 2011 Model Year Vehicles to be Rated Under the New Government 5-Star Safety Ratings Program

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The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration today announced the lineup of 2011 model year passenger vehicles that will receive new safety ratings under the agency’s revamped and updated 5-star safety ratings program.

In all, 24 passenger cars, 20 sport utility vehicles, two vans, and nine 2011 model year pickups will be rated under the new system that not only includes tougher crash tests, but, for the first time, provides consumers with a single overall safety score per vehicle. The new testing program will also provide consumers with information about new advanced crash avoidance technologies, such as lane departure and forward collision warning systems.

“The vehicles we are announcing today will be the first ones tested under the Department’s tougher, more rigorous 5-star ratings program,” Secretary Ray LaHood explained. “This new testing program significantly raises the safety bar for all vehicle manufacturers and will provide consumers with a great deal more safety information about the cars and trucks they want to buy.”

“For over 30 years, NHTSA’s 5-star crash testing program has been the gold standard for consumers looking to buy the safest cars on the market for their families,” said NHTSA Administrator David Strickland. “Now, this great program has gotten even better by making it easier to compare the safety performance of vehicles not only in terms of crash survivability, but in terms of avoiding crashes in the first place.”

Look for results of the 55 vehicles being tested under NHTSA’s new 5-star safety ratings system to be posted on the agency’s website, www.safercar.gov. When the new safety ratings become available, consumers will not be able to compare them to old ones since the testing criteria has changed. It will also be more difficult to achieve a high safety rating in this new program.

The list of 2011 makes and models selected for testing is provided below.

Passenger Cars

Manufacturer	Make	Model
BMW	BMW	5 Series
Chrysler	Dodge	Caliber
Daimler AG	Mercedes-Benz	C-Class
Ford	Ford	Fiesta
Ford	Ford	Fusion
Ford	Ford	Taurus
GM	Chevrolet	Cruze
GM	Chevrolet	Malibu
GM	Buick	Lucerne
Honda	Honda	Accord
Honda	Honda	Civic
Hyundai	Hyundai	Sonata
Kia	Kia	Forte
Kia	Kia	Optima

Mazda	Mazda	Mazda3
Nissan	Infiniti	M37
Nissan	Nissan	Altima
Nissan	Nissan	Sentra
Nissan	Nissan	Versa
Toyota	Toyota	Camry
Toyota	Toyota	Corolla
Toyota	Toyota	Prius
Volkswagen	Audi	A4
Volkswagen	Volkswagen	Jetta

Vans

Manufacturer	Make	Model
Honda	Honda	Odyssey
Toyota	Toyota	Sienna

Sport Utility Vehicles

Manufacturer	Make	Model
Chrysler	Jeep	Grand Cherokee
Ford	Ford	Edge
Ford	Ford	Escape
GM	Chevrolet	Tahoe
GM	Chevrolet	Traverse
GM	Chevrolet	Equinox
Honda	Acura	MDX
Honda	Honda	CR-V
Honda	Honda	Pilot
Kia	Kia	Sorento
Kia	Kia	Soul
Nissan	Nissan	Murano
Nissan	Nissan	Rogue
Subaru	Subaru	Forester
Subaru	Subaru	Outback
Toyota	Lexus	RX350
Toyota	Toyota	Highlander
Toyota	Toyota	RAV4
Toyota	Toyota	Venza
Volvo	Volvo	XC60

Pickup Trucks

Manufacturer	Make	Model
Chrysler	Ram	1500 Crew Cab
Chrysler	Ram	1500 Quad Cab
Ford	Ford	F-150 Super Cab
Ford	Ford	F-150 Super Crew Cab
Ford	Ford	Ranger Extended Cab
GM	Chevrolet	Silverado 1500 Extended Cab
GM	Chevrolet	Silverado 1500 Crew Cab
Toyota	Toyota	Tacoma Double Cab
Toyota	Toyota	Tundra Double Cab

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