

## **Non-profit Organization, Informed For Life, Releases Safest Vehicles List**

*Two minivans take the top.*

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AVON, Conn./EWorldWire/Oct. 26, 2006 -- The safety rankings for over 250 passenger vehicles, for model-year 2007, have now been released by Informed For Life, an independent, non-profit organization evaluating vehicle safety since 2003.

The top two positions on the list (those with the lowest risk) are the Hyundai Entourage and Kia Sedona, both of which are minivans. Based on their low risk index scores it is estimated that these vehicles will reduce the overall risk of serious injury to their occupants by approximately 50 percent compared with the average vehicle. Within the top 25 vehicles, representing the best 10 percent of all 2007 vehicles, are 18 passenger cars, 4 minivans and 3 SUV's, but no pickups.

The detailed listings of all vehicles are available on the organization's Web site at [www.InformedForLife.org](http://www.InformedForLife.org), which is provided as a free, public service.

The risk index system, developed by the organization's founder, Michael Dulberger, combines virtually all of the validated safety data for each vehicle, including crash test ratings by the major agencies, rollover ratings, vehicle weight and the benefits of special equipment including Electronic Stability Control (ESC), to arrive at a single risk index score for each vehicle. The SCORE (Statistical Combination Of Risk Elements) has been demonstrated to be the best overall predictor of vehicle safety based on correlation with actual highway fatality data.

### **About Informed For Life**

Informed For Life was created in 2003 to provide a free, public service to guide individuals on the use of vehicle crash test and fatality data. The organization is nonprofit and totally independent and does not accept funding from any person or organization. Founder and President Michael Dulberger is a mechanical engineer with over 30 years of experience in structural analysis. He is a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE), The American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), and the Association for the Advancement of Automotive Medicine (AAAM).