

THE BEST AND WORST BRANDS

We ranked 32 brands based on the Overall Scores of their models, which include road tests, reliability, satisfaction, and safety.

EACH YEAR our brand rankings reflect the changes that inevitably come as automakers introduce new cars and fix problems in vehicles already on the market. For 2022, we saw a change at the very top, with Subaru moving ahead of Mazda to claim the title of best brand overall. Among the leaders, Audi saw the biggest leap up, climbing five places in the rankings. Acura made even greater gains, moving up 11 spots this year. Tesla dropped seven

OVERALL SCORE



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
2022 RANK	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
RANK CHANGE FROM 2021	▲2	▶1	▶1	◀1	◀1	◀5	▶3	◀9	▶2	◀2	▶2	◀11	▶5	▶4	▶2
ROAD-TEST SCORE	89	75	87	79	75	88	88	81	73	77	76	72	85	76	74
PREDICTED RELIABILITY	▲	▲	○	▲	▲	○	○	▲	▲	○	▲	▲	○	○	○
OWNER SATISFACTION	○	○	▲	○	○	○	▲	○	▲	▼	○	▼	▲	○	▼
MODELS TESTED	6	5	10	9	7	8	4	2	16	3	4	4	2	11	13
MODELS RECOMMENDED	5	5	8	8	6	6	3	1	12	2	3	3	1	8	8
GREEN CHOICES	2	0	0	4	1	1	1	0	11	0	0	0	1	6	5

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spots due to the difficult-to-use yoke steering wheel the automaker added to its Model S and X vehicles, affecting their road-test scores.

Jeep, which had reliability issues with the Gladiator pickup truck, took the bottom position, which was held last year by Alfa Romeo.

We compile the report card each year by averaging the Overall Scores for each brand's models, factoring in road-test performance, predicted reliability, owner satisfaction, and safety. Brands

that rise to the top tend to have the most consistent performance across their model lineups.

This ranking can be a helpful guide when researching a new-car purchase, but it's important to know that each brand has a range of performance among its vehicles. Shoppers should always research specific models to make sure they find the performance and quality they expect.

To be included, a brand must have had at least two models that we tested. Fiat, Maserati,

Polestar, and Ram didn't meet that requirement.

How We Rank the Car Brands

The **Overall Score** for individual models is based on four key factors: road test, reliability, owner satisfaction, and safety.

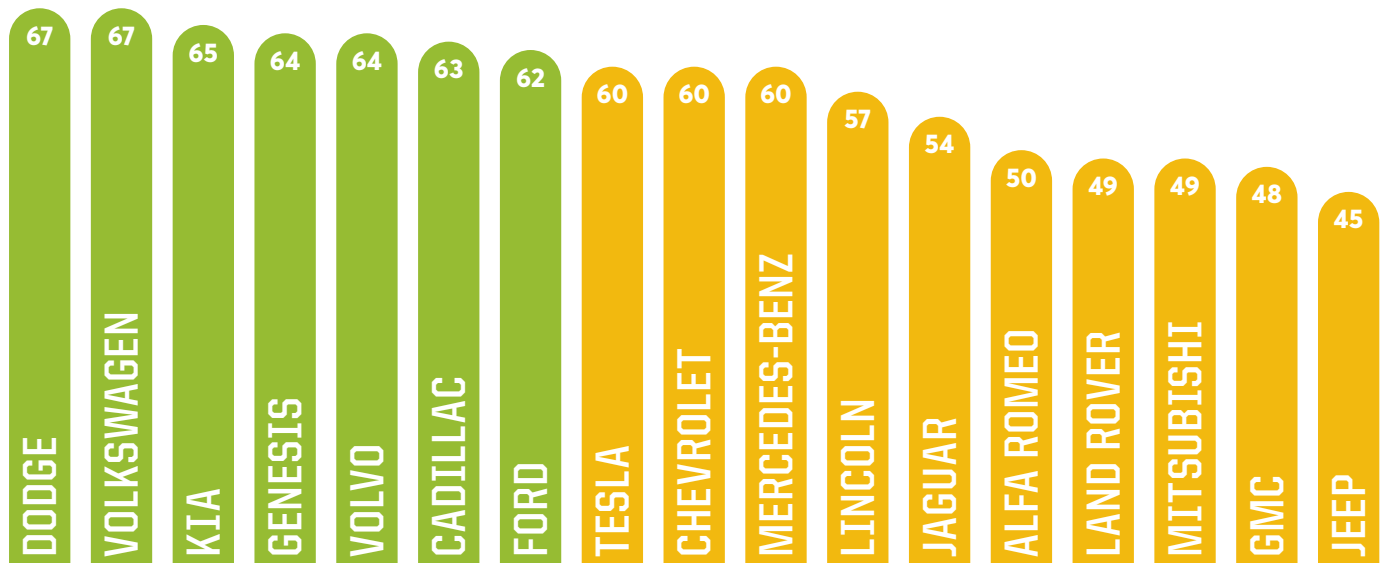
For the **Road-Test Score**, we put vehicles through more than 50 tests and evaluations.

Predicted Reliability ratings are based on problems reported by members in 17 trouble areas in CR's Annual Auto Surveys.

Owner Satisfaction predictions are based on whether CR members said in our surveys that they'd buy the same vehicle again if given the chance.

Safety includes an assessment of any available crash-test results and extra points awarded for vehicles that come with crash-prevention systems.

Green Choices reflect how many of a brand's CR-tested vehicles earned the designation for being among the cleanest, lowest-emitting passenger vehicles.



Rank	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
Change	▶ 2	◀ 1	◀ 1	▶ 4	-	◀ 1	◀ 3	▶ 7	-	▶ 4	◀ 2	-	◀ 4	◀ 2	-	▶ 5	▶ 3
Score	79	82	77	83	75	79	70	83	75	77	78	74	72	66	54	74	57
Reliability	⬇	⬇	⬇	⬇	⬇	⬇	⬇	⬇	⬇	⬇	⬇	⬇	⬇	⬇	⬇	⬇	⬇
Satisfaction	⬆	⬆	⬆	⬆	⬆	⬆	⬆	⬆	⬆	⬆	⬆	⬆	⬆	⬆	⬆	⬆	⬆
Safety	3	8	12	5	5	6	12	4	15	8	4	3	2	6	3	5	6
Green Choice	1	5	7	1	2	1	5	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Other	0	2	3	0	0	0	2	4	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0