

Evaluations

Frontal Offset Crash Test Performance

	OVERALL EVALUATION	Structure/ Safety Cage	Injury Measures			Restraints/ Dummy Kinematics	
			Head/ Neck	Chest	Leg/Foot Left, Right		
Midsize inexpensive cars							
BEST PICK frontal	HONDA ACCORD 2003-04 models test vehicle wt. = 3,186 lbs.	G	G	G	G	G	G
	TOYOTA CAMRY 2002-04 models test vehicle wt. = 3,276 lbs.	G	G	G	G	A	G
	SUBARU LEGACY 2000-04 models test vehicle wt. = 3,298 lbs.	G	G	G	G	A	G
	MAZDA 6 2003-04 models test vehicle wt. = 3,086 lbs.	G	G	A	G	G	G
NEWLY TESTED	MITSUBISHI GALANT 2004 models test vehicle wt. = 3,395 lbs.	G	G	G	G	M	G
	NISSAN ALTIMA 2002-04 models avg. test vehicle wt. = 3,150 lbs.	G	G	G	G	A	A
NEWLY TESTED	CHEVROLET MALIBU 2004 models test vehicle wt. = 3,183 lbs.	G	G	A	G	G	A
	DODGE STRATUS CHRYSLER SEBRING 2001-04 models test vehicle wt. = 3,252 lbs.	A	A	G	G	G	M
NEWLY TESTED	SUZUKI VERONA 2004 models avg. test vehicle wt. = 3,385 lbs.	A	G	G	G	M	P
	CHEVROLET CLASSIC 2004 models (formerly Malibu) test vehicle wt. = 3,058 lbs.	A	A	G	G	G	A

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G GOOD

A ACCEPTABLE

M MARGINAL

P POOR

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SATURN L SERIES 2000-04 models test vehicle wt. = 3,192 lbs.	A	A	G	G	G	P	A
HYUNDAI SONATA 1999-2004 models test vehicle wt. = 3,131 lbs.	A	M	G	G	A	M	G
KIA OPTIMA 2001-04 models							
PONTIAC GRAND AM OLDSMOBILE ALERO 1999-2004 models test vehicle wt. = 3,080 lbs.	P	M	A	G	G	M	P

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Midsize moderately priced cars

OVERALL
EVALUATION

Structure/
Safety
Cage

Injury Measures

Restraints/
Dummy
Kinematics

Head/
Neck Chest Leg/Foot
Left, Right

		OVERALL EVALUATION	Structure/ Safety Cage	Injury Measures			Restraints/ Dummy Kinematics
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BEST PICK frontal	AUDI A4 2002 (mfg. after 2/2002)-04 models test vehicle wt. = 3,569 lbs.	G	G	G	G	G G	G
	NISSAN MAXIMA 2004 models test vehicle wt. = 3,472 lbs.	G	G	G	G	G G	G
BEST PICK frontal	SAAB 9-3 2003-04 models test vehicle wt. = 3,322 lbs.	G	G	G	G	G G	G
	TOYOTA AVALON 2000-04 models test vehicle wt. = 3,468 lbs.	G	G	G	G	G G	G
BEST PICK frontal	ACURA TSX 2004 models test vehicle wt. = 3,278 lbs.	G	G	G	G	G A	G
	VOLKSWAGEN PASSAT 1998-2004 models test vehicle wt. = 3,170 lbs.	G	G	G	G	G G	A
BEST PICK frontal	INFINITI G35 2003-04 models test vehicle wt. = 3,468 lbs.	G	G	A	G	G G	G
	INFINITI I30/I35 2000 (mfg. after 11/1999)-04 models test vehicle wt. = 3,220 lbs. <i>Note:</i> Vehicle tested was 2000 Nissan Maxima.	A	A	G	G	P P	G

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ACURA TL 2004 models test vehicle wt. = 3,552 lbs.	G	G	G	G	G	G
MERCEDES C CLASS 2001-04 models test vehicle wt. = 3,395 lbs.	G	G	G	G	G	G
LEXUS IS 300 2002-04 models test vehicle wt. = 3,395 lbs.	G	G	G	G	G	G
LEXUS ES 300/ES 330 2002-04 models test vehicle wt. = 3,461 lbs.	G	G	G	G	G	G
BMW 3 SERIES 2000 (mfg. after 11/1999)-04 models test vehicle wt. = 3,347 lbs.	G	G	G	G	G	G
SAAB 9-5 2002 (mfg. after 11/2001)-04 models test vehicle wt. = 3,602 lbs.	G	G	G	G	A	G
JAGUAR X-TYPE 2002 (mfg. after 12/2001)-04 models test vehicle wt. = 3,598 lbs.	G	G	G	G	A	G
VOLVO S60 2001-04 models test vehicle wt. = 3,422 lbs.	G	G	G	G	A	A

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