

Safest 10 vs. Most Dangerous 10 Vehicles for Model-Year 2009

The SCORE is proportional to the overall risk of driver fatality.

(example: A vehicle with SCORE = 50 represents 1/2 the risk vs. SCORE = 100.)

SCOREs <65 are SAFEST and represent the best 6% of all '03-'10 vehicles

Recommended vehicles meet the following criteria:

- (1) SCORE is less than 65
- (2) No individual front, side or rollover rating is <4 stars by NHTSA
- (3) No individual front or side rating is "POOR" or "MARGINAL" by IIHS
- (4) The vehicle is equipped with ESC and Side Curtain Airbags

SCOREs 65 - 100 represent MEDIUM risk

SCOREs >100 represent ABOVE AVERAGE risk and should be avoided

w/SAB = with Side-curtain AirBags as tested for side impact [if not tested then w/SAB indicates SAB is stand. eqpmnt]
w/ESC = indicates Electronic Stability Control is standard equipment

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Model Name

| Model Name | Category | Brand | Model | Configuration | w/SAB | w/ESC | Ranking | SCORE | Frontal impact fatality risk points (including vehicle weight influence) | Side impact fatality risk points | Rear impact fatality risk points | Rollover fatality risk points | Vehicle Weight | NHTSA frontal impact star rating (lbs.) | NHTSA frontal impact star rating (driver side) | NHTSA frontal impact star rating (passenger side) | NHTSA side impact star rating (coverage of driver + passenger) | NHTSA side impact star rating (front seat) | NHTSA rollover star rating (rear seat) | IIHS frontal rating | IIHS side impact rating | IIHS rear impact rating | |
|--|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------------------|--------|--------|-------------------|-------|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|---|--|---|--|--|--|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| 2009 Acura RL 4-DR. | PASS. CAR | Acura | RL | 4 DR 4 WD | w/SAB | w/ESC | Best 10 for 2009 | 44 | = 13.5 + 10.2 + 1.0 + 19.6 | | | | 4012 | 5 | 5 | 0.08 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 0.09 | G | G | G |
| 2009 Hyundai Genesis 4-DR 2WD (post 12/08) | PASS. CAR | Hyundai | Genesis | 4-DR 2WD (post 12/08) | w/SAB | w/ESC | Best 10 for 2009 | 46 | = 14.8 + 10.2 + 1.0 + 19.6 | | | | 3874 | 5 | 5 | 0.08 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 0.09 | G | G | G |
| 2009 Audi A4 4-DR. | PASS. CAR | Audi | A4 | 4 DR 4 WD | w/SAB | w/ESC | Best 10 for 2009 | 47 | = 15.7 + 10.2 + 1.0 + 19.6 | | | | 3704 | 5 | 5 | 0.08 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 0.09 | G | G | G |
| 2009 Audi A4 Avant Wagon 4-DR. | PASS. CAR | Audi | A4 Avant | 4-DR WAGON | w/SAB | w/ESC | Best 10 for 2009 | 47 | = 15.7 + 10.2 + 1.0 + 19.6 | | | | 3704 | 5 | 5 | 0.08 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 0.09 | G | G | G |
| 2009 Acura TSX 4-DR. 2WD | PASS. CAR | Acura | TSX | 4-DR 2WD | w/SAB | w/ESC | Best 10 for 2009 | 47 | = 16.3 + 10.2 + 1.0 + 19.6 | | | | 3450 | 5 | 5 | 0.06 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 0.09 | G | G | G |
| 2009 Acura TL 4-DR. | PASS. CAR | Acura | TL | 4 DR 2 WD | w/SAB | w/ESC | Best 10 for 2009 | 48 | = 16.7 + 10.2 + 1.0 + 19.6 | | | | 3702 | 5 | 5 | 0.09 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 0.09 | G | G | G |
| 2009 Lincoln MKS 4-DR. | PASS. CAR | Lincoln | MKS | 4-DR (Later Release) | w/SAB | w/ESC | Best 10 for 2009 | 49 | = 13.5 + 10.2 + 1.0 + 24.0 | | | | 4266 | 4 | 5 | 0.10 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 0.11 | G | G | G |
| 2009 Cadillac CTS 4-DR. | PASS. CAR | Cadillac | CTS | 4 DR 2 WD | w/SAB | w/ESC | Best 10 for 2009 | 50 | = 17.0 + 10.2 + 1.0 + 21.8 | | | | 3997 | 4 | 4 | 0.12 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 0.10 | G | G | G |
| 2009 Ford Taurus 4-DR. | PASS. CAR | Ford | Taurus | 4DR 2WD | w/SAB | w/ESC | Best 10 for 2009 | 50 | = 14.8 + 10.2 + 1.0 + 24.0 | | | | 3725 | 5 | 5 | 0.07 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 0.11 | G | G | G |
| 2009 Mercury Sable 4-DR. | PASS. CAR | Mercury | Sable | 4 DR 2 WD | w/SAB | w/ESC | Best 10 for 2009 | 50 | = 14.8 + 10.2 + 1.0 + 24.0 | | | | 3725 | 5 | 5 | 0.07 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 0.11 | G | G | G |
| 2009 Mazda B-Series 2-DR. | PICKUP | Mazda | B-Series | Reg Cab 2 WD | w/oSAB | w/oESC | Worst 10 for 2009 | 118 | = 30.4 + 24.7 + 4.1 + 58.3 | | | | 4219 | 5 | 4 | 0.11 | 5 | ~ | 3 | 0.21 | A | M | P |
| 2009 Chevrolet Aveo 4-DR. | PASS. CAR | Chevrolet | Aveo | 4 DR 2 WD | w/SAB | w/oESC | Worst 10 for 2009 | 119 | = 48.0 + 30.7 + 4.1 + 36.1 | | | | 2544 | 5 | 4 | 0.10 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 0.13 | A | M | P |
| 2009 Hyundai Accent 4-DR. | PASS. CAR | Hyundai | Accent | 4DR 2WD | w/SAB | w/oESC | Worst 10 for 2009 | 120 | = 44.6 + 37.5 + 4.1 + 33.3 | | | | 2522 | 5 | 5 | 0.08 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 0.12 | A | P | P |
| 2009 Kia Rio 4-DR. | PASS. CAR | Kia | Rio | 4DR 2WD | w/SAB | w/oESC | Worst 10 for 2009 | 120 | = 48.3 + 37.5 + 4.1 + 30.5 | | | | 2562 | 4 | 5 | 0.11 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 0.11 | A | P | P |
| 2009 Nissan Frontier Extended Cab | PICKUP | Nissan | Frontier | 2-DR EXT CAB | w/oSAB | w/oESC | Worst 10 for 2009 | 123 | = 30.8 + 30.3 + 4.1 + 58.3 | | | | 4392 | 4 | 5 | 0.13 | 5 | ~ | 3 | 0.21 | ~ | ~ | P |
| 2009 Smart For2 2-Dr. | PASS. CAR | Smart | Fortwo | Hatchback 2DR 2WD | w/SAB | w/ESC | Worst 10 for 2009 | 130 | = 71.3 + 11.1 + 2.1 + 45.7 | | | | 1800 | 4 | 3 | 0.21 | 5 | ~ | 3 | 0.21 | G | G | A |
| 2009 Ford Ranger Regular Cab | PICKUP | Ford | Ranger | 2-DR reg cab | w/oSAB | w/oESC | Worst 10 for 2009 | 131 | = 30.4 + 24.7 + 4.1 + 72.2 | | | | 4219 | 5 | 4 | 0.11 | 5 | ~ | 3 | 0.26 | A | M | P |
| 2009 Ford Ranger Extended Cab | PICKUP | Ford | Ranger | 2-DR ext cab | w/oSAB | w/oESC | Worst 10 for 2009 | 133 | = 30.4 + 26.5 + 4.1 + 72.2 | | | | 4219 | 5 | 4 | 0.11 | 4 | ~ | 3 | 0.26 | A | M | P |
| 2009 Mazda B-Series Extended Cab 2-DR | PICKUP | Mazda | B-Series | EXTCab 2WD | w/oSAB | w/oESC | Worst 10 for 2009 | 133 | = 30.4 + 26.5 + 4.1 + 72.2 | | | | 4219 | 5 | 4 | 0.11 | 4 | ~ | 3 | 0.26 | A | M | P |
| 2009 Kia Rio 5-DR. | PASS. CAR | Kia | Rio | 5-DR 2WD | w/SAB | w/oESC | Worst 10 for 2009 | 137 | = 55.0 + 37.5 + 4.1 + 40.5 | | | | 2562 | 4 | 5 | ~ | 4 | 3 | 4 | ~ | A | P | P |