
Used Car Safety Ratings 2020



Considering a used vehicle?
Make the safest choice.



**When buying a vehicle,
safety should be the priority.**

**If you are involved in a crash,
regardless of who's at fault,
your choice of vehicle could
make all the difference.**

There are many safe and affordable used vehicles to choose from with the ability to significantly reduce your chance of being killed or seriously injured in a crash, or help avoid a crash altogether.

To make things simple, Used Car Safety Ratings are available for a range of used vehicles, presented using a star rating scale of 1 to 5 stars.

Used Car Safety Ratings (UCSR)

The safety ratings in this brochure focus on **used vehicles** and have been determined through the independent analysis of the latest real-world crash statistics. They provide an indication of the relative protection from death or serious injury provided to the **driver** of the vehicle in a crash compared with other vehicles on the road through the publication of a **Driver Protection** rating.

Thinking beyond your own safety, your vehicle should also offer protection to other road users such as pedestrians, cyclists and the occupants of other vehicles.

Going further than the **Driver Protection** rating, vehicles identified as a '**SAFER PICK**':

- ✓ provide good protection for the driver
- ✓ cause less serious injuries to other drivers, pedestrians, cyclists and motorcyclists, and
- ✓ have a lower risk of being involved in a crash (including reversing crashes).



How are UCSRs calculated?

Used Car Safety Ratings (UCSRs) are determined through the analysis of more than 8 million vehicles involved in police-reported road crashes across Australia and New Zealand. The vehicle’s size, weight, design and safety features are all taken into account.

Driver Protection ratings

UCSR Driver Protection ratings illustrate the risk of death or serious injury (resulting in hospital admission) to the driver of the vehicle in a crash. They do not assess the risk of being involved in a crash in the first place, which can be influenced by a variety of factors including vehicle technology, driver behaviour, vehicle condition and the road environment.

Demographic factors such as who was driving at the time of the crash and the crash circumstances are taken into account, with ratings adjusted based on:

- driver gender
- driver age
- crash location
- crash location speed limit
- crash year
- number of vehicles involved

Look for a ‘Safer Pick’

The UCSR **SAFER PICK** markers go beyond the more basic Driver Protection rating and are assigned to a vehicle based on an estimate of the death or serious injury risk the rated vehicle poses to *other* road users in a crash, and the likelihood of being involved in a crash based on the crash avoidance features fitted.



The rating scale

EXCELLENT	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	Equal to (or better than) the safest 8% of crashed vehicles
GOOD	★ ★ ★ ★ ☆	Up to 29% worse than 8% of safest crashed vehicles
MARGINAL	★ ★ ★ ☆ ☆	At least 30% worse than 8% of safest crashed vehicles
POOR	★ ★ ☆ ☆ ☆	At least 60% worse than 8% of safest crashed vehicles
VERY POOR	★ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆	At least 90% worse than 8% of safest crashed vehicles

Newer vehicles are safer.

Newer vehicles are generally safer than older ones. In fact, older vehicles are over-represented in fatal vehicle crashes, and the average age of a vehicle involved in a fatal crash is increasing.

Vehicle safety has improved significantly

The average risk of death or serious injury to the driver in a crash in a vehicle manufactured in 2018 is around 43% less than in a vehicle manufactured in 2000. The average risk of death or serious injury to the driver in a crash in a vehicle manufactured in 2018 is 75% less than in a car manufactured prior to 1970.

Newer vehicle models feature a wide range of safety features including airbags that protect in frontal and side impact crashes, and active safety aids such as electronic stability control (ESC). Newer vehicles also must comply with a wider range of regulatory safety standards.

The majority of vehicles assigned with a **SAFER PICK** marker were manufactured from 2008 onwards, demonstrating the benefits of newer vehicles in terms of available safety equipment, design integrity, and compliance with safety regulations introduced around this time. This also corresponds with ESC becoming widely available.

“A driver of the worst vehicle rated is over 10 times more likely to be killed or seriously injured in the same crash than the same driver in the safest vehicle.”

Safety features.

Newer vehicles provide increased protection in a crash and include a range of advanced safety features and technologies which can protect and help avoid a crash.

Here are some of the vehicle safety features you should look for when purchasing a used vehicle.



**AUTONOMOUS
EMERGENCY
BRAKING (AEB)**
including Pedestrian
and Cyclist



**ANTI-LOCK
BRAKE SYSTEM
(ABS)**



**BLIND SPOT
MONITORING**



**ELECTRONIC
STABILITY
CONTROL
(ESC)**



AIRBAGS
Front, side, curtain
and knee



**LANE
DEPARTURE
WARNING**



**LANE KEEP
ASSIST**



**REVERSING SENSORS
and/or
CAMERAS**

In many used vehicles, these safety features are optional or available only in some variants so it is important to check the availability of these features in the specific vehicle you're looking to purchase.

It makes sense to choose a vehicle that has the best Driver Protection rating and as many of the above safety features as possible to help reduce your risk of death or serious injury, or avoid a crash in the first place.

Light Cars



MAKE	MODEL	YEAR	DRIVER PROTECTION RATING
DAIHATSU	Charade	1993—2000	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
	Sirion/Storia	1998—2004	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
FORD	Fiesta	2004—2008	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
	Fiesta	2009—2018	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
	Festiva	1994—2001	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
HOLDEN	Barina	1995—2000	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
	Barina	2005—2011	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
	Barina	2011—2018	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
	Barina XC/Combo	2001—2012	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
HONDA	Jazz/Fit	2002—2008	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
	Jazz/Fit	2008—2014	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
HYUNDAI	Getz/TB	2002—2011	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
	i20	2010—2015	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
KIA	Rio	2000—2005	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
	Rio	2005—2011	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
	Rio	2011—2016	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
MAZDA	121 Metro/Demio	1997—2002	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
	2/Demio	2002—2007	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
	2/Demio	2007—2014	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
MITSUBISHI	Colt	2004—2011	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
NISSAN	Micra	2011—2016	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
PEUGEOT	206	1999—2007	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
SUZUKI	Swift	2005—2010	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
	Swift	2011—2017	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
TOYOTA	Echo	1995—2005	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
	Yaris/Vitz	2005—2011	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
	Yaris/Vitz	2011—2018	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
VOLKSWAGEN	Polo V	2010—2017	★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Small Cars



MAKE	MODEL	YEAR	DRIVER PROTECTION RATING
AUDI	A3	2004–2013	★★★★★ SAFER PICK
BMW	1 Series	2004–2013	★★★★★ SAFER PICK
DAEWOO	Lanos	1997–2003	★★★★★
	Nubira	1997–2003	★★★★★
FORD	Focus	2002–2005	★★★★★
	Focus	2005–2009	★★★★★
	Focus	2012–2018	★★★★★
	Laser	1999–2003	★★★★★
HOLDEN	Astra	1998–2006	★★★★★
	Astra	2004–2009	★★★★★
	Cruze	2009–2016	★★★★★
	Viva	2005–2009	★★★★★
HONDA	Civic	1996–2000	★★★★★
	Civic	2001–2005	★★★★★
	Civic	2006–2011	★★★★★
	Civic	2012–2016	★★★★★
	Integra	1993–2001	★★★★★
HYUNDAI	Accent	2000–2006	★★★★★
	Accent	2011–2018	★★★★★
	Elantra	2000–2006	★★★★★
	Elantra	2007–2010	★★★★★
	Elantra	2011–2015	★★★★★
	Excel/Accent	1995–2000	★★★★★
	i30	2007–2012	★★★★★
	i30	2012–2017	★★★★★
	Lantra	1996–2000	★★★★★
KIA	Cerato	2004–2008	★★★★★
	Cerato	2013–2018	★★★★★
MAZDA	3/Axela	2003–2009	★★★★★
	3/Axela	2009–2013	★★★★★
	3/Axela	2013–2018	★★★★★
	323	1999–2003	★★★★★

Small Cars continued



MAKE	MODEL	YEAR	DRIVER PROTECTION RATING
MITSUBISHI	Lancer	2003—2007	★★★★★
	Lancer	2008—2017	★★★★★
	Lancer/Cedia	2002—2003	★★★★★
	Lancer/Mirage	1996—2003	★★★★★
NISSAN	200SX/Silvia	1994—2002	★★★★★
	Pulsar/Bluebird Sylphy	2000—2005	★★★★★
	Tiida	2006—2013	★★★★★
PEUGEOT	306	1994—2001	★★★★★
	307	2001—2009	★★★★★
SUBARU	Impreza	1993—2000	★★★★★
	Impreza	2001—2007	★★★★★
	Impreza	2007—2011	★★★★★
	Impreza/XV	2012—2016	★★★★★
SUZUKI	Baleno/Cultus Crescent	1995—2002	★★★★★
	Liana	2001—2007	★★★★★
TOYOTA	Corolla/Allex	1998—2001	★★★★★
	Corolla	2002—2007	★★★★★
	Corolla	2007—2013	★★★★★
	Corolla	2012—2018	★★★★★
	MR2	1991—2000	★★★★★
	Prius 2	2003—2009	★★★★★
	Prius 3	2009—2016	★★★★★
VOLKSWAGEN	Golf VII	2013—2018	★★★★★
	Golf/Bora	1999—2004	★★★★★
	Golf/Jetta	2004—2009	★★★★★
	Golf/Jetta	2010—2013	★★★★★
VOLVO	SV40/V40	1997—2004	★★★★★

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Medium Cars



MAKE	MODEL	YEAR	DRIVER PROTECTION RATING	
AUDI	A4	1995—2001	★★★★★	
	A4	2001—2008	★★★★★	
	A4/S4/RS4/AllRoad	2008—2015	★★★★★	SAFER PICK
BMW	3 Series	1999—2006	★★★★★	
	3 Series	2005—2013	★★★★★	
FORD	Mondeo	1995—2001	★★★★★	
	Mondeo	2007—2015	★★★★★	
HOLDEN	Vectra	1997—2003	★★★★★	
	Vectra	2003—2005	★★★★★	
HONDA	Accord	1999—2002	★★★★★	
	Accord	2003—2007	★★★★★	
	Accord	2008—2013	★★★★★	
	Accord Euro	2003—2008	★★★★★	
	Accord Euro	2008—2015	★★★★★	
HYUNDAI	Sonata	1998—2001	★★★★★	
LEXUS	IS200/300	1999—2004	★★★★★	
	IS350/IS250/IS F	2005—2013	★★★★★	
MAZDA	626	1998—2002	★★★★★	
	6/Atenza	2002—2007	★★★★★	
	6/Atenza	2008—2011	★★★★★	
	6/Atenza	2012—2018	★★★★★	
MERCEDES-BENZ	C-Class W202	1995—2000	★★★★★	
	C-Class W203	2000—2007	★★★★★	
	C-Class W204/C204	2007—2015	★★★★★	
	CLK C209	2003—2009	★★★★★	SAFER PICK
SAAB	900/9-3	1994—2002	★★★★★	
SUBARU	Liberty/Legacy/Outback	1999—2003	★★★★★	
	Liberty/Legacy/Outback	2003—2009	★★★★★	
	Liberty/Legacy/Outback/Exiga	2009—2014	★★★★★	SAFER PICK
TOYOTA	Aurion	2006—2012	★★★★★	
	Aurion	2012—2017	★★★★★	
	Avalon	2000—2005	★★★★★	
	Camry	1998—2002	★★★★★	
	Camry	2002—2006	★★★★★	
	Camry	2006—2011	★★★★★	
	Camry	2011—2017	★★★★★	
VOLKSWAGEN	Passat	2006—2015	★★★★★	SAFER PICK

Large Cars



MAKE	MODEL	YEAR	DRIVER PROTECTION RATING
BMW	5 Series	1996—2003	★★★★★
	5 Series	2003—2010	★★★★★
FORD	Fairlane & LTD AU	1999—2002	★★★★★
	Fairlane & LTD BA/BF	2003—2007	★★★★★
	Falcon AU	1998—2002	★★★★★
	Falcon BA/BF	2002—2008	★★★★★
	Falcon FG/FG-X	2008—2016	★★★★★
HOLDEN	Commodore VE	2006—2013	★★★★★
	Commodore VF	2013—2017	★★★★★
	Commodore VT/VX	1997—2002	★★★★★
	Commodore VY/NZ	2002—2007	★★★★★
	Monaro	2001—2005	★★★★★
	Statesman/Caprice WH	1999—2003	★★★★★
	Statesman/Caprice WK/WL	2003—2006	★★★★★
MERCEDES-BENZ	Statesman/Caprice WM/WN	2006—2017	★★★★★
	E-Class W210	1996—2002	★★★★★
	E-Class W211	2002—2009	★★★★★
MITSUBISHI	E-Class W212/C207/A207	2009—2016	★★★★★
	380	2005—2008	★★★★★
	Magna/Verada	2003—2005	★★★★★
NISSAN	Magna/Verada/Diamante	1996—2003	★★★★★
	Maxima	2000—2002	★★★★★
	Maxima	2006—2009	★★★★★

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Small SUVs



MAKE	MODEL	YEAR	DRIVER PROTECTION RATING
AUDI	Q3/RS	2012—2018	★★★★★
DAIHATSU	Terios	1997—2005	★★★★★
HYUNDAI	ix35	2010—2015	★★★★★
	Tucson	2004—2010	★★★★★
KIA	Sportage	1998—2003	★★★★★
MITSUBISHI	ASX	2010—2016	★★★★★
NISSAN	Dualis	2007—2013	★★★★★
VOLKSWAGEN	Tiguan	2008—2016	★★★★★

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Medium SUVs



MAKE	MODEL	YEAR	DRIVER PROTECTION RATING	
AUDI	Q5/SQ5	2009—2016	★★★★★	SAFER PICK
FORD	Territory	2004—2010	★★★★★	
	Territory	2011—2016	★★★★★	
	Escape	2001—2006	★★★☆☆	
	Escape	2006—2012	★★★★★	
HOLDEN	Captiva	2006—2018	★★★★★	
	Jackaroo	1998—2002	★★★☆☆	
HONDA	CR-V	1997—2001	★★★☆☆	
	CR-V	2002—2006	★★★★★	
	CR-V	2007—2012	★★★★★	
	CR-V	2012—2017	★★★★★	SAFER PICK
HYUNDAI	Santa Fe	2000—2006	★★★★★	
	Santa Fe	2006—2012	★★★★★	
	Santa Fe	2012—2018	★★★★★	SAFER PICK
ISUZU	Bighorn	1998—2002	★★★☆☆	
JEEP	Cherokee	1996—2000	★★★☆☆	
	Cherokee	2001—2007	★★★★★	
LEXUS	RX270/350/400h/450h	2009—2015	★★★★★	SAFER PICK
MAZDA	CX-5	2012—2017	★★★★★	
	CX-7	2006—2012	★★★★★	
	Tribute	2001—2006	★★★☆☆	
	Tribute	2006—2008	★★★☆☆	
MITSUBISHI	Challenger	1998—2006	★★★☆☆	
	Outlander	2003—2006	★★★★★	
	Outlander	2012—2018	★★★★★	
	Outlander	2006—2012	★★★★★	
NISSAN	Murano	2009—2015	★★★★★	SAFER PICK
	Pathfinder/Terrano/Regulus	1995—2005	★★★★★	
	X-Trail	2001—2007	★★★☆☆	
	X-Trail	2007—2014	★★★★★	
PEUGEOT	4007	2006—2012	★★★★★	

Medium SUVs continued



MAKE	MODEL	YEAR	DRIVER PROTECTION RATING	
SUBARU	Forester	1997—2002	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	
	Forester	2002—2008	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	
	Forester	2008—2012	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	
	Forester	2012—2018	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	SAFER PICK
	Tribeca	2006—2014	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	SAFER PICK
SUZUKI	Grand Vitara	1999—2005	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	
	Grand Vitara	2008—2018	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	
	Grand Vitara/Escudo	2005—2008	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	
TOYOTA	Kluger/Highlander	2003—2007	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	
	Kluger/Highlander	2007—2013	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	
	Kluger/Highlander	2013—2018	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	
	RAV4	1994—2000	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	
	RAV4	2001—2005	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	
	RAV4	2006—2012	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	
	RAV4	2013—2018	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	
VOLVO	XC60	2009—2017	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	SAFER PICK

Large SUVs



MAKE	MODEL	YEAR	DRIVER PROTECTION RATING	
AUDI	Q7	2006—2014	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	SAFER PICK
BMW	X5	2001—2006	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	SAFER PICK
	X5	2007—2013	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	SAFER PICK
JEEP	Grand Cherokee	2010—2018	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	SAFER PICK
KIA	Sorento	2003—2009	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	
LAND ROVER	Discovery	1991—2002	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	
	Discovery 4	2009—2016	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	
LEXUS	LX	1998—2007	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	
	LX	2007—2018	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	
MAZDA	CX-9	2007—2015	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	
MERCEDES-BENZ	ML/GL-Class W164/X164	2005—2011	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	SAFER PICK
	ML/GL/GLS-Class W166/X166/C292	2012—2018	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	SAFER PICK
	ML-Class W163s	1998—2005	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	SAFER PICK
MITSUBISHI	Pajero	2000—2006	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	
	Pajero	2007—2018	★ ★ ★ ★ ★	

Large SUVs continued



MAKE	MODEL	YEAR	DRIVER PROTECTION RATING
NISSAN	Pathfinder	2005—2013	★★★★★
	Pathfinder	2013—2018	★★★★★
	Patrol/Safari	1998—2016	★★★★★
TOYOTA	Landcruiser Prado	1996—2003	★★★★★
	Landcruiser Prado	2003—2009	★★★★★
	Landcruiser Prado	2009—2018	★★★★★
	Landcruiser	1998—2007	★★★★★
	Landcruiser 200 Series	2007—2018	★★★★★
VOLVO	XC90	2003—2015	★★★★★

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People Movers



MAKE	MODEL	YEAR	DRIVER PROTECTION RATING
HONDA	Odyssey	1995—2000	★★★★★
	Odyssey	2004—2009	★★★★★
KIA	Carnival	1999—2006	★★★★★
	Carnival	2006—2011	★★★★★
MITSUBISHI	Starwagon/Delica Spacegear	1995—2003	★★★★★
TOYOTA	Avensis Verso	2001—2010	★★★★★
	Tarago/Prevía/Estima	2000—2006	★★★★★
	Tarago/Prevía/Estima	2006—2018	★★★★★

Commercial: Vans



MAKE	MODEL	YEAR	DRIVER PROTECTION RATING
FORD	Transit	1995—2000	★★★★★
	Transit	2001—2007	★★★★★
HYUNDAI	iLoad	2008—2018	★★★★★
MERCEDES-BENZ	Sprinter	1998—2006	★★★★★
	Sprinter	2006—2018	★★★★★
	Vito/Viano/Valente	2004—2015	★★★★★
MITSUBISHI	Express	1994—2013	★★★★★
TOYOTA	Hiace/Liteace	1996—2004	★★★★★
	Hiace	2005—2018	★★★★★
VOLKSWAGEN	Caravelle/Transporter/Multivan	2004—2015	★★★★★

Commercial: Utes



MAKE	MODEL	YEAR	DRIVER PROTECTION RATING
FORD	Courier	1998—2002	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
	Courier	2003—2006	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
	Falcon Ute AU	2000—2002	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
	Falcon Ute BA/BF	2003—2008	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
	Falcon Ute FG/FG-X	2008—2016	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
	Ranger	2006—2011	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
	Ranger	2011—2015	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
HOLDEN	Colorado	2008—2011	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
	Commodore VR/VS Ute	1994—2000	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
	Commodore VE Ute	2007—2013	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
	Commodore VU Ute	2000—2002	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
	Commodore VY/VZ Ute	2002—2007	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
	Rodeo	1999—2002	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
	Rodeo	2003—2008	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
ISUZU	D-Max	2008—2011	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
	D-Max	2012—2018	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
MAZDA	B-Series/Bounty	1998—2002	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
	Bravo/Bounty	2003—2006	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
	BT-50	2006—2011	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
	BT-50	2011—2015	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
MITSUBISHI	Triton	1996—2006	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
	Triton	2006—2015	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
NISSAN	Navara	1997—2005	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
	Navara	2005—2014	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
TOYOTA	Hilux	1998—2002	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
	Hilux	2003—2004	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
	Hilux	2005—2015	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
VOLKSWAGEN	Amarok	2011—2018	★ ★ ★ ★ ★

For more information about buying a safer used vehicle, contact your local motoring club or transport agency or visit their website.



Australian Government



Queensland
Government



Government
of South Australia
Department for Infrastructure
and Transport



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