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NHTSA Announces Model Year 2012 Vehicles to be Rated Under Government 5-Star Safety Ratings Program

Auto safety agency unveils list of vehicles to be tested as part of revamped safety ratings program

WASHINGTON – The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) today announced the lineup of model year 2012 passenger vehicles that will be tested as part of the agency’s 5-star safety ratings program. The program’s crash tests will provide consumer safety information on approximately 81 percent of model year 2012 passenger vehicles sold in the United States, while rollover tests will provide information on 92 percent of the 2012 fleet.

NHTSA will rate 74 vehicles for the 2012 model year, including 42 passenger cars, 22 sport utility vehicles, two vans, and eight pickups. The testing will be conducted under NHTSA’s enhanced program, which was revamped last year to include tougher crash tests and provide consumers with a single overall safety score for each vehicle. A number of model year 2012 vehicles had carry-over designs from the previous year or have already been tested, and these ratings are already posted online.

“Our 5-star ratings program is a critical resource to help consumers make the best possible decisions about the cars they want to buy,” said U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood. “By revamping the tests and creating a more rigorous program last year, we raised the bar on safety for all vehicle manufacturers. People should remember: More stars, safer cars.”

In addition to overall safety ratings, NHTSA’s revamped testing program also provides recommendations to consumers on the most effective “crash avoidance” technologies available in new model year vehicles. For the 2012 model year, NHTSA has identified 68 vehicle models equipped with either lane departure warning (LDW), forward collision warning (FCW), or both features, which can help drivers avoid a collision. Of these equipped vehicles, 12 have LDW, 18 vehicles have FCW, and 38 vehicles have both features. Since NHTSA began identifying vehicles equipped with these crash avoidance technologies in 2011, availability of these features has risen, up from the 45 vehicles offering these technologies as optional equipment last model year.

“For more than three decades, NHTSA’s 5-star ratings system has been the gold standard for consumers who want to purchase the safest vehicles on the market,” said NHTSA Administrator David Strickland. “Thanks to the upgrades we’ve made to the program, consumers can now readily compare the safety of vehicles not only in terms of crash survivability, but also when it comes to avoiding crashes in the first place.”

Results for the 74 vehicles that will be tested under the enhanced Government 5-star safety ratings program and recommendations on the 68 vehicles with crash avoidance LDW or FCW will be posted online at www.safercar.gov.

The list of vehicles selected for crash and rollover testing in model year 2012 is below.

2012 Model Year Vehicle Test List PASSENGER CARS

Make	Model	Body Style
Acura	TL	4 DR
BMW	328i	4 DR
Buick	Regal eAssist	4 DR
Cadillac	CTS	4 DR
Chevrolet	Camaro	2 DR
Chevrolet	Impala	4 DR
Chevrolet	Sonic	4 DR
Chrysler	200	4 DR
Chrysler	300	4 DR
Coda	Coda	4 DR
Dodge	Avenger	4 DR
Dodge	Charger	4 DR
Fiat	500	3 HB
Ford	Focus	4 DR
Ford	Ford Focus BEV	4 DR
Ford	Mustang	2 DR
Ford	Transit Connect	4 DR
Honda	Civic	2 DR
Honda	Civic IMA	4 DR
Honda	CR-Z	3 HB
Honda	Fit	5 HB
Hyundai	Accent	4 DR
Hyundai	Elantra	4 DR
Kia	Rio	4 DR
Lexus	ES350	4 DR
Mazda	Mazda3	4 DR
Mazda	Mazda6	4 DR
Mitsubishi	iMiEV	5 HB
Mitsubishi	Lancer	4 DR

Nissan	Maxima	4 DR
Nissan	Versa	4 DR
Subaru	Impreza	4 DR
Subaru	Legacy	4 DR
Suzuki	SX4	4 DR
Toyota	Camry	4 DR
Toyota	Corolla	4 DR
Toyota	Prius v	SW
Toyota	Scion iQ	3 HB
Toyota	Yaris Liftback	5 HB
Volkswagen	Beetle	2 DR
Volkswagen	Passat	4 DR
Volvo	S60	4 DR

PICKUP TRUCKS

Make	Model	Body Style
Chevrolet	Silverado 2500	PU/CC
Ford	F-150 Supercab	PU/EC
Ford	F-250 Super Crew	PU/CC
Ram	1500 Crew Cab	PU/CC
Ram	2500 Crew Cab	PU/CC
Ram	1500 Quad Cab	PU/EC
Toyota	Tacoma	PU/CC
Toyota	Tundra	PU/CC

SPORT UTILITY VEHICLES

Make	Model	Body Style
Acura	MDX	SUV
Cadillac	SRX	SUV
Chevrolet	Suburban 1500	SUV
Dodge	Durango	SUV
Dodge	Journey	SUV
Ford	Expedition	SUV
Ford	Explorer	SUV
Honda	CR-V	SUV
Honda	Pilot	SUV
Hyundai	Santa Fe	SUV
Hyundai	Tucson	SUV
Jeep	Grand Cherokee	SUV
Jeep	Liberty	SUV
Kia	Sorento	SUV
Kia	Soul	SUV
Kia	Sportage	SUV

Mitsubishi	Outlander	SUV
Mitsubishi	Outlander Sport	SUV
Nissan	Juke	SUV
Subaru	Outback	SUV
Toyota	4Runner	SUV
Toyota	RAV4	SUV

VANS

Make	Model	Body Style
Chrysler	Town & Country	VAN
Toyota	Sienna	VAN

KEY

- PU – Pickup
- RC – Regular Cab
- EC – Extended Cab
- CC – Crew Cab
- DR – Door
- HB – Hatchback
- SUV – Sport Utility Vehicle
- SW – Station Wagon

MODEL YEAR 2012 VEHICLES EQUIPPED WITH LDW AND/OR FCW SELECTED FOR CONFIRMATION TESTING

Passenger Cars

Make	Model	Body Style	LDW	FCW
BMW	328i	4 DR	Yes	Yes
Dodge	Charger	4 DR	No	Yes
Mercedes-Benz	E-Class	4 DR	Yes	Yes
Volvo	S60	4 DR	Yes	Yes

Sports Utility Vehicles

Make	Model	Body Style	LDW	FCW
Acura	ZDX	SUV	No	Yes
BMW	X3	SUV	Yes	Yes
BMW	X5	SUV	Yes	No
Chevrolet	Equinox	SUV	Yes	Yes
Dodge	Durango	SUV	No	Yes
Ford	Edge	SUV	No	Yes
Ford	Explorer	SUV	No	Yes
Infiniti	QX56	SUV	Yes	Yes
Mercedes-Benz	ML-Class	SUV	Yes	Yes

No= not available