

Euro NCAP is glad to announce the five best performing cars of 2010. To be selected as safest cars of their categories, these vehicles achieved a high overall score and attained the coveted five star rating.



Last year, Euro NCAP crash tested twenty nine vehicles, 65% of which reached the five star rating, compared to 90% in 2009. This decrease of 25% clearly shows that Euro NCAP's criteria to reach a five stars are now tougher.

Every year, car manufacturers constantly work to innovate and make their cars better and safer for the driver, whatever the size of the vehicle. The presence in these categories of high performing 5 star cars demonstrates car manufacturers' commitment to safety for all sizes of vehicles.

Euro NCAP Advanced rewards: In 2010, Euro NCAP has rewarded a set of car manufacturers for their efforts in their development of new safety technologies. In total, 10 Euro NCAP Advanced rewards have been given to the following OEMs: Audi, BMW, Honda, Mercedes-Benz, Opel, PSA Peugeot Citroën, VW and Volvo. Euro NCAP is confirming that other technologies will be assessed and announced in 2011. For more information go to our website.

What's new in 2011? Euro NCAP is now performing ESC tests as part of the overall assessment. Since 2009 Euro NCAP requires Electronic Stability Control systems to be fitted as standard and will from now on be measuring its performance when testing the vehicles. ESC is meant to reduce the number of deaths and injuries resulting from crashes in which the driver loses directional control of the vehicle, including those resulting in vehicle rollover.

2010 TOP ACHIEVERS BY CATEGORY

While Euro NCAP's poorest results of 2010 were achieved by the Citroen Nemo with three stars and by the Landwind CV9 which received only two stars, the best performing cars by category are:

- Executive category: **BMW 5 Series**
- Small Family category: **Alfa Romeo Giulietta**
- Supermini category: **Honda CR-Z**
- Small off-road 4x4 category: **Kia Sportage**
- Small MPV category: **Toyota Verso**

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- Go to www.euroncap.com and check the car's results
- Find five-star achievers
- Look for good whiplash performance
- Demand ESC from your dealer
- Insist on ISOFIX for your child

Runners-up

To be top achiever means that the car accomplished a high combined score based on the scores in each of the individual four areas of Euro NCAP's assessment, while notably exceeding the thresholds for a 5 star overall rating. In addition to the top five achievers, the **Suzuki Swift, Kia Venga, BMW X1, VW Sharan/Seat Alhambra, Citroen C4** all exceeded the 80% mark in overall score putting them on the list of best performing cars of 2010.

MAKE AND MODEL	OVERALL STAR RATING	Adult 	Child 	Pedestrian 	Safety assist 
EXECUTIVE					
BMW 5 Series	2010 ★★★★★	95%	83%	78%	100%
Mercedes E-Class	2010 ★★★★★	86%	77%	59%	86%
Jaguar XF	2010 ★★★★★☆	78%	65%	43%	71%
LARGE FAMILY					
VW Passat	2010 ★★★★★	91%	77%	54%	71%
Seat Exeo	2010 ★★★★★☆	77%	81%	50%	57%
LARGE MPV					
VW Sharan	2010 ★★★★★	96%	80%	46%	71%
Seat Alhambra	2010 ★★★★★	96%	80%	46%	71%
PICKUP					
VW Amarok	2010 ★★★★★☆	86%	64%	47%	57%
SMALL FAMILY					
Alfa Romeo Giulietta	2010 ★★★★★	97%	85%	63%	86%
Citroen C4	2010 ★★★★★	90%	85%	43%	97%
SMALL MPV					
Toyota Verso	2010 ★★★★★	89%	75%	69%	86%
Ford C-MAX	2010 ★★★★★	92%	83%	50%	71%
Ford Grand C-MAX	2010 ★★★★★	96%	81%	50%	71%

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Opel/Vauxhall Meriva	2010 ★★★★★	89%	77%	55%	86%
MINI Countryman	2010 ★★★★★	84%	83%	63%	71%
Nissan Cube	2010 ★★★★★☆	83%	64%	56%	84%
Kia Venga	2010 ★★★★★☆	79%	66%	64%	71%
Kia Venga (reassessed)	2010 ★★★★★	89%	85%	64%	71%
Citroen Nemo	2010 ★★★★★☆	59%	74%	55%	29%
Landwind CV9	2010 ★★☆☆☆	34%	45%	31%	29%
SMALL OFF-ROAD 4x4					
KIA Sportage	2010 ★★★★★	93%	86%	49%	86%
BMW X1	2010 ★★★★★	87%	86%	64%	71%
Hyundai ix35	2010 ★★★★★	90%	88%	54%	71%
Mercedes GLK	2010 ★★★★★	89%	76%	47%	86%
Mazda CX-7	2010 ★★★★★☆	76%	79%	43%	71%
SUPERMINI					
Honda CR-Z	2010 ★★★★★	93%	80%	71%	86%
Suzuki Swift	2010 ★★★★★	94%	82%	62%	71%
Audi A1	2010 ★★★★★	90%	79%	49%	86%
Nissan Micra	2010 ★★★★★☆	84%	79%	58%	57%