

Euro NCAP's Best in Class Cars of 2011

A solid safety record has become absolutely essential and indispensable for car manufacturers on the European market. Thanks to ever evolving technology, an array of new safety features and sophisticated systems are available to car buyers today. Euro NCAP's ratings reflect the progress made, highlighting cars designed to exceed consumer expectations on safety and those that fall short. After an intense year, it is time for Euro NCAP to announce which cars are the best in class for 2011.



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BEST IN CLASS CARS OF 2011



Last year, Euro NCAP published the results for 53 new car models available on the European market, among which were the first commercially available Electric Vehicles. Eleven cars achieved four stars whilst Euro NCAP's poorest result was achieved by Dacia Duster with three stars. To be selected the safest cars of their categories, the following vehicles achieved a five star rating and showed good scores in each of Euro NCAP's four areas of assessment. The top achievers per category are:

- **Small off-road 4x4 category: Audi Q3**
- **Supermini category: Chevrolet Aveo**
- **Small Family category: Ford Focus**
- **Small MPV category: Mercedes B Class**
- **Large Family category: Volvo V60**

The runners-up in each category are the Chevrolet Malibu, Mercedes M Class, Toyota Yaris, Lexus CT200h, Opel Zafira Tourer, Hyundai ix20, and BMW X1. Special mention should be made of the Ford Ranger, the only pick-up tested by Euro NCAP in 2011. The Ranger is the safest pick-up yet

tested by the organisation and scored highly in all areas of assessment, most notably in pedestrian protection.

With electric cars hitting Europe's roads this year, the organization released the results of four EVs. Plug-in vehicles are exposed to the same test conditions as their gasoline counterparts, while special attention is paid to battery integrity after a crash. The Nissan LEAF was the first of its kind to achieve Euro NCAP 5 star overall rating, placing itself amongst this year's best small family cars.

Euro NCAP rewarded several car makers for their advanced safety features not yet included in the rating scheme. The Ford Focus, offered with optional Active City Stop, Driver Alert Forward Alert and Lane Keeping Aid, made headlines as the first high volume car receiving four rewards. Top achievers Mercedes B Class and Volvo V60 also were rewarded for Collision Prevention Assist and City Safety respectively, both are Autonomous Emergency Braking Systems (AEB). Dr Michiel van Ratingen, Euro NCAP Secretary General says: "With Euro NCAP Advanced, we have already recognized a number of technologies offering safety benefits to consumers. The safety case for AEB systems is very strong and we are therefore strongly encouraging manufacturers to increase the availability of such systems on new cars. We are well underway to add the assessment of these systems to the overall rating and to make these systems a requirement for five stars in the future."

In 2012, Euro NCAP introduces stricter standards by increasing the minimum score in the pedestrian assessment from 40% to 60%, reflecting the stepwise improvements introduced by automakers of the last years in this field. While a number of carmakers have already demonstrated that cars can be engineered to pass the new limit, the increased demands will challenge others to improve the safety for vulnerable road users.

The full list of top achievers vehicles tested in 2011 is published on the website. Next results will be released on 22nd February 2012. For more media information, please contact Marie Brasseur, Euro NCAP Communications Manager at marie_brasseur@euroncap.com or +32 2 4007746.

SMALL OFF-ROAD 4X4

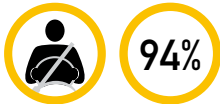
Audi Q3

2.0 diesel, LHD

2011



The Audi Q3 is the 2011 best in class small off-road 4x4.



ADULT OCCUPANT



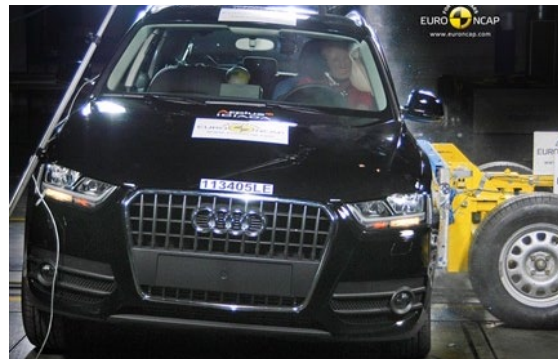
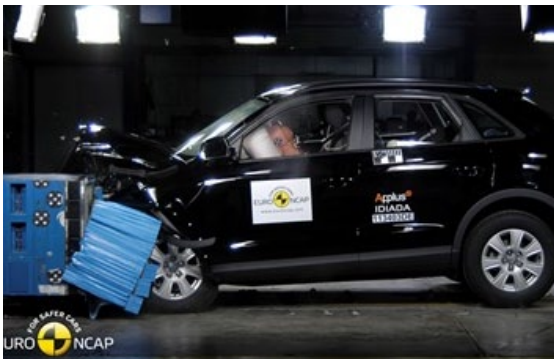
CHILD OCCUPANT



PEDESTRIAN



SAFETY ASSIST



SUPERMINI

Chevrolet Aveo

1.2 LT, LHD

2011



The Chevrolet Aveo is the 2011 top achiever in the supermini category.



95%

ADULT OCCUPANT



87%

CHILD OCCUPANT



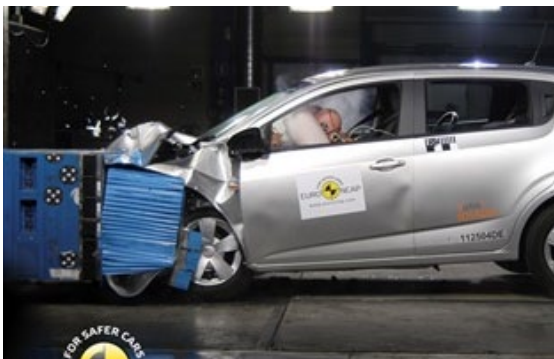
54%

PEDESTRIAN



93%

SAFETY ASSIST



SMALL FAMILY CAR

Ford Focus

1.6 TDCI 'Trend', LHD

2011



The Ford Focus made headlines as the first high volume car receiving four Euro NCAP Advanced rewards.



92%

ADULT OCCUPANT



82%

CHILD OCCUPANT



72%

PEDESTRIAN



71%

SAFETY ASSIST



Euro NCAP Advanced Reward



SMALL MPV

Mercedes Benz B Class

2011



Mercedes-Benz B200 CDI, LHD

The Mercedes B Class recently rewarded for Collision Prevention Assist.



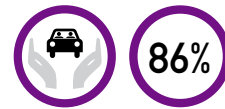
ADULT OCCUPANT



CHILD OCCUPANT



PEDESTRIAN



SAFETY ASSIST



Euro NCAP Advanced Reward



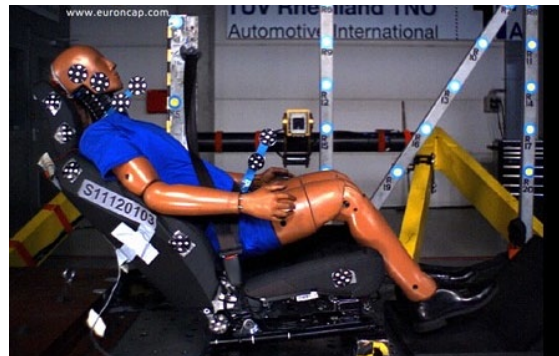
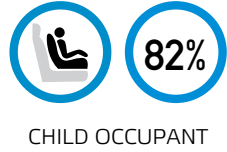
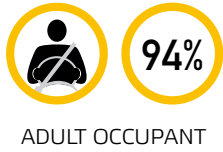
LARGE FAMILY CAR

Volvo V60

2011 ★★★★★

2.0 diesel 'Momentum', LHD



















The Volvo V60 rewarded last year by Euro NCAP Advanced for City Safety.



















































































Euro NCAP Advanced Reward



Results released in 2011

| MAKE | MODEL | OVERALL RATING | ADULT OCCUPANT | CHILD OCCUPANT | PEDESTRIAN | SAFETY ASSIST |
|---|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------|---------------|
|  | Audi A6 | 2011 ★★★★★ | 91% | 83% | 41% | 86% |
|  | Audi Q3 | 2011 ★★★★★ | 94% | 85% | 52% | 86% |
|  | BMW 1 series | 2011 ★★★★★ | 91% | 83% | 63% | 86% |
|  | BMW X1 | 2011 ★★★★★ | 87% | 86% | 64% | 71% |
|  | BMW X3 | 2011 ★★★★★ | 88% | 83% | 53% | 71% |
|  | Chevrolet Aveo | 2011 ★★★★★ | 95% | 87% | 54% | 93% |
|  | Chevrolet Captiva | 2011 ★★★★★ | 88% | 82% | 48% | 71% |
|  | Chevrolet Malibu | 2011 ★★★★★ | 94% | 83% | 57% | 71% |
|  | Chevrolet Orlando | 2011 ★★★★★ | 95% | 79% | 49% | 71% |
|  | Chevrolet Volt | 2011 ★★★★★ | 85% | 78% | 41% | 86% |
|  | Citroën DS4 | 2011 ★★★★★ | 90% | 80% | 43% | 97% |
|  | Citroën C-Zero | 2011 ★★★★★☆ | 73% | 78% | 48% | 86% |
|  | Citroën DS5 | 2011 ★★★★★ | 89% | 83% | 40% | 97% |
|  | Dacia Duster | 2011 ★★★★★☆ | 74% | 78% | 28% | 29% |
|  | Fiat Freemont | 2011 ★★★★★ | 83% | 82% | 50% | 71% |
|  | Fiat Panda | 2011 ★★★★★☆ | 82% | 63% | 49% | 43% |
|  | Ford Focus | 2011 ★★★★★ | 92% | 82% | 72% | 71% |
|  | Ford Ranger | 2011 ★★★★★ | 96% | 86% | 81% | 71% |

| MAKE | MODEL | OVERALL RATING | ADULT OCCUPANT | CHILD OCCUPANT | PEDESTRIAN | SAFETY ASSIST |
|---|--|--|---|---|---|---|
|  | Geely Emgrand EC7 | 2011  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Hyundai i40 | 2011  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Hyundai ix20 | 2011  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Hyundai Veloster | 2011  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Jaguar XF | 2011  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Jeep Grand Cherokee | 2011  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Kia Picanto | 2011  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Kia Rio | 2011  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Lancia Thema | 2011  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Lancia Voyager | 2011  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Lexus CT200h | 2011  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Mercedes Benz B Class | 2011  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Mercedes Benz M-Class | 2011  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Mercedes C-Class Coupe | 2011  |  |  |  |  |
|  | MG6 | 2011  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Mitsubishi ASX | 2011  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Mitsubishi i-MiEV | 2011  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Nissan Juke | 2011  |  |  |  |  |

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|---|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------|---------------|
|  | Nissan LEAF | 2011 ★★★★★ | 89% | 83% | 65% | 84% |
|  | Opel/Vauxhall Ampera | 2011 ★★★★★ | 85% | 78% | 41% | 86% |
|  | Opel/Vauxhall Astra GTC | 2011 ★★★★★ | 91% | 79% | 50% | 71% |
|  | Opel/Vauxhall Zafira Tourer | 2011 ★★★★★ | 94% | 83% | 53% | 86% |
|  | Peugeot 508 | 2011 ★★★★★ | 90% | 87% | 41% | 97% |
|  | Peugeot iOn | 2011 ★★★★★☆ | 73% | 78% | 48% | 86% |
|  | Range Rover Evoque | 2011 ★★★★★ | 86% | 75% | 41% | 86% |
|  | Renault Fluence ZE | 2011 ★★★★★☆ | 72% | 83% | 37% | 84% |
|  | Seat Mii | 2011 ★★★★★ | 89% | 80% | 46% | 86% |
|  | Skoda Citigo | 2011 ★★★★★ | 89% | 80% | 46% | 86% |
|  | Subaru XV | 2011 ★★★★★ | 86% | 90% | 64% | 86% |
|  | Toyota Yaris | 2011 ★★★★★ | 89% | 81% | 60% | 86% |
|  | Volvo V60 | 2011 ★★★★★ | 94% | 82% | 64% | 100% |
|  | VW Golf Cabriolet | 2011 ★★★★★ | 96% | 86% | 53% | 71% |
|  | VW Beetle | 2011 ★★★★★ | 92% | 90% | 53% | 86% |
|  | VW Jetta | 2011 ★★★★★ | 94% | 86% | 56% | 71% |
|  | VW up! | 2011 ★★★★★ | 89% | 80% | 46% | 86% |