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Euro NCAP's standard set for upcoming electric and range-extender cars

Euro NCAP reveals the results of six new cars, including the first 5 star overall rating for a fully electric vehicle.

Placed at the centre of attention of this quarterly release is the five-door mid-size electric hatchback **Nissan LEAF**, the first of its kind to achieve Euro NCAP 5 star overall rating. The LEAF has a specially designed battery pack below the rear-seat compartment, making sure that not only occupants are well protected in a crash, but also that the risks of battery damage or high voltage leaking are reduced to zero. Michiel van Ratingen, Euro NCAP Secretary General, says: 'The Nissan LEAF proves that EVs can be equally safe as common cars. The standard is now set for the next generation of cars on the European market'.

Another car stealing the show this month is the 3rd generation C-segment **Ford Focus**, also achieving the 5 stars. The newest generation of Focus is continuing the safety record of the previous generations against tougher 2011 Euro NCAP requirements, with a noteworthy performance of 72% on pedestrian protection. New, however, are the additional active safety and driver assistance systems available on the Focus, two of which - Active City Stop and Lane Keeping Aid - are given Euro NCAP Advanced rewards for their respective safety benefits.

Also released this month is the **Volvo V60** with an overall rating of 5 stars. This premium sports wagon is equipped as standard with safety systems such as ESC, seatbelt reminder and a driver-set speed limitation device, leading to a maximum 100% score for Safety Assist. The car also has Volvo City Safety as standard equipment, a technology recently rewarded under Euro NCAP Advanced.

Peugeot's latest D-segment sedan, the 508, and **Citroën's DS4** both achieved a 5 star rating. The **Peugeot 508** demonstrated good protection against whiplash injuries in a rear-end collision, the Citroën DS4 being rated as marginal in this regard. In child protection, the two French cars, along with the 5 star-rewarded **Lexus CT200h**, provided a means to use a rearward-facing child restraint safely in the front passenger seat while providing clear, unambiguous information to the driver about the status of the airbag. Provision for this, along with other factors, is reflected in good child protection scores particularly for the Peugeot 508. The cars are respectively fitted with Citroën Localized Emergency Call and Peugeot Connect SOS, two technologies rewarded by Euro NCAP Advanced. However, both PSA Peugeot Citroën vehicles still have relatively poor scores in pedestrian protection, close to the lower limit currently set by Euro NCAP for a 5 star rating. In 2012, to achieve 5 stars, Euro NCAP will increase the percentage of pedestrian scores from 40% to 60%.

Detailed information on these results and on the safety of the rewarded technologies can now be found on www.euroncap.com. For media information, contact Marie Bresseur, Euro NCAP Communications Manager at marie.brasseur@euroncap.com or +32 2 4007746.

MAKE AND MODEL	CLASS	YEAR OF TEST	EURO NCAP ADVANCED	OVERALL SCORE
Citroën DS4 (LHD)	Small Family	2011	2010 Localized Emergency Call	5 stars
Ford Focus (LHD)	Small Family	2011	2011 Active City Stop & Lane Keeping Aid	5 stars
Lexus CT200h (RHD)	Small Family	2011	-	5 stars
Nissan LEAF (RHD)	Small Family	2011	-	5 stars
Peugeot 508 (LHD)	Large Family	2011	2010 Peugeot Connect SOS	5 stars
Volvo V60 (LHD)	Large Family	2011	2010 City Safety	5 stars

About Euro NCAP

Euro NCAP organizes crash tests on new vehicles and provides motoring consumers with a realistic and independent assessment of the safety performance of some of the most popular cars sold in Europe. Established in 1997 and backed by several European Governments, motoring, consumer and insurance organizations, Euro NCAP has rapidly become a catalyst for encouraging significant safety improvements to new car design. Visit our website: www.euroncap.com

Editors' notes

1. Consumers should be aware that not all cars are comparable due to their varying size and weight. For comparable cars please consult our website www.euroncap.com.
2. Euro NCAP's overall rating includes Adult Occupant Protection, Child Occupant Protection, Pedestrian Protection and Safety Assist. Vehicles are awarded a single overall score from one to five stars. The assessment incorporates Rear Impact (Whiplash) testing, the availability of ESC and the presence of speed limitation devices. The overall rating is based on the car's performance in each of the four main areas and the scores are weighted with respect to each other. Over the next three years, stricter requirements will be introduced increasing the emphasis on all-round safety performance and demanding higher levels of achievement in each area.
3. Consumers should be aware that results are time dependent, the more recently a car has been tested, the more accurate and up-to-date the results of its safety performance. Only ratings for the year the car was tested apply for older or second-hand cars. These ratings can be considered compromised if the car has been involved in an accident.