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The latest set of Euro NCAP crash test results brings an additional reward and more 5 stars, but not everyone is ready for tougher requirements in 2012...

This month's top scorers with five star results are the Audi A6, the BMW X3, the Chevrolet Aveo and Chevrolet Orlando, the Citroën DS5, the Hyundai i40, the Opel Ampera, the VW Golf Cabriolet and Jetta.

Only the **Kia Picanto** receives an overall rating of 4 stars, a result poorer than many of its city-car competitors. Surprisingly, the new Picanto is not fitted with Electronic Stability Control as standard across the model range. Michiel van Ratingen, Euro NCAP Secretary General, says: 'Proven safety benefits of ESC resulted in new legislation requiring the technology to be fitted as standard on all new models in Europe as of next year. In 2011, consumers should expect this critical safety equipment to be part of any offering regardless of car size or price'.

Euro NCAP continues to test plug-in and electric vehicles and announces that the **Opel/Vauxhall Ampera** achieves an overall rating of 5 stars. The new range-extending EV reaches the maximum points in the side pole test as a result of a well optimized balance of structure, interior and restraint system.

Also released this month are the **Chevrolet Aveo** and **Chevrolet Orlando**, which showed good whiplash and adult occupant protection scores. Euro NCAP recognises the major efforts made by the manufacturer since 2006, when the previous Aveo made headlines with a poor struck-through two star adult occupant result.

Some of the tested vehicles have obtained high scores for child occupant protection. The **Hyundai i40** and both **VW Jetta** and **Golf Cabriolet** are scoring 86%. Michiel van Ratingen says: 'Euro NCAP evaluates child safety for each model tested and encourages car manufacturers to provide equally good protection for adults and children. We consider child protection as a very important part of the overall star rating and have plans to step up our requirements even more in the coming years'.

[Link <Learn more about Euro NCAP child safety assessment>](#)

While many cars released continue to impress in the areas of adult and child occupant protection, pedestrian protection scores are generally still lagging behind. The Opel Ampera, **Audi A6** and Citroën DS5 only just meet Euro NCAP's 2011 pedestrian requirements for a 5 star rating but none of the cars in this release would meet the more stringent 5 star requirement of 60% coming into effect in 2012. A few car makers have already stepped up, showing much higher pedestrian scores such as the recently tested Ford Focus. Euro NCAP hopes that others will follow suit soon.

Euro NCAP is encouraged to see important advanced safety systems being offered to consumers on more and more models. The largest model yet for Citroën's premium sub-brand, the **Citroën DS5**, also achieved 5 stars. The car is fitted with the Citroën Localized Emergency Call, a PSA Peugeot-Citroën technology recognised in 2010 under Euro NCAP Advanced. Likewise, the 5 star new medium-sized SUV **BMW X3** comes with the awarded Advanced eCall, a system that is able to automatically notify emergency services providing critical details of the crash event.

Another example is the Mazda Rear Vehicle Monitoring System available on the Mazda 3 tested in 2009. Euro NCAP reviewed the safety benefits of this technology that detects and warns the driver of an approaching vehicle and helps to avoid common lane change related crashes involving two or more vehicles. Euro NCAP will be present at the Frankfurt Motor Show to hand out the privileged Euro NCAP Advanced reward on Mazda's booth.

Detailed information on the latest set of crash test results and on the safety of the rewarded technologies can now be found on www.euroncap.com and on the mobile website. For media information, contact Marie Brasseur, 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
Audi A6 (LHD)	Executive	2011		5 stars
BMW X3 (LHD)	Large Family	2011	BMW Advanced eCall	5 stars
Chevrolet Aveo 2011 (LHD)	Supermini	2011		5 stars
Chevrolet Orlando (LHD)	Large Family	2011		5 stars
Citroën DS5 (LHD)	Large Family	2011	Citroen Localized Emergency Call	5 stars
Hyundai i40 (LHD)	Large Family	2011		5 stars
Kia Picanto (LHD)	Supermini	2011		4 stars
Opel Ampera (LHD)	Small Family	2011		5 stars
VW Golf Cabriolet (LHD)	Small Family	2011		5 stars
VW Jetta (LHD)	Small Family	2011		5 stars
		2009	Mazda Rear Vehicle Monitoring	

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.