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Sixteen more models finish 2025 with IIHS accolades

ARLINGTON, Va. — Sixteen 2025 and 2026 models from 12 different brands earn *TOP SAFETY PICK* or *TOP SAFETY PICK*+ awards in the latest round of vehicle ratings from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

The *TOP SAFETY PICK*+ winners include the Audi A6 Sportback e-tron, Audi All-new Q5, Audi All-new Q5 Sportback, Genesis G80, Honda Passport, Infiniti QX60, Kia Sorento, Lexus NX, Subaru Forester, Tesla Cybertruck, Volkswagen Atlas, Volkswagen Atlas Cross Sport and Volvo EX90.

The Acura ADX, Hyundai Palisade and Tesla Model 3 earn the lower-tier TOP SAFETY PICK award.

To qualify for either award this year, vehicles need good ratings in the small overlap front and side tests, an acceptable or good rating in the pedestrian front crash prevention evaluation and acceptable- or good-rated headlights across all trim levels.

An acceptable rating in the moderate overlap front test is enough to qualify for *TOP SAFETY PICK*, but a good rating is required for the "plus."

Three current IIHS evaluations — vehicle-to-vehicle front crash prevention 2.0, seat belt reminders and LATCH ease of use — are not part of the award criteria but are included in the table below. Consumers may wish to factor them into their purchase decisions.

Many of the new award winners boast improved performance in the moderate overlap front test compared with earlier versions. A few have better headlights or higher ratings in the small overlap or side tests.

In some cases, the modifications needed to achieve those gains were made midway through the model year. For those models, the award only applies to vehicles built after a specific date, which is noted in the table.

New ratings are also available for the Jeep Gladiator, Mercedes-Benz E-Class, Ram 1500 crew cab and Volkswagen Tiguan, none of which qualifies for an award.

Subpar performance in the headlight and pedestrian crash avoidance evaluations prevent the Gladiator from qualifying. It also has not undergone the small overlap crash test. The others miss out due to marginal or poor ratings in the moderate overlap test.

The most recent additions bring the total number of 2025 *TOP SAFETY PICK*+ award winners to 66 and the number of 2025 *TOP SAFETY PICK* winners to 18.

COMPLETE RATINGS FOR 20 RECENTLY TESTED VEHICLES

	Small overlap front	Moderate overlap front	Side	Headlights	Front crash prevention: pedestrian	Front crash prevention: vehicle-to-vehicle 2.0	Seat belt reminders	LATCH ease of use
2025 TOP SAFETY PICK+	G	G	G	GA	G	G	M	G
2025 Audi A6 Sportback e-tron Large luxury car					STANDARD SYSTEM	STANDARD SYSTEM		
2025 TOP SAFETY PICK+	G	G	G	Α	G	G	NOT RATED	NOT RATED
2025 Audi All-new Q5 Midsize luxury SUV Built after July 2025					STANDARD SYSTEM	STANDARD SYSTEM		
2025 TOP SAFETY PICK+	G	G	G	Α	G	G	NOT RATED	NOT RATED
2025 Audi All-new Q5 Sportback Midsize luxury SUV Built after July 2025					STANDARD SYSTEM	STANDARD SYSTEM		
2025 TOP SAFETY PICK+	G	G	G	Α	G	Α	NOT RATED	Α
2026 Genesis G80 Large luxury car Built after June 2025					STANDARD SYSTEM	STANDARD SYSTEM		
2025 TOP SAFETY PICK+	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G +
2026 Honda Passport Midsize SUV					STANDARD SYSTEM	STANDARD SYSTEM		
2025 TOP SAFETY PICK+	G	G	G	G	G	NOT RATED	G	G +
2026 Infiniti QX60 Midsize luxury SUV					STANDARD SYSTEM	NOT RATED		
2025 TOP SAFETY PICK+	G	G	G	Α	G	G	G	Α
2026 Kia Sorento Midsize SUV Built after September 2025					STANDARD SYSTEM	STANDARD SYSTEM		
2025 TOP SAFETY PICK+	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G +
2026 Lexus NX Midsize luxury SUV					STANDARD SYSTEM	STANDARD SYSTEM		
2025 TOP SAFETY <i>PICK+</i>	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G +
2026 Subaru Forester Small SUV					STANDARD SYSTEM	STANDARD SYSTEM		

	Small overlap front	Moderate overlap front	Side	Headlights	Front crash prevention: pedestrian	Front crash prevention: vehicle-to- vehicle 2.0	Seat belt reminders	LATCH ease of use
2025 TOP SAFETY PICK+ 2025 Tesla Cybertruck Large pickup Built after April 2025	G	G	G	G	G STANDARD SYSTEM	NOT RATED	M	Α
2025 TOP SAFETY PICK+ 2026 Volkswagen Atlas Midsize SUV	G	G	G	G	STANDARD SYSTEM	NOT RATED	NOT RATED	M
2025 TOP SAFETY PICK+ 2025-26 Volkswagen Atlas Cross Sport Midsize SUV	G	G	G	G	A STANDARD SYSTEM	NOT RATED	NOT RATED	M
2025 TOP SAFETY PICK+ 2025-26 Volvo EX90 Large SUV	G	G	G	Α	G STANDARD SYSTEM	STANDARD SYSTEM	G	Α
2025 TOP SAFETY PICK 2025 Acura ADX Small SUV	G	Α	G	G	STANDARD SYSTEM	A STANDARD SYSTEM	G	Α
2025 TOP SAFETY PICK 2026 Hyundai Palisade Midsize SUV	G	Α	G	G	G STANDARD SYSTEM	G STANDARD SYSTEM	NOT RATED	G +
2025 TOP SAFETY PICK 2025 Tesla Model 3 Midsize luxury car	G	A	G	Α	G STANDARD SYSTEM	STANDARD SYSTEM	M	Α
2026 Jeep Gladiator Small pickup	NOT RATED	G	G	MP	NOT AVAILABLE	NOT RATED	M	Α
2026 Mercedes-Benz E- Class Large luxury car	G	М	G	G A	STANDARD SYSTEM G OPTIONAL SYSTEM	STANDARD SYSTEM G OPTIONAL SYSTEM	G	G

	Small overlap front	Moderate overlap front	Side	Headlights	Front crash prevention: pedestrian	Front crash prevention: vehicle-to- vehicle 2.0	Seat belt reminders	LATCH ease of use
2025-26 Ram 1500 crew cab Large pickup	G	Р	G	G A	G STANDARD SYSTEM	M	M	M
2025-26 Volkswagen Tiguan Midsize SUV	G	P	G	GA	G STANDARD SYSTEM	G STANDARD SYSTEM	NOT RATED	G
Note: Small overlap front and moc vehicles of similar weight. The oth categories.	•	•	•	, ,	G Good	A Acceptab	le <mark>M</mark> Margina	al P Poor

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