

# NEW CARS



## Best and Worst Fuel Economy

Our tests show more than 60 thrifty vehicles—and a bunch to skip

**GAS IS CHEAP**, real cheap. Adjusted for inflation, the price of a gallon of gasoline in January 2015 was actually lower than during the Great Depression, according to InflationData.com. It's not the lowest price ever—that was in 1998—though it's close.

But just because gas is in-

expensive doesn't mean that you need to rush out and buy a tire-scorching fuel snorter. You can get strong performance from cars that won't make oil company barons dance a jig every time you pull away from a red light. And what's wrong with that? There's no need to waste

fuel, even if it's cheap. It's still a finite resource.

Sure, you can buy a hybrid car and go for big mileage (the details of that mathematical equation are on the facing page). But for people who don't want that hybrid compromise, there are lots of vehicles that will activate your

endorphins without embarrassing you at the gas pump.

Below is our list of fuel economy champs and chumps. And though many of the leaders are hybrids, there are several "regular" cars that get great gas mileage. Heck, there's even a Porsche on the list.

### MPG WINNERS AND LOSERS

These lists show the vehicles within each category that achieved the best or worst overall fuel economy in our regimented on-road testing. We have selected mpg cutoffs that are relative to each category. For example, a vehicle that gets 24 mpg would not be a standout among family sedans, but it is excellent for mid-sized SUVs. The worst models are the ones that got the lowest overall mpg for the class.

#### BEST

ELECTRIC CARS AND PLUG-IN HYBRIDS		MPG
BMW i3 Giga	139	1
Mitsubishi i-MiEV SE	111	1
Ford Focus Electric	107	1
Nissan Leaf SL	106	1
Chevrolet Volt	99	1/32
Ford C-Max Energi	94	1/37
Tesla Model S (85 kWh)	84	1
Toyota Prius Plug-in Advanced	67	1/43
SUBCOMPACT AND COMPACT CARS		MPG
Toyota Prius Four	44	
Toyota Prius C Two	43	
Honda Civic Hybrid	40	
Smart ForTwo Passion	39	
Mitsubishi Mirage ES	37	
Volkswagen Jetta Hybrid SE	37	
Ford Fiesta SE (3-cyl., Manual)	35	
Scion iQ	34	
Volkswagen Jetta TDI	34	
Chevrolet Cruze (diesel)	33	
Ford Fiesta SE sedan (4-cyl.)	33	
Honda Fit EX	33	
Mazda3 i Touring sedan	33	
MID-SIZED CARS		MPG
Toyota Prius V Three	41	
Honda Accord Hybrid	40	
Ford Fusion SE Hybrid	39	
Toyota Camry Hybrid XLE	38	
Ford C-Max Hybrid SE	37	
Volkswagen Passat TDI SE	37	
Mazda6 Sport	32	

MID-SIZED CARS continued		MPG
Nissan Altima 2.5 S (4-cyl.)	31	
Chrysler 200 Limited (4-cyl.)	30	
Honda Accord LX (4-cyl.)	30	
LARGE AND LUXURY CARS		MPG
Lexus CT 200h Premium	40	
Lexus ES 300h	36	
Toyota Avalon Hybrid Limited	36	
BMW 328d xDrive	35	
Lincoln MKZ Hybrid	34	
Mercedes-Benz E250 BlueTec	30	
Audi A7 3.0 TDI	28	
BMW 328i	28	
Mercedes-Benz CLA250	28	
Acura TLX 2.4L	27	
Audi A3 Premium	27	
SMALL SUVs		MPG
Subaru XV Crosstrek Hybrid	28	
Mercedes-Benz GLA250	26	
Mini Countryman S	26	
Subaru Forester 2.5i Premium	26	
Subaru XV Crosstrek Premium	26	
Mazda CX-5 Touring (2.5L)	25	
MID-SIZED SUVs		MPG
Toyota Highlander Hybrid Limited	25	
Jeep Grand Cherokee Limited (diesel)	24	
Volkswagen Touareg TDI	24	
Hyundai Santa Fe Sport (4-cyl.)	23	
Chevrolet Equinox 1LT (4-cyl.)	21	
Hyundai Santa Fe GLS	20	
Toyota Highlander XLE (V6)	20	

LARGE AND LUXURY SUVs		MPG
Lexus RX 450h	26	
BMW X5 xDrive35i	21	
Lexus RX 350	21	
Acura MDX Tech	20	
Mercedes-Benz GL350 BlueTec	20	
Infiniti QX60 (3.5L)	19	
Porsche Cayenne (V6)	19	

#### WORST

COMPACT CARS		MPG
Scion xB	23	
Mitsubishi Lancer ES	25	
MID-SIZED CARS		MPG
Ford Fusion Titanium (2.0T)	22	
Volkswagen Passat SEL Premium (V6)	23	
LARGE AND LUXURY CARS		MPG
Chevrolet SS	17	
BMW 750Li	18	
Chrysler 300 C	18	
Mercedes-Benz S550 (AWD)	18	
SMALL SUVs		MPG
Jeep Cherokee Limited (V6)	21	
Jeep Patriot Latitude	21	
Kia Sportage SX (2.0T)	21	
Volkswagen Tiguan SEL	21	
MID-SIZED SUVs		MPG
Dodge Journey Limited (V6)	16	
Mazda CX-9 Grand Touring	16	
LARGE AND LUXURY SUVs		MPG
Nissan Armada Platinum	13	
Ford Expedition Limited EL	14	
Toyota Land Cruiser	14	

1 Miles-per-gallon equivalent on electric power. 2 Miles per gallon using gas engine. 3 Miles per gallon in normal hybrid mode.

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