

Vehicle RELIABILITY

DON'T END UP HERE

Engine problems, electrical troubles, paint durability—we factor all of that and more into our reliability Ratings.

WILL YOUR CAR HOLD UP?

Our exclusive reliability Ratings predict which cars will make too many trips to the shop—and which will be relatively trouble-free. Ratings start on page 87.

Reliability

Whether you're buying new or used, check here to see how often you'll be visiting the mechanic

THERE'S NO GUARANTEE that your new or used car will be problem-free—or a wallet-busting lemon. But choosing a car with a history of outstanding reliability is one way to move the needle in your favor.

These charts are based on about 1.1 million vehicles that our subscribers reported on in our most recent Annual Auto Survey—the largest automotive consumer data survey in America.

The scores reflect the percentage of owners who

said they had serious problems with their vehicles during the previous 12 months, taking into account cost, failure, safety, or downtime, in each of 16 trouble spots. Because high-mileage cars tend to encounter more problems than low-mileage cars, problem rates are standardized to minimize differences due to mileage. The 2014 models were generally less than six months old at the time of the survey, with an average of about 3,000 miles.

HOW TO READ THE CHARTS

● Better ← Avg. → Worse

TROUBLE SPOTS

Here is where you look to see a model's individual strengths and weaknesses.

Engine, major; engine cooling; transmission, major; and drive system have greater weight because they can be serious and expensive repairs.

MODEL AND MODEL YEAR

Years in red indicate when a model was redesigned or introduced. A blank column means the model was not sold that year. Models with insufficient data are noted with a column of asterisks (*).

NEW-CAR PREDICTION

This is where you'll find how a 2015 model should hold up. It is an average of a model's Used-Car Verdict for the latest three years, provided it didn't change significantly in that time and hasn't been redesigned for 2015. We might make a calculation based on one or two years' data if the model was redesigned in 2014 or 2013, or if we lacked some data. We may predict reliability for a new or redesigned model if the manufacturer has an excellent track record.

TROUBLE SPOTS	Honda Crosstour, Accord Crosstour				
	'09	'10	'11	'12	'13 '14
Engine, Major	●	●	●	●	*
Engine, Minor	●	●	●	●	*
Engine Cooling	●	●	●	●	*
Trans., Major	●	●	●	●	*
Trans., Minor	●	●	●	●	*
Drive System	●	●	○	●	*
Fuel System	●	●	●	●	*
Electrical	●	○	●	●	*
Climate System	●	○	●	●	*
Suspension	●	●	●	○	*
Brakes	●	●	●	●	*
Paint/Trim	●	●	●	○	*
Body Integrity	●	●	●	●	*
Body Hardware	●	●	●	●	*
Power Equipment	●	●	●	●	*
Audio System	●	●	●	●	*
USED-CAR VERDICTS	●	●	●	○	*
NEW-CAR PREDICTION	Average ○				

OLDER CARS' SCORES

These are based on the percentage of survey respondents who reported problems for that trouble spot, compared with the average model of that year. (See "Average Problem Rates Overall," at right.)

Models that score a ● suffer a higher rate of problems than the average model; models with a ● had relatively few problems.

We do not assign a ● or a ● unless the model's problem rate exceeds 3 percent. If a problem rate is below 2 percent or 1 percent, it will be assigned a ● or a ●, respectively.

Average Problem Rates Overall

TROUBLE SPOTS	Model Year				
	'09	'10	'11	'12	'13 '14
Engine, Major	2	1	1	<1	<1
Engine, Minor	2	2	1	1	<1
Engine Cooling	2	1	1	1	<1
Trans., Major	1	1	1	<1	<1
Trans., Minor	2	1	1	1	<1
Drive System	2	2	1	1	<1
Fuel System	4	3	3	2	1
Electrical	4	3	3	2	1
Climate System	3	3	2	1	1
Suspension	4	3	2	2	<1
Brakes	7	5	4	2	1
Paint/Trim	3	2	2	2	1
Body Integrity	5	4	4	3	3
Body Hardware	6	5	4	3	<1
Power Equipment	4	3	2	2	1
Audio System	3	3	3	3	4

Based on percentage of respondents with problems for that model year and trouble spot.

USED-CAR VERDICTS

This shows whether a model had more or fewer problems overall than the average vehicle of that year, calculated from the total number of problems reported by subscribers in all trouble spots.

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