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IIHS AND CONSUMER REPORTS SELECT 14 SUBARU VEHICLES FOR TEEN DRIVERS

- Recommendations based on evaluations from both highly respected organizations
- Ascent, Crosstrek, Forester, Legacy, and Outback earn Best Choice for used vehicles
- Consumer Reports ranks Subaru as the 2025 Best Overall Automotive Brand and 2025 Most Reliable Brand
- As of March 2025, Subaru has received 74 IIHS *TOP SAFETY PICK+* awards since 2013¹

Camden, N.J., May 6, 2025 - Subaru of America, Inc., today announced 14 Subaru vehicles were jointly recommended by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety and Consumer Reports for both new and used vehicles for teen drivers.

Families looking for safe, affordable vehicles for recent high school graduates or other young drivers can choose from 22 new and 122 used models in [this year's list](#) compiled by the IIHS and Consumer Reports.

The recommendations are based on a comprehensive evaluation by both organizations on various criteria, including vehicle cost, vehicle type, size, reliability, emergency handling, braking distance performance, and safety ratings.

This year's recommended new vehicles are all 2025 IIHS *TOP SAFETY PICK* or *TOP SAFETY PICK+* winners. That means they have good or acceptable ratings in front crash tests, including daytime and nighttime pedestrian front-crash prevention, and the newly updated moderate-overlap crash test; a good rating in driver- and passenger-side small overlap and updated side impact tests; and good or acceptable headlight ratings for all trim levels. Separately, the vehicles must have a good rating in the seat belt reminder evaluation and include standard automatic emergency braking. Finally, the vehicles needed to score well on Consumer Reports' evaluations, including emergency handling, braking, and ease of use of controls.

For used vehicles, IIHS and Consumer Reports split their recommendations into "Best" and "Good" lists, and Subaru secured multiple positions on both used vehicle lists. All recommended used vehicles have a good rating in the IIHS driver-side small overlap test and in four other IIHS tests, plus strong marks for braking, handling, and overall usability from Consumer Reports. Vehicles on the "Best" list have an advanced or superior rating in the original front vehicle crash prevention test or daytime pedestrian front crash prevention test. They also have standard automatic emergency braking and standard headlights that have earned either a good or acceptable rating.

New Vehicles: 2025 Model Year

- Subaru Ascent

- Subaru Forester (excluding Wilderness trim)
- Subaru Solterra

Used Vehicles: Best Choice

- Subaru Ascent (2021 or newer)
- Subaru Crosstrek Hybrid (2019)
- Subaru Forester (2019 or newer)
- Subaru Legacy (2020 or newer)
- Subaru Outback (2020² or newer)

Used Vehicles: Good Choice

- Subaru Crosstrek (2014 or newer)
- Subaru Forester (2014-2018)
- Subaru Impreza sedan or 5-door (2014 or newer)
- Subaru Legacy (2015-2019)
- Subaru Outback (2015-2019)

“Subaru of America is proud to have fourteen of our vehicles recommended as safe and affordable options for younger drivers by IIHS and Consumer Reports this year,” said Jeff Walters, President and Chief Operating Officer, Subaru of America, Inc. “Safety is at the core of what we do at Subaru. Being recognized by IIHS and Consumer Reports as a top choice for teen drivers reinforces our ongoing commitment to building vehicles families can trust.”

For 2025, Consumer Reports ranks Subaru as the Best Overall Automotive Brand and Most Reliable Brand. The Ascent, Crosstrek, Forester, Legacy, BRZ, WRX, Impreza, and Outback are recommended models by Consumer Reports.³

Since 2013, Subaru has received a total of 74 IIHS *TOP SAFETY PICK+* awards.

The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety

The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) is an independent, nonprofit scientific and educational organization dedicated to reducing deaths, injuries and property damage from motor vehicle crashes through research and evaluation and through education of consumers, policymakers and safety professionals. IIHS is wholly supported by auto insurers. For more information from IIHS, go to [iihs.org](https://www.iihs.org)

Consumer Reports

Consumer Reports is a nonprofit membership organization that works side by side with consumers to create a fairer, safer and healthier world. For 80 years, CR has provided evidence-based product testing and ratings, rigorous research, hard-hitting investigative journalism, public education and steadfast policy action on behalf of consumers' interests. For more information from CR, go to [consumerreports.org](https://www.consumerreports.org)

About Subaru of America, Inc.

[Subaru of America, Inc.](https://www.subaru.com) (SOA) is an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of [Subaru Corporation](https://www.subaru.com) of Japan. Headquartered in Camden, N.J., the company markets and distributes Subaru vehicles, parts, and accessories through a network of about 640 retailers across the United States. All Subaru

products are manufactured in zero-landfill plants, including Indiana Automotive, the only U.S. automobile manufacturing plant designated a backyard wildlife habitat by the National Wildlife Federation. SOA is guided by [Subaru Love Promise](#), which is the company's vision to show love and respect to everyone and to support its communities and customers nationwide. Over the past 20 years, SOA and the SOA Foundation have donated more than \$320 million to causes the Subaru family cares about, and its employees have logged over 100,000 volunteer hours. Subaru is dedicated to being More Than a Car Company and to making the world a better place. For additional information, visit [subaru.com](#). Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#), [TikTok](#), and [YouTube](#).

1 [www.iihs.org](#).

2 Models built after 10/2019

3 Consumer Reports does not endorse products or services