
Subject: What new car to buy (for me)

Posted by [Blazer](#) on Fri, 09 Mar 2007 19:39:42 GMT

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As the subject says, I'm looking for feedback on what car *I* should buy, for myself. This means you shouldn't reply with "OMG0rz get a Ferrarri!" Of course only I really know what I want and won't make my decision based purely on your input, but until I buy one, I might as well have fun over-analyzing which car I should get, and you guys can help!

Before I go on, heres a quick rundown of the car I'm driving now:

- * 1995 Mustang GT, w/ a few thousand \$ worth of racing mods.
- * Been driving this car since 2000.
- *- It rides rough as hell (suspension was reworked for auto-cross).
- *+ It has lots of torque and "feels" fast.
- * It has a 15lb nitrous-oxide bottle in the trunk, and if used provides an extra 150+ hp (I only use this when drag racing...have not filled the bottle since I moved to Az).
- *+ It has a very nice stereo system, worth around \$3,000. Includes a trio of JL 10w6 subs in the trunk.
- *+ Whenever I am at a gas station filling up, usually whoever is nearby will say "hey, nice car".
- *- Due to being tuned for N2O usage, I have to use premium fuel. It costs me almost \$40 to fill my tank.
- *+ It has been paid off for several years, and my insurance is very cheap.
- *- I recently had to get my tires replaced, and they are quite expensive, as they are size 275-40 Z17. Fortunately, they last a long time (assuming I don't spin out too often).

Note in the list above, "+ " means its a feature that I like, "- " means a feature that I didn't like. So taking only those into account, it appears that what I like in a car is:

- * Power. It doesn't have to be tire-burning, race-winning power, but needs to at least feel fast, and be able to pass someone with ease.
- * Looks/Style. While I do get compliments on my current car, it's mostly the fact that *I* like the way it looks.
- * Gadgets. I love my current stereo that can blow dry your hair. A new car won't have that, but I would probably at least spring for the upgraded stereo, plus I'd like to have a nav system because I'm a noob and don't know how to get to most places, and well I just plain like gadgets

Note that things like "fuel economy", "resale value", "cargo capacity" are not in the list. While I do care about the environment, I figure that just upgrading to a new car will be a huge improvement over the gas-guzzling stang, so I don't feel compelled to buy some econo-box and throw everything else I like about a car out the window, just to save a few bucks filling up, or to contribute less to pollution. I don't really care what its resale value is, or its "utility rating". I want something fun to drive, for ME. If I wanted a vehicle that was an investment, I would buy a Rolls, if I wanted something with Utility in mind, I would get a big fat truck with a bumper sticker that says "Yes, I WILL help you move your furniture!".

So, with all that said and done, here are some criteria for my new car:

- * Max price around \$30,000
- * Sporty. Decent amount of power (which means no base models).
- * Gadgets. GPS/NAV would be nice, also bluetooth (so can use handsfree cell while driving).

* Looks. I like cars that are muscular and/or sporty looking. There are and have been plenty of cars that had all the above options, but look like total ass. For example, the Taurus SHO.

Now, on to the prospects.

2008 Dodge Avenger R/T

Price with options: \$29,930

Quick stats:

- * 235-horsepower 3.5-liter V6 engine
- * All Wheel Drive
- * Six-speed AutoStick® Transmission
- * 18-inch chrome alloy wheels
- * Automatic temperature control
- * Steering wheel mounted audio controls
- * Pearl paint
- * ~26 MPG

Gadgets:

MyGIG™, an entertainment and navigation audio system with a 6.5-inch Thin Film Transistor (TFT) Display with a touch-screen panel that can support 65,000 colors. The MyGIG system follows voice-activated commands and includes:

- * AM/FM Radio With 6 Boston Acoustic(R) Speakers
- * CD/CDR/RW/DVD/VCD playback
- * A 20 gigabyte hard disc drive that includes Music Juke Box for organizing music and pictures on the hard drive
- * USB based MP3 connectivity for putting WMA, MP3 and JPEG files onto the hard drive
- * Gracenote® database on the hard drive, for song identification, including composer, artist and title
- * Playlist creation
- * Voice memo recording, using the microphone integrated into the rearview mirror
- * Radio screen, which can display movies (when vehicle is not in motion)
- * SIRIUS Satellite Radio
- * UConnect® Hands-free Communication System (Bluetooth)
- * Rear Seat Video System

- * Heated seats
- * Chill Zone™—a storage compartment in the top of the instrument panel that holds up to four standing 12 oz. beverage cans, cooled by the proximity of an air conditioning vent (when the air is on)
- * A heated/cooled front cupholder that keeps cold beverages cool and hot beverages warm. The system heats to 140 degrees Fahrenheit or cools to 35 degrees Fahrenheit
- * Power sunroof
- * 8-way power drivers seat
- * Passenger seat can fold down flat, just in case you need to carry something long that extends

from the trunk. passenger seat also has a laptop holder.

2007 Volkswagon GTI

Price with options: \$31,805

Quick Stats:

200HP Turbo 2.0L engine

Fuel Economy Highway: 32mpg

Recommended fuel : premium unleaded

Transmission: 6-Speed Automatic w/DSG & Tiptronic®

Gadgets:

- * AM/FM Sound System w/Navigation/Ipod Adpt.

- * 6-disc CD changer in-dash mounted, MP3 format readable, 10 speakers

- * Outside temperature display

Recommended fuel : premium unleaded

6 speed manual transmission with overdrive

2007 Ford Mustang GT "Premium"

Price w/Options: \$33,130 (would be <\$30k if nav system and upgraded audio dropped)

Quick Stats:

- * 300HP 4.6L V8

- * 5-Speed automatic transmission

- * 18" Polished Aluminum wheels

- * 6-way power adjustable seats

Gadgets:

- * Touch-screen NAV system

- * Remote start

- * Bluetooth

- * Shaker 1000 Audio system, 6x in-dash CD/MP3, 10 speakers

- * The industry-first, color-configurable instrument panel offers the ultimate in personalization.

Mustang owners can mix and match lighting at the touch of a button to create more than 125 color backgrounds to suit their personalities, moods, outfits or whims.

Other cars under \$30,000

<http://consumerguideauto.howstuffworks.com/new-cars-under-30000.htm>

Ah hell, I just found the link above, which sure beats finding models by hand. Ah well I'm not wasting the info I already found. Bear in mind that those prices are usually on the "base" model, so if it says its 29,000, thats probably with only the few standard options it has.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [EvilWhiteDragon](#) on Fri, 09 Mar 2007 19:51:55 GMT
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If you want a new mustang that steers, you better take the Roush Mustang, as from what I heard, the standard suspension sucks if you need to take corners.

Im not sure how much it would be in the states, but a Volvo C30 might be cool to, the C30 is a competitor of the Golf.

A nissan Z350 or 300 is cool to, but might be beyond your budget

A Mitsubishi eclipse is cool too (again, not a clue in terms of costs):

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Roush mustang: would be nice, but too expensive. I was getting a specialty mustang, I would probably get a Steeda or Saleen, assuming I had 50K to spend
Nissan 350Z: more than 30K
Volvo C30: Not available in the US
Eclipse: more than 30k as well

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [EvilWhiteDragon](#) on Fri, 09 Mar 2007 21:06:38 GMT
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well the c30 is rather new, so perhaps in a little while?
Im not sure whether or not there is any volvo dealer near you in the USA, but if so, you could ask. In the netherlands its about 24000 eruos, and we get extorted by the goverment so I think it would be less then 30k \$

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [luv2pb](#) on Fri, 09 Mar 2007 21:34:59 GMT
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I have one thing to say my friend.

Subaru

I love my WRX and wouldn't trade it for the world. It is very practice, affordable, looks great, and has plenty of power to get you where you need to be and in front of the jackass!

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [MexPirate](#) on Fri, 09 Mar 2007 21:45:36 GMT
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Golf GTI, you know it will actually be well built and not have a plastic interior, plus it should hold it's value pretty well and be more practical for day to day driving. I havn't looked to closely at the others but I would bet the golf has the best handling and you got all the extras included in that price.

Don't be moaning about the fuel, I have a 33 litre fuel tank on a rover 100 1.1 and it cost me over \$50 (£30) to fill it up, the thing struggles to do more than 50mph on anything more than a gentle incline, and I just paid £112 (\$200) for a years tax. UK Car/Fuel Tax sucks ass.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Blazer](#) on Fri, 09 Mar 2007 21:46:14 GMT
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Slightly over 30k w/options, but just barely. The WRX has lots of power too, which is nice. It's definitely worth considering, thanks

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [EvilWhiteDragon](#) on Fri, 09 Mar 2007 22:15:03 GMT
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though tbh it looks like crap

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [SeargentSarg](#) on Fri, 09 Mar 2007 22:34:44 GMT
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Get the mustang premium, or the car that is suppost to be the competitor of the golf.

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Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [jnz](#) on Fri, 09 Mar 2007 22:55:02 GMT
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do what the chavs round here do. get a fiat punto and put a strip down the middle of it. and put a spoiler on the back. the *HAND* paint it with a paint brush canary yellow im sure you will pick up all the chicks

im not kidding, all the pieces of dirt called chavs round here do it.

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Posted by [Goztow](#) on Fri, 09 Mar 2007 23:49:33 GMT
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You need to like smaller cars, though, hey're the same class as the Golf (actually, Seat is owned by VW and many parts are the same) but less expensive so more money left for all kind of gadgets.

Only thing is: I didn't see an American website for Seat (USA not in the list on seat.com) so I wonder if you guys even get them imported...

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Posted by [Blazer](#) on Sat, 10 Mar 2007 00:16:39 GMT
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Again, the C30 is not sold in the US

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The Ibiza is not sold in the US. And before any Aussies suggest a "Holden", they are not sold here either

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Ryu](#) on Sat, 10 Mar 2007 00:20:30 GMT
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My brother is one of the first people in England to drive a Nissan Note, These baby's are awesome, And in a suitable price range too!

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Posted by [Blazer](#) on Sat, 10 Mar 2007 00:52:31 GMT
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Not sold in the US

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [SlikRik](#) on Sat, 10 Mar 2007 00:58:05 GMT
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Blazer wrote on Fri, 09 March 2007 14:39For example, the Taurus SHO.
Oddly enough, I drive a 2000 Taurus, and use approx \$45/week to fill my tank with Regular...

Lol but anyway, I wish I was you, who had that kinda cash to spend on a new car.

Looks like you tend to stick to the American cars, seeing as you have a Mustang, and your first

prospective was a Dodge, although have you considered looking into the Japanese market? Certain cars, such as Mitsu Evo's for example are quite sporty, although somewhat all-too-popular.

As someone recommended, the 2007 Mitsu Eclipse may be fun to drive, assuming you pack it full.

But I'm probly no help here, since my type of fun car is a small but sporty car.

Best of luck car hunting. Don't let the salesmen screw you over.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Zion](#) on Sat, 10 Mar 2007 01:34:57 GMT
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Posted by [Apache](#) on Sat, 10 Mar 2007 02:47:25 GMT
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It will have a powerful 5.3L LS1 V8 engine with displacment on demand, which should net you between 25 - 30 mpg in 4 cylinder mode.

Suppost to be priced similar to the Mustang too, fairly cheap. Knowing GM, it should be loaded with gadgets as well, and should be a pretty fun car to drive... It is on the Zeta platform, with an independant rear suspension, so the thing will both go fast in a straight line, and handle reasonably well around curves.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Renx](#) on Sat, 10 Mar 2007 06:01:18 GMT
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Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [jonwil](#) on Sat, 10 Mar 2007 06:50:13 GMT
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What about a Pontiac GTO? Or is that too expensive?

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)

Posted by [puddle_splasher](#) on Sat, 10 Mar 2007 07:02:01 GMT

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I totally agree that safety features are important. Fortunately, it seems that most new model cars have decent crash protection as far as airbags and structural reinforcement, as well as ABS brakes, etc. I actually have a bad habit of not wearing my seat belt at all

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Good point. I like the looks of the new Camaro, they won't be out until 2009 though. I think I will probably lease a car for 2 years and then see what is on the market.

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Hm seems they don't seel a lot of decent cas in the US .

Anyway, the Golf would be my preference but as said: I don't like very large cars.

Remember that European cars will always use far less fuel than American ones for the simple reason that one litre of Petrol costs 1.25-1.35 € here at the moment. Everytime I fill up my tank, I lost 50 €.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Blazer](#) on Sat, 10 Mar 2007 12:21:37 GMT
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Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [jonwil](#) on Sat, 10 Mar 2007 13:51:52 GMT
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Yanks are too addicted to gas guzzling SUVs and Pickups (such as Jeep Grand Cherokee, Chevy Suburban, Ford F-Series, Dodge Ram, Toyota LandCruiser etc etc etc).

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [JohnDoe](#) on Sat, 10 Mar 2007 15:17:41 GMT
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Posted by [Apache](#) on Sat, 10 Mar 2007 17:48:07 GMT
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Then again, it is equipped with a 4.3L V6 and an NV3500 5 speed standard, which helps.

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Both are sequentially fuel injected, and both beat the local emissions standards by a landslide.

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To europe standards 10LPH is pretty bad still, but still better then most US cars I guess.

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If you would *read* you would have saw that I was talking about their upcoming coupe, which is going to be half the price of their current roadster, and they are making a third model which will be even cheaper (around 30K), while all having the same extended range (300 miles on a single charge).

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
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Uuuuuuumph.

Charger
Avenger
Mazdaspeed3/6
MX-5 lol
Pontiac G8, if you can wait a bit
Impala
Malibu, if you can wait 'til the 08 comes out...
SAAB 9-3
Nissan Z

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I am not saying that all SUVs are bad or that all SUV drivers are bad. What I am saying is that (thanks to some "loopholes" in the US laws I think) SUVs have less strict standards on emissions and other things than normal passenger cars and therefore this is bad for the environment.

If you live in the city, never go off the bitumen and never tow anything large (e.g. boat, caravan), you most likely do don't need an SUV. You could probably get away with a station wagon or even a sedan or hatchback instead which gives you better fuel economy and less pollution.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
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You might be able to import it yourself when it isn't available at a dealer?

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Posted by [idebo](#) on Sun, 11 Mar 2007 11:24:57 GMT
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Get a Hummer H1.

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Posted by [EvilWhiteDragon](#) on Sun, 11 Mar 2007 15:26:51 GMT
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Those use like 1 litre on 3 kilometer, that is totally impractical, unless you have a legal way to get

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...someone's a douche bag.

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Do what I did and ignore him.

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Posted by [idebo](#) on Sun, 11 Mar 2007 20:19:29 GMT

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Yeah and a Ford Mustang isn't exactly enviroment free too.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [JohnDoe](#) on Sun, 11 Mar 2007 21:28:43 GMT
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Apache wrote on Sun, 11 March 2007 10:07 JohnDoe wrote on Sat, 10 March 2007 15:29 Apache wrote on Sat, 10 March 2007 11:48 My gas guzzling daily driver Pickup gets a meer 10LPH highway...

Then again, it is equipped with a 4.3L V6 and an NV3500 5 speed standard, which helps.

My tow rig, with a 5.3L V8, 300 hp, and 325 ft lbs of torque, and an NV4500 5 speed gets about 13LPH, still very respectable considering the power it produces.

Both are sequentially fuel injected, and both beat the local emissions standards by a landslide.

Us here in Northern Alberta actually need trucks. Its not just cause we like driving big vehicles. We can sometimes get a foot or two of snow overnight, and there is not a chance that a car can drive through that crap until after the bigger trucks go through. We also have to haul our own water in, haul feed for the cattle, etc.

My tow rig used to have a 5.7L V8, with like 140 hp, and 200 ft lbs of torque, and got a miserable 24LPH, and polluted like crazy, thats why I upgraded to a brand new LS1 engine from a 2006 GMC half ton.

Oh, and for you Americans, LPH = Litres Per Hundred. 10 LPH = about 24 MPG, 13 LPH = about 19 MPG, and 24 LPH = about 10 MPG

...someone's excited.

...someone's a douche bag.

Gonna cry, fruitcake?

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Posted by [EvilWhiteDragon](#) on Sun, 11 Mar 2007 22:53:19 GMT
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ok, but it isnt as bad as a hummer, and it has atleast some aerodynamic features.... And doesn't way 3 ton +

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)

Posted by [Blazer](#) on Mon, 12 Mar 2007 01:50:14 GMT

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Having a foreign car imported is not a viable option, unless you are rich.

* First you would have to buy the car outright. No financing. That means coming up with 30,000 cash, or getting a loan for that amount and wiring it abroad.

* There are many fees and duties you must pay which total up to thousands of dollars

* The car must be inspected and clear customs, paperwork etc, so you wouldn't even get it for a few months

* Then once you had it, you would not be allowed to license it to drive on the road until it was modified to meed US emissions and safety standards (a few more thousand bucks)

So in effect, to import a car from another country, be prepared to wait a long time, and spend an extra 10-15k cash on the process.

Long story short: STOP RECOMMENDING TO BUY CARS THAT ARE NOT SOLD IN THE US

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)

Posted by [c0vert7](#) on Mon, 12 Mar 2007 02:11:19 GMT

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Imported Eagle Talon Turbo. Isnt a new car but will do 140 out of the crate.

BTW my sister got one in town for 3k.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)

Posted by [Aprime](#) on Mon, 12 Mar 2007 04:55:01 GMT

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Well, no matter what you get it ain't gonna match Coolrock's Ferrari.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)

Posted by [Goztow](#) on Mon, 12 Mar 2007 07:53:03 GMT

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Quote:* Then once you had it, you would not be allowed to license it to drive on the road until it was modified to meet US emissions and safety standards (a few more thousand bucks)
You mean that you'd need to downgrade its safety and emissions standard?

But yes, you're right ofcourse: stick to cars that are available on the local market .

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [EvilWhiteDragon](#) on Mon, 12 Mar 2007 21:12:55 GMT
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Well, I dont know if you seriously informed yourself at a local volvo dealer (presuming that there are volvo dealers in the USA) as I think that if there is a volvo dealer, that the C30 should be available rather soon, as they are pretty new at this moment.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Crimson](#) on Tue, 13 Mar 2007 20:30:36 GMT
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Blazer doesn't need a car that can deal with snow. We barely even have rain here. Also, he doesn't need to "pick up chicks" since he already has the best one possible.

I vote for a car that uses a standard radio so that you can transfer the \$350 stereo I just bought for you for Christmas 2005 into it.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [EvilWhiteDragon](#) on Tue, 13 Mar 2007 21:15:38 GMT
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I didnt suggest the C30 for snow, just looks cool And its something different to the boring and

ugly golfs.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [c0vert7](#) on Wed, 14 Mar 2007 04:05:41 GMT
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PT Crusier ftw?

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Blazer](#) on Wed, 14 Mar 2007 09:09:27 GMT
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Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Renerage](#) on Wed, 14 Mar 2007 09:12:40 GMT
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Go for a 04 Integra, Fast back edition.
Its cheap, Its blingy, its fast.
Its leather.
04 Costs about 19 Grand.

Edit- REALLY tired, fucked up my numbers.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Spice](#) on Wed, 14 Mar 2007 13:57:10 GMT
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2007 Nissan Maxima - \$28,050

- * 255-horsepower 3.5-liter V6 engine
- * Front Wheel Drive
- * Bluetooth Cellphone Headset support

<http://www.nissanusa.com/maxima/>

2007 Nissan 350Z coupe - \$27,900

- * 306-horsepower 3.5-liter V6 engine
- * Rear Wheel Drive
- * Bluetooth Cellphone Headset support

<http://www.nissanusa.com/z/>

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [jonwil](#) on Wed, 14 Mar 2007 14:52:47 GMT
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Do not buy the 350Z if you anticipate ever needing to carry anything remotely large. I was picked up from a LAN party once in a 350Z (the person at the time worked for a Nissan dealer) and I tell you, trying to fit a standard tower PC case, a 17" CRT, speakers, mouse, keyboard, all the cables, my collection of CDs plus 2 people inside a 350Z is not very much fun.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [EvilWhiteDragon](#) on Wed, 14 Mar 2007 15:39:25 GMT
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I thought you didnt have a social life?

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [luv2pb](#) on Wed, 14 Mar 2007 17:21:26 GMT
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Crimson wrote on Tue, 13 March 2007 15:30Also, he doesn't need to "pick up chicks" since he already has the best one possible.
You fail to see how this relates to guys. Weather or not a man is in a happy relationship (or any other kind of relationship for that matter) does not change the "pick up chicks" effect of the desired car. Regardless of actually picking them up you still know when you "chick" is checking out your car. From there is goes into the male ego which I am FAR to lazy to type out.

Besides Crim, what is a man supposed to do while your away at things like EALA? Need to fill that time somehow and what better way than chicks you pick up in a sweet ride!

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Crimson](#) on Wed, 14 Mar 2007 17:25:04 GMT
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I appreciate the humor you intend but I have very strong feelings against infidelity. :\

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [CarrierII](#) on Wed, 14 Mar 2007 19:24:22 GMT
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I saw "Last post: Crimson" on this thread and was expecting a reply of
Quote:
Blazer doesn't have 30 grand becuase he's going to get me something.

lol

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Jecht](#) on Wed, 14 Mar 2007 19:24:55 GMT
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My vote is for the Pony.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Crimson](#) on Wed, 14 Mar 2007 20:40:40 GMT
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lol

No way in hell.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [CarrierII](#) on Wed, 14 Mar 2007 21:04:53 GMT
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Lol

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Aprime](#) on Wed, 14 Mar 2007 21:10:39 GMT
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<http://www.volvocanada.com/Showroom/2007/C30/ModelHome.aspx?lng=2>

I can import Scions from Toyota dealers (they're not sold here), I'm sure you could import a C30 from Canada without paying that much.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Blazer](#) on Wed, 14 Mar 2007 22:48:12 GMT
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Okay, this is the last time I'm going to say this.
I AM ON A BUDGET, STOP RECOMMENDING I IMPORT A CAR FFS!

I knew a guy who imported a Nissan Skyline, when it was all said and done it cost him an extra \$10,000. FUCK THAT. If I had the money to blow to import a car, I sure wouldn't import a hatchback.

EDIT: Why has this thread turned into a Volvo C30 commercial?

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [genetix](#) on Thu, 15 Mar 2007 01:37:20 GMT
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I hate to put it this way but it sounds like Europeans are just as high up there about their Volvo's as Americans/Canadians and civics...

So let me throw down my input. BTW, do you have 30k or is that your max budget with financing, etc through a dealership?

If you have the money then I would suggest go oldschool:
1970 Dodge Challenger

If you aren't into the old cars (my favourite) then there are some fairly decent cars that are new and under 30k
2006 Cobalt SS - Quick little things. Actually have power. Not just a ricer.

Other than that there are the newer cars that will be coming out soon. I wouldn't recommend a mustang. The new ones are EVERYWHERE and if you ask me they aren't even that great. Every kid and their mom has a new mustang it seems.

BTW, what kind of vehicle are you looking for... 4x4's are fun and quite a few get good mileage. Are you looking for a new dealership car or a older car? I can't remember if you had specified this already and it isn't a short topic

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [DarkDemin](#) on Thu, 15 Mar 2007 03:18:09 GMT
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I've been looking into purchasing an Avenger for myself to replace my 2004 Dodge Neon SXT.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Blazer](#) on Thu, 15 Mar 2007 05:54:44 GMT
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I specified in the first post, the one that started this thread.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [drunkill](#) on Thu, 15 Mar 2007 07:46:27 GMT
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Get an Efijy, because it's totally pimp.

<http://www.autoclub.com.au/2005/11/holden-efijy-hot-rod-concept.html>

Engine: Holden 6.0-litre, LS2 aluminium V8 with Roots-type supercharger
Power and torque: 480kW (645 bhp) @ 6400 rpm
Torque: 775Nm (560 ft/lb) @ 4200 rpm

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [OWA](#) on Thu, 15 Mar 2007 10:09:22 GMT
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<http://www.autoclub.com.au/2005/11/holden-efijy-hot-rod-concept.html>
http://us1.webpublications.com.au/static/images/articles/i1057/105700_6mg.jpg

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Man that car is sex

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [msgtpain](#) on Thu, 15 Mar 2007 14:53:49 GMT
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Get a new Ford Edge.. it's a roomy, efficient cross-over vehicle with 265hp and looks like a piece of shit

Seriously though, if you weren't on a budget, the VW Touareg would be my choice.. it's a slightly dumbed down Porsche Cayenne... How can you not love a V10 Turbo Diesel?

Personally, I don't like cars.. and my 7,400 lb GVW truck beats just about every car off the line that revs its engine at a stop light.. (minus those 100,000 dollar exotics, but you don't see many of those around NW Montana). With a few after-market parts, my 3/4 ton Duramax runs just under 500 HP with appx 875 ft/lb of torque... and did I mention that it can pull a 5th wheel?

Fuck gas economy..... actually, it does rather well.. 16 mpg average with over 20 on long haul trips. As for moving your friends couch? try looking for the newer model duramax trucks that come with an optional spine

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [warranto](#) on Thu, 15 Mar 2007 16:20:18 GMT
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Pff.. if you want to move furniture for people, this is the only way to go!

Motorize it!

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Romaner](#) on Thu, 15 Mar 2007 18:53:33 GMT
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ok it seems thir thread is turning into get some car you cannt afford or will never need for practical every day thing..

my suggestions are,

2008 dodge avenger

<http://autos.msn.com/research/vip/overview.aspx?year=2008&make=Dodge&model=Avenger>

2007 ford five hundred

<http://autos.msn.com/research/vip/overview.aspx?year=2007&make=Ford&model=Five%20Hundred>

2007 honda accord now this car has very good ratings.

<http://autos.msn.com/research/vip/overview.aspx?year=2007&make=Honda&model=Accord>

well i have to admit i prefer 4door cars over the sporty ones, since im a big guy and cant comfortably fit into them lol so this is biased.

and here are some more cars i like...

2007 dodge charger

<http://autos.msn.com/research/vip/overview.aspx?year=2007&make=Dodge&model=Charger>

and my personal favorite

2007 subaru legacy very nice cars if you ask me all wheel drive
very good rating and very good prices

<http://autos.msn.com/research/vip/overview.aspx?year=2007&make=Subaru&model=Legacy>

hope this helps

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Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)

Posted by [msgtpain](#) on Thu, 15 Mar 2007 20:40:21 GMT

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Thanks for clearing that up...

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)

Posted by [Blazer](#) on Thu, 15 Mar 2007 20:54:32 GMT

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Thanks Romaner

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [c0vert7](#) on Thu, 15 Mar 2007 23:36:46 GMT
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2007 KIA Optima

\$16,000, 35 MPG, very quiet, pretty quick for a 3 cylinder, and its huge. 4 doors huge trunk area. My mom owns one if ur wondering .

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Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Blazer](#) on Fri, 16 Mar 2007 05:57:48 GMT
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Although I am on a budget, there is no way I'm going from a Nitrous boosted V8 to a 3 cylinder go-cart lol

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Romaner](#) on Fri, 16 Mar 2007 14:38:31 GMT
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oh you know what other car i forgot to mention, the mitsu galant (the newer model, of the one i got) brand new for about 26k i believe. i have the 2003 model which looks a bit different then the new ones. what can i tell you, good acceleration if you get the v6, and overall i dont have too many complaints about it. except my window regulator busted, but if you are buying it new then its all under warranty. for me i bought mine used with only 49000km on it, back in 2005 and bought extended warranty . they are not the most roomy cars but its not a small sedan either. oh one other thing i forgot to mention, mitsu has the best warranty on the market. atleast here in canada, so look at that aswell. if a company gives you a longer warranty tells you that they are more confident in their product...

in any case make sure to let us know what you end up going with

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [c0vert7](#) on Fri, 16 Mar 2007 21:39:32 GMT
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Oh and if you buy a KIA your funding our own war against north korea. We discovered there all made in North Korea haha.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Aprime](#) on Mon, 19 Mar 2007 02:23:59 GMT
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THAT'S A V6, NOT A 3CYL.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [c0vert7](#) on Mon, 19 Mar 2007 03:26:46 GMT
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Actually a 3 cylinder v6

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Aprime](#) on Mon, 19 Mar 2007 04:36:34 GMT
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...

V6 = 6 cylinders.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/V_engine

No wonder why you suggested a pre-2008 (concept-like vehicles are coming out in '08+) Kia.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)

Posted by [c0vert7](#) on Mon, 19 Mar 2007 23:26:19 GMT

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Aww excuse me I meant 3 liter v6, but its actually none of them. Its a 4 cylinder car not a v6. And the one we have is a 07.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)

Posted by [Goztow](#) on Tue, 20 Mar 2007 08:06:25 GMT

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Let us know what's your final decision .

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)

Posted by [Blazer](#) on Tue, 31 Jul 2007 07:51:00 GMT

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Here are cars I'm currently considering:

2007 Dodge Avenger R/T
2007 Dodge Charger R/T
2008 Mitsubishi Lancer GTS
2008 Nissan Altima Coupe
2008 Ford Mustang GT
2008 Volkswagon GTI MkV

I get a discount on Dodge/Chrysler/Jeep vehicles.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)

Posted by [Viking](#) on Tue, 31 Jul 2007 08:06:29 GMT

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How do you get a discount?

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Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)

Posted by [Goztow](#) on Tue, 31 Jul 2007 08:52:19 GMT

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2008 Ford Mustang GT
2008 Volkswagon GTI MkV

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I'd go for European cars anyway, considering the continuous growing gasoline prices. European cars usually use less gasoline (for the simple fact we pay it 1-1,5 € per liter due to very high taxes on it).

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Goztow](#) on Tue, 31 Jul 2007 08:54:20 GMT
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Viking wrote on Tue, 31 July 2007 10:06How do you get a discount?

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Usually by being a good customer or working in their factories.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Sir Kane](#) on Tue, 31 Jul 2007 11:57:22 GMT
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Get this and not some gay VW or whatever shit.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Oblivion165](#) on Tue, 31 Jul 2007 12:33:37 GMT
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Thats like what? a 40k -60k car? Sweetness but I doubt the Blazer will be laying down that kinda cash.

I've been test driving cars myself and going from a Mercury Cougar V8 LX with all power options is a bizatch too. I'm going to be spending about 20,000 with 8,000 down but a car under 20,000 is lack luster on the options.

So far I've completely decided on the Mercury Milan, all I'm doing is waiting for the 2008 model to be released and Ill be all set.

(2007 model)

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Goztow](#) on Tue, 31 Jul 2007 13:20:59 GMT
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BMW = quite t3h expensive. Sweet cars, though.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [R3N3G1DE](#) on Tue, 31 Jul 2007 13:28:18 GMT
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Blazer "should" be riding awesome cars.

In the near future, he should rent one of these.

Edit: By the way, it's a "Space Ship."

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Romaner](#) on Tue, 31 Jul 2007 15:32:33 GMT
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well i would go for the nissan. reasons; import= high resale value, they have the new timing belts that never have to be replaced only readjusted, great horsepower/gas mileage combo, the new style transmission that eliminates the drag (or whatever you call it) between shifting gears. i love the new look of the altima... since it looks close to maxima and i love maximas.

a little expensive by reliable if you ask me...

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Blazer](#) on Tue, 31 Jul 2007 16:35:40 GMT
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1. I get a discount on Dodge/Chrysler/Jeep because I work for Cisco, and we get discounts on certain things. I also get a discount on Ford, Lincoln, Mercury, Mazda, Volvo, Land Rover and Jaguar vehicles at the "X-Plan price", whatever that is

2. Please don't suggest I buy a car that cannot be purchased in the US.

3. Please stop suggesting that I buy a car that costs 60K+

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Oblivion165](#) on Tue, 31 Jul 2007 17:01:48 GMT
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The Oby wants the X-plan price....Mercury you say? Milan you say?

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [sadukar09](#) on Tue, 31 Jul 2007 21:16:16 GMT
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<http://www.mitsubishimotors.com/MMNA/jsp/build.do?loc=en-us>
All your Mitsubishi shit Eclipse only 20k
Get a Evo since its barely 29k

or...get a 2003-2004 BMW M3 and trick it out into the NFSMW cover wagon

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [R3N3G1DE](#) on Tue, 31 Jul 2007 21:24:40 GMT
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Blazer, ride a car you truly like that isn't for mission airts but if it's too cheap then you might be stuck with that "car" for forever.

It's hard to "earn" that money once again, so really think about it/

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Creed3020](#) on Tue, 31 Jul 2007 23:55:50 GMT
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Sir Kane has taste....ahh the M6, an excellent example of German engineering, Bravo! Since that is definatly not what you are looking for I would support your nomination of

2008 Nissan Altima Coupe

I have a Nissan Altima and can only imagine that the Coupe must that much hotter. It drives so well I can't believe it does for how much I paid for it. Great on gas and doesn't require premium, as compared to the Maxima.

Go Japanese, my last domestic didn't make it past 200k, this one is already well past 300k.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [EvilWhiteDragon](#) on Wed, 01 Aug 2007 00:12:19 GMT
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Sir Kane wrote on Tue, 31 July 2007 13:57
Get this and not some gay VW or whatever shit.
You phail!

You should get this:

Or this:

Or this:

M6 = close but no cigar.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [sadukar09](#) on Wed, 01 Aug 2007 00:50:28 GMT
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Blazer said no cars he CANT AFFORD and no imports.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Blazer](#) on Wed, 01 Aug 2007 01:21:24 GMT
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Nobody reads.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [luv2pb](#) on Wed, 01 Aug 2007 01:28:33 GMT
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Blazer wrote on Tue, 31 July 2007 21:21 Nobody reads.
I was tempted to go find a bunch of cars with sticker prices of 59k ... but I was to lazy.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Blazer](#) on Wed, 01 Aug 2007 01:37:30 GMT
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Apparently, because if you read my initial post, I said cars around 30K

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [R3N3G1DE](#) on Wed, 01 Aug 2007 02:41:38 GMT
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Borrow money from the bank and tell them you will be back soon with money.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Doitle](#) on Wed, 01 Aug 2007 04:32:53 GMT
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You are dead set on a new car? You can pick up barely used Infiniti G35's for in the 20's. I am not a sports car guy by any stretch of the imagination. My dream vehicle is a Chevy Starcraft conversion van. However I drive cars all day. That's my job. I work at the Greater Chicago Auto Auction and so I've driven pretty much everything under the sun and the Infinity G35 blows the pants off of what has been suggested so far. I've only seen a couple without navigation systems, it is very quick, great handling. All in all that would be the sports car I would get if someone said Hey you have to get a sports car no vans. IF you want to know about any of the other cars though I can tell you about their performance, interiors, stereos. Stuff like that. I would also suggest if you can NOT getting the upgraded stereo package. Everyone in car audio will tell you to get the stock radio because they are easier to replace. If you get the bose package or the monsoon package or whatever, you have to go track down your OEM amp and try to make sure your doors still ding after you put in your new stereo. My dad's truck has an immobilizer in it with the Bose stereo so you have to fool that immobilizer if you want to replace the stereo. Otherwise it won't run at all. Just added hassle before you can use Crimson's present.

Also remember all you Euros who like to "GROMGOASZRRGG US = GASZ HGUZZLE SUVVVVVEEE", that Gas mileage is very largely dependent on driving style. If you drive a car sanely, you can get good mileage in anything. If you drive like a complete fucktard, you will get 4mpg, even in a mini cooper. The aforementioned truck that my dad has is a 2005 Chevy Silverado Crew Cab Z71. It weighs close to 5000lbs and I can get close to 30 miles per gallon highway in it. That is BETTER than some of the cars out there. Remember that the mileage has to do with your throttle position given a speed. If I am cruising at 70mph at 1100RPMs, and your Geo Metro is red lining to cruise at 65mph, I may have 2x the cylinders but you are running 4 x the revs. So before you all just start going batshit over trying to buy the smallest tiniest peice of plastic they can glue 4 wheels to to save the enviroment, bone up on your knowledge.

Also Electric Cars = sux

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Oblivion165](#) on Wed, 01 Aug 2007 04:59:42 GMT
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how do you feel about the Mercury Milan?

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Blazer](#) on Wed, 01 Aug 2007 05:03:46 GMT
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I don't really find the Milan appealing. It does seem to have a lot of "bang for the buck", as completely loaded its around 25k, and has nice things like AWD. I think I just don't like the shape of it.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Doitle](#) on Wed, 01 Aug 2007 05:08:29 GMT
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Posted by [Blazer](#) on Wed, 01 Aug 2007 05:09:12 GMT
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Some cars, like the Charger, drop from 8 cylinders to 4 when you are cruising at normal speed, to save gas. If you have a heavy foot though you are going to burn a lot of gas no matter what.

Most electric cars do suck, but some like the Tesla have it right...300mile range with a 15 min recharge, and can outrun a ferrari. Of course one could argue that electric cars are not really better for the environment, because instead of belching out emissions and using gas, they are using power from the grid which is most likely provided by coal burning power plants, which put out more pollution than the cars do. Ah well it's the best we can do until someone invents Mr Fusion

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [DarkDemin](#) on Wed, 01 Aug 2007 05:19:05 GMT
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I've test driven the Dodge Avenger and I love it. I'm thinking of trading my '04 Neon in on it.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Oblivion165](#) on Wed, 01 Aug 2007 05:22:06 GMT
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Well I'm not one of those racer types with NOS and LED lights all over my car....I have a penis. I just love cars that make the ride better, not faster. I love mercury because its the high end ford and like blazer said, all stacked out they are about 25k. Thats power everything and in-dash navigation etc. The V6 Premier is probably going to rival my V8 cougar.

Have you driven a 95 Mercury cougar? If the Milan is anything like that ill be happy as hell.

EDIT: and yeah, ford is notorious for reusing base cars. Thunderbird is just a lower version of the cougar.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Goztow](#) on Wed, 01 Aug 2007 06:37:27 GMT
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The Toyota Prius is a nice hybrid for people wanting to go environmental.

But I guess it'd be nothing for Blazer, so ain't gonna post a pic.

While it's correct your driving style is important, you can't deny that American cars will generally use more fuel than Europeans. As I said: at 1 - 1,5 € a liter we can't afford to waste the black gold.

On highways, my old car did almost 800 km with 40 liters. My new car uses more 'cause it ain't a Diezel and a bit more sportive, though.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [sadukar09](#) on Wed, 01 Aug 2007 12:04:47 GMT
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Wtf? Cars use diesel? G35 is American version of a Nissan Skyline >_> Chrysler 300 is pretty good or maybe a Charger SRT8

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Doitle](#) on Wed, 01 Aug 2007 12:39:30 GMT
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Not to be rude or anything but when you say your car gets 40 kilometers per liter of petrol, it's like saying I get 50 hectares per oz. I have no idea what it means as far as comparison goes. Sure European cars in general use less fuel because they are lighter. There isn't much you can do besides lighten a car to increase fuel efficiency. If any of you are of the physics mindset you can do the calculation to see how much energy it takes to move something standing still to 45mph. That much energy has to come from the engine. Gasoline has a certain value in joules that it produces when burned and when you do the math there is a base amount of gasoline that has to be burned based on the weight of the vehicle and nothing else. How fast you get there is the determining factor really. You burn more by getting to that speed sooner and you save gas by slowly acheiving the speed. When you see all the little tiny cars that get 40 miles per gallon, they aren't some engineering marvel or a testament to foreign ingenuity. They are light. Really really light. It takes fewer joules of energy to get a lighter object up to speed.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [EvilWhiteDragon](#) on Wed, 01 Aug 2007 12:48:50 GMT
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sadukar09 wrote on Wed, 01 August 2007 02:50Blazer said no cars he CANT AFFORD and no imports.
I only replied to SK's get an M6 post

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [trooprm02](#) on Wed, 01 Aug 2007 13:57:15 GMT
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Get a 1945 Opel Olimpia

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Crimson](#) on Wed, 01 Aug 2007 18:42:06 GMT
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Blazer drives a 1995 Mustang right now, complete with NOS, so it's safe to say he likes to go fast.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [sadukar09](#) on Wed, 01 Aug 2007 18:52:53 GMT
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liek omg crimson double posted

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Blazer](#) on Wed, 01 Aug 2007 19:54:31 GMT
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I don't have NOS stickers or neon lights and shit like that though...it's all hidden

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [pd2simy](#) on Thu, 02 Aug 2007 01:04:31 GMT
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Saturn Sky
Base Price 25k so that leaves some room to add finishing touches.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [trooprm02](#) on Thu, 02 Aug 2007 14:12:27 GMT
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dam nos? Which type? You know that using that will burn holes throught your piston chambers and totally fuck over your ignition? My guess is the previous owner didn't use it at all or very little so the engine still runs w/o guzzling wayyy too much gas than its supposed to. But thats exatly what will happen

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Muad Dib15](#) on Thu, 02 Aug 2007 23:42:23 GMT
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Buy anytype of camero. You'll be satisfied. Or a charger, or a corvette many people think that those are the type of cars you like. plus, you will get fairly decent milage driving sanely in any of these cars.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [EvilWhiteDragon](#) on Fri, 03 Aug 2007 09:51:20 GMT
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NOS will only cause that there is more oxigen in the engine when you use it. Thanks to the increased amount of oxigen the fuel will burn better, thus causing an performance increase. This

also causes the engine to run hotter for the while you use it, but presuming you don't use it every day, I'd say you could be fine.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Romaner](#) on Fri, 03 Aug 2007 14:38:11 GMT
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blazer, i think the best advice i can give you is take them all for a test drive. you have narrowed down the list already. go out there and test drive them all. or atleast till you drive the one you get sold on.

good luck

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Muad Dib15](#) on Fri, 03 Aug 2007 23:15:03 GMT
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DON'T get a saturn sky. Although it maybe cool looking and fairly sporty, it has NO room for anything. It is for people that like a cheap sporty car that won't get upgraded. Same goes for the Pontiac Solstice which is pretty much the same car. Just get a camaro if you like sporty not too expensive cars.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Blazer](#) on Sat, 04 Aug 2007 12:20:21 GMT
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The Sky is too small, I weigh more than 120 pounds

As for my NOS damaging my engine, it's not just slapped on without thought. I have a extra high-pressure fuel pump, modified fuel pressure regulator, and altered ECM which all make sure that there is extra fuel and no detonation. To be honest I don't really even race anymore, so I will probably either sell all the NOS stuff or leave it on my car when I give it to Kozar, and let him tear up some roads and riceboys with it.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Aprime](#) on Sat, 04 Aug 2007 13:19:27 GMT
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I'm going to say an RX-8 or a Mazda 6 - be aware that Ford owns Mazda, so you'll be supporting a domestic while buying an import.

<http://www.mazdausa.com/MusaWeb/displayPage.action?pageParameter=modelsSpecs&>

;vehicleCode=RX8

pd2simy wrote on Wed, 01 August 2007 21:04Saturn Sky
Base Price 25k so that leaves some room to add finishing touches.

<http://www.dragsource.com/articles/saturnsky.jpg>

And it looks so hot in real life... But I doubt that's what he's looking for in terms of performance (not to mention - it's totally impractical). The Red Line, on the other hand...

DarkDemin wrote on Wed, 01 August 2007 01:19I've test driven the Dodge Avenger and I love it. I'm thinking of trading my '04 Neon in on it.

Why? :0 But I'd do anything to get rid of a Neon, personally.

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Drive the 2008 line-up before you say anything, because the Taurus (+X) is out, and the cars that haven't changed in terms of looks have vastly improved (sound proofing, revamped interiors in some cases...).

Most non-toy electric cars don't suck, EV-1 and the Tesla Roadster are great examples of this, as well as most electric-converted cars.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Oblivion165](#) on Sat, 04 Aug 2007 15:40:26 GMT
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I am waiting for the 2008 Milan, has some standard features added that kick ass. Door keypad (like my cougar), More features added to the message center like tire pressure and other things like accent lighting for the driver and front passenger in the foot well. (Apparently you can choose like 7 colors but thats not really my thing)

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Aprime](#) on Sat, 04 Aug 2007 20:16:47 GMT
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I don't think it's anyone's thing.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Oblivion165](#) on Sat, 04 Aug 2007 20:21:01 GMT
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The millions of people who watched fast and the furious

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Blazer](#) on Sun, 05 Aug 2007 02:47:10 GMT
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I have yet to see a car that had neon underneath and racing stickers all over it that was actually fast. These guys spend 6 months allowance on the neon and an exhaust tip big enough to stick their heads into, and just because they can hear their engine rev for the first time ever they think they are now formula 1 drivers. Most of those "modified" hondas, eclipses, etc still only do the quarter mile in 13-14 seconds, which my car can do *without* even using the NOS

Anyhow I like a car that is sort of "muscular" looking, but I don't really like the racer-looking cars like the lacer evolution, WRX, etc.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [AoBfrost](#) on Sun, 05 Aug 2007 04:53:58 GMT
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The 2008 Scion XB is really kicking, made is japan~

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Image:08-Scion-xB.jpg>

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [EvilWhiteDragon](#) on Sun, 05 Aug 2007 08:47:03 GMT
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AoBfrost wrote on Sun, 05 August 2007 06:53The 2008 Scion XB is really kicking, made is japan~

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Well, it's not that looks that make it fantastic at least then. Don't know about the rest, but djees, what an ugly car.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Goztow](#) on Sun, 05 Aug 2007 16:54:27 GMT
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I'd personally rather upgrade the looks of my car than the performance of it. But I'm not into racing

or something, I just use my car as transport .

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Posted by [Doitle](#) on Sun, 05 Aug 2007 18:03:43 GMT
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Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Oblivion165](#) on Sun, 05 Aug 2007 18:15:22 GMT
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I only like boxy on military vehicles (IE: Humvee) but thats why there are so many car companies and models. Everyone likes different things.

Next time you vouch for something I would leave out the "Ma'ma said" though, kinda diminishes the voucher

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [z310](#) on Sun, 05 Aug 2007 18:46:46 GMT
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The Scion tC...sometimes I like it, other times I don't. D:

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I am generally not a fan of vans but I like this one :

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Posted by [Oblivion165](#) on Sun, 05 Aug 2007 19:40:50 GMT
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I would seriously make fun of someone driving that A-team van.

I would drive this though:

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I lol at people who modify Aveos.

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Posted by [Aprime](#) on Sun, 05 Aug 2007 19:44:24 GMT
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z310 wrote on Sun, 05 August 2007 14:46

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It's a Toyota, gtfo.

EDIT: ... Okay, I think I was just struck by a slight short-term memory deficiency because I totally forgot I had already posted, haha.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [z310](#) on Sun, 05 Aug 2007 19:59:50 GMT
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Something wrong with Toyota?

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Oblivion165](#) on Sun, 05 Aug 2007 20:00:52 GMT
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z310 wrote on Sun, 05 August 2007 15:59Something wrong with Toyota?

I don't care either way but are you even old enough to drive?

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Sn1per74*](#) on Sun, 05 Aug 2007 20:07:45 GMT
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LOL

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Posted by [z310](#) on Sun, 05 Aug 2007 20:07:52 GMT
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I'm 17. And you could of just clicked my name and found out. My DoB is clearly presented.

Why does that matter?

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Oblivion165](#) on Sun, 05 Aug 2007 20:16:21 GMT
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Picture threw me and most people don't fill out their profiles like you and I so I stopped bothering.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [AoBfrost](#) on Mon, 06 Aug 2007 02:48:22 GMT

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Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Doitle](#) on Mon, 06 Aug 2007 11:51:31 GMT
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There is nothing technologically superior about a Japanese car. They are light. Very light. While it is true that their engines will run forever, the car will QUITE LITERALLY disintegrate around it.

Also I included the bit about safety because Blazer specifically said:

Quote:I totally agree that safety features are important. Fortunately, it seems that most new model cars have decent crash protection as far as airbags and structural reinforcement, as well as ABS brakes, etc. I actually have a bad habit of not wearing my seat belt at all

The xB while being a new car does NOT do decent in crash tests.

As for my personal choice for a vehicle I almost managed to get this:

But someone else bought it before I raised the funds... Man... Very disapointing...

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [AoBfrost](#) on Mon, 06 Aug 2007 16:31:50 GMT
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Bigger isnt always better in crash test either

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japan you feel better about it....unless your a ford/chevy addict who likes American built cars....I dont trust chrystler though, their cars are made of cheap Chinese materials....

lol, "most".

It's a public image thing, and they're only building 2-3 models in the US. It really doesn't matter, there's a reason why Toyota builds its foreign plants in rural areas with no union background - Toyota employees have little to no benefits and are paid an average of \$30/h less than their domestic counterparts, the only exception to that rule is the NUMI plant in California, but I don't even think they're building 'true' Toyota products there (Pontiac Vibes are manufactured there, Matrix and Corollas in Canada), etc.

I don't give a shit about the other Japanese brands, it's Toyota, it's bullshit green halo (the only company that deserves one is Honda - Toyota is starting to Americanize itself to a certain extent) and questionable business practices that piss me off...

And there's nothing special about Lexus, apart from the fact that they have xenon headlamps they all successfully fail to stand out anywhere.

Oh by the way, water leaks in Corollas and earlier models had oil sludging issues, but nobody knows about that because barely of their recalls are publicized by the media. Some Tundras and Camrys also got major (camshafts, transmissions) component failures...

Also, expect resale value of Toyotas to drop over the next couple of years, because they're, along with Hyundai and Nissan, filling the void left by domestic automakers in fleet sales (they've cut them by significant numbers).

My money's on General Motors (although their CUVs are way to monstrous to be even called CUVs... I mean, in terms of size, because they do look great) and Ford (I was able to witness a surge in their local sales thanks to the Edge, and seeing as most new Fords are based on its design language I guess things will work out for them), we're starting to see some bold moves from Chrysler but today we got the news that Home Depot's former CEO would be in charge... The guy's a bean counter, this really, really isn't a good sign.

Hyundai deserves some respect, they've improved so much in the last 3 years... Only thing they should fix is the design of a number of their cars.

Yeah...

I can only tell you what I think of the Scion xB because that the only one I was able to ride (they're not for sale here, government regulations prevent the TC from coming here (we're know to have the toughest safety regulations along with Europe, but results are not published to my knowledge), so...) - it's not a bad car, it feels dynamic but cheapo, not exactly sound proof, either, but the engine doesn't have that agricultural feel/sound that the Corolla, Yaris and Prius have.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)

Posted by [Crimson](#) on Mon, 06 Aug 2007 17:11:15 GMT

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Posted by [Aprime](#) on Mon, 06 Aug 2007 17:15:42 GMT

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Chrysler is Chrysler.

GM's another story.

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I agree with Crimson, toyota's are reliable, previous posting said toyota and japanese cars were unsafe and no better than american made cars, he also stated that toyotas were light cars and break easily, I'd like to state a few things

1. Crimson's statement is correct
2. My uncle's toyota from the 80's is still running for about 20 years now with the same engine with over 300 thousand miles on it (same engine as the car came with) the car has never had any major work done besides a new muffler after being slightly scraped from a sidewalk curb. and the car still runs like new, no rust, no dents.
3. The scion XB made by toyota isnt a light vehicle, infact, it's several hundred pounds heavier than several toyota. If it's unsafe with 6 standard airbags then what is a 2 airbag car?
4. why does consumer report always rate toyota/lexus in the top 3 if they are so "cheap and deteriorate away"

Also, since dodge chrysler and jeep are made by the same company and same production line but just different brands, I'd think they would be cheapo unsafe cars being made in china pretty soon, My father is looking for a new car and looked at some dodge's, even a salesman told us the cars would be made in china in a few months, so we left and didnt bother even looking at chrysler jeep or dodge, the only companies we can trust right now is toyota, mitsubishi, and mazda, and maybe nissan....nissan went from made in japan to made in USA, but their quality is still very high.

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Posted by [Blazer](#) on Mon, 06 Aug 2007 21:26:42 GMT
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I had a Toyota Supra once and it had like 130,000 miles on it and still ran great...until one day

when it got a radiator leak, and my dad drove it, and when it overheated he didn't want to stop so he tried to make it all the way to work, and it got so hot that the spark plug caps literally melted...needless to say, the engine was toast. If not for that I'm sure it would have made it to 200,000 miles.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Aprime](#) on Mon, 06 Aug 2007 21:49:32 GMT
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I'll be honest - the Prius is the only Toyota I'd get, but the thing is, it's overpriced by roughly 10,000-9,000 in Canada (price is dropped to 21K in the US this year - stays at 30K in Canada (BASE)).

The Yaris is a piece of shit that has zero comfort appointments, gets well above it's city rating in mixed driving (8.0L in real life mixed driving) - I get 8.5L-8.7L/100KM (36MPG or so - mixed driving, A/C and all) in my Aveo, and Toyota screws you over with option packages.

There was a price difference of about \$80 a month between the comparably equipped Yaris and the Aveo, and I'm including the additional warranty I put on my fully (okay, I didn't option the 6 CD changer, but apart from that, I have everything) equipped Aveo (I'm calling it an Aveo, but actually it's a Pontiac Wave, you guys don't get this in the US), it just wasn't worth it.

The only thing I liked about it was its ergono... Wait, the sedan doesn't even have the appointments the hatchback has... God that thing was awful... Oh wait, yeah, I dig the exterior looks a bit, but apart from that nada.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [AoBfrost](#) on Mon, 06 Aug 2007 23:09:10 GMT
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Today in the US doesn't make you use packages, you pick everything you want, separately, if you want floor mats, then you just buy them from Toyota, if you want rims, then buy them, you don't need to buy a package.

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Posted by [jimmyny](#) on Tue, 07 Aug 2007 00:18:02 GMT
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LOL that's funny. I need to hire that mechanic!

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Posted by [z310](#) on Tue, 07 Aug 2007 01:28:00 GMT
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Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [AoBfrost](#) on Tue, 07 Aug 2007 02:21:29 GMT
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If i had to buy a truck i would pick nissan or toyota, nissan seems bigger like a ford f-150 while toyota seems average sized and makes a small truck too.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Aprime](#) on Tue, 07 Aug 2007 12:57:40 GMT
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You're fucking hilarious.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [AoBfrost](#) on Tue, 07 Aug 2007 18:34:53 GMT
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Theres nothing wrong favoriting a certain class of car over another.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Aprime](#) on Tue, 07 Aug 2007 22:24:58 GMT
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Yes, because domestics dominate the pickup/truck segment for a reason.

Go check Mike Levine's website.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [AoBfrost](#) on Wed, 08 Aug 2007 01:17:51 GMT
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Actually tell you the truth, I'd much rather buy a vespa than a car, I'm saving for one right now, but good condition classics are hard to find =/

Vespa rock, thats what I am aiming for, a yellow vlb from the 60's, or else the closest thing would be a yellow px150 from the 70's.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Blazer](#) on Wed, 08 Aug 2007 02:08:55 GMT
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It's a common stereotype that "American cars are shit", and "foreign cars are better made". There is some truth in that many American car models are cheap cookie-cutter copies for the masses, and most have a poor track record when it comes to maintenance over time. In my experience most of the big-name foreign cars have well-built engines that last a long time, but the body panels are usually flimsy and easily damaged. American cars seem usually the opposite...strong bulky body panels, crappy engines.

The exceptions to the rule are usually trucks - American trucks seem pretty well made, durable, and retain their value. The other exception is higher-end sports cars like Corvettes and Vipers.

It's also common for American cars to have more "gadgets" and/or "useless features". For example the 2008 Dodge Avenger has a heated and cooled cup holder, as well as a "chill zone" for storing cold drinks...you won't find oddball things like this on a foreign car. It also has a 20GB media center which some other cars have, but not as many features.

When you get down to it, it all depends on what you are shopping for. A cars top speed is worth nothing but bragging rights, unless you drive on the Autobahn. If fuel economy is your thing, you should probably get a hybrid or even a motorcycle.

Personally I prefer styling, gadgets, and 0-to-100mph performance. I don't have hour-long commutes so I would rather my car be fun to drive, rather than needing ability to go 250mph, or last 20 years before it falls apart, or get 100mpg (okay that would be nice but dream on).

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [AoBfrost](#) on Wed, 08 Aug 2007 03:21:25 GMT
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If you need something just for daily driving, i'd look for anything you know is good and is under 20 thousand dollars, once you go above 20 you'll find more powerful engines and useless junk like you said, a mini fridge, heated seats....heck i have even seen PERSONAL air condition for each passenger in some car a few months ago. Most cars today are becoming equipped standard with gadgets, like most cars today, even the cheap 13-14 thousand dollar cars, they come with power windows, power locks, air conditioning standard, well ok, so these have been "standard" for about 4-5 years now on the cheaper cars, but still, in your opinion Blazer, what car do you want? everyone is throwing out all kinds of makes and models.

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Agreed

I just bought a yaris in ohio for 14k brand new (manual which can be a bitch to find) a few months ago. I'd say thats a great deal for what it gives. It gets me from point A to B without taking practically any gas. And if I feel like it I can still get some speed (enough for me) and so far I'm just in love with it.

So Toyota's all the way!

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Wed, 08 Aug 2007 06:30:47 GMT
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Blazer, if you are still looking, I'd highly suggest a Pontiac GTO, as others have suggested. It is a very nice car, especially with that 6.0L. One of my few beefs with it, is that the 6-speed stick is a bit balky, and isn't as precise as some competitors. The four-speed auto might sound ancient, but it's a great performer, and GM's auto's are reliable as heck. Just watch out for Pontiac's dealers' notorious markup.

As for people who claim that 'Domestic' vehicles are inferior to 'Imports'; while that may have been

true in the 70's, and 80's, nowadays, it is just a bad stereotype. My family, have owned Ford's, GM's, Toyota's, and Mercedes' , and the only nightmare of the bunch was the Mercedes. My own GM pickup which is 17 years old, is still ticking, and with proper oil changes, has kept running reliably, with only the radiator needing a replacement. Really, people should buy based on what they like and need, not on where the vehicle is from. Plus, most 'Imports' are made in North America anyway.

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Posted by [Aprime](#) on Wed, 08 Aug 2007 16:32:33 GMT
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Well, the Aveo is an econobox built by GMDAT in Korea. It's only meant to be cheap transportation, but I agree that the previous model is a piece of crap. Fuel economy wise, it also sucks. I'm surprised about the Malibu, and I doubt that it goes in four seconds, but if it has a GM pushrod V6, then it'll definately give you some fun.

The Montana part made me laugh, because once again, I will agree that those are pretty terrible. But at least you could get the same damn van as a Saturn, a Chevy, or a Buick. Yippee ki yay!
/sarcasn

I too am looking forward to the Pontiac G8, but I'm more excited about the other Zeta-based vehicles from 'Down Under' . If it means more V8, RWD muscle, then I'm happy.

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Posted by [Aprime](#) on Wed, 08 Aug 2007 22:58:08 GMT
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Well, the Uplander and the SV6 weren't that bad.

Concerning our Malibu - yes, it does have a V6, but apparently it does 0-60 in 8 or so seconds, 8.6 if I remember correctly (pretty similar to all the other mid-size sedans available)... But ours (I was able to check a few hours ago) does it in 6.1.

There's something strange about it and I don't know what it is (it can't have the SS' engine because it wasn't even available for the 2005 model year).

(of course I disabled traction control prior to testing and it wasn't even on a flat/straight road).

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Aprime](#) on Thu, 09 Aug 2007 21:19:40 GMT
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Sorry for double-posting, but JD Power's dependability survey just came out.

<http://www.blogsmithmedia.com/www.autoblog.com/media/2007/08/jdpowerdepend1.jpg>
<http://www.blogsmithmedia.com/www.autoblog.com/media/2007/08/jdpowerdepend2.jpg>
<http://www.blogsmithmedia.com/www.autoblog.com/media/2007/08/jdpowerdepend3.jpg>

Told you GM was another story, BUICK TIES WITH LEXUS.

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<http://www.jdpower.com/corporate/news/releases/pressrelease.aspx?ID=2007130>

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Granted, you haven't seen the Pontiac version, and even if you did, I don't give a shit. :V

It's my car, my girlfriend likes it and I like it, although I'm soooooooo changing the rear speakers (bass-centric, can't fix it with equalization).

Also - I know the top ranking one is a Scion xA, but these aren't really sold on a large scale (Scion has a brand isn't a top-seller, and the xA isn't anywhere close to the xB in sales), the same could be said about the Accent (although they get better sales than xAs I believe)and but as you can see, the Yaris has not made the top three, and the Aveo was sold on a much larger scale than it was.

So I'm pretty happy I haven't bought a Yaris based on Toyota's reputation... Because it sure is going to fade over the next couple of years... I hope. :V

Can't wait to know what I'll be replacing my car (in 4 years from now) with, hehe.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)

Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Sat, 11 Aug 2007 20:42:41 GMT

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pd2simy wrote on Fri, 10 August 2007 22:47
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Actually, it shouldn't be. Buick's are driven by an older crowd, so the vehicles are well taken care of. Plus, most Buick's are powered by GM's 3800 V6, and four speed Hydramatic, so the powertrain is essentially bulletproof, and they ride on two old platforms known as the W-Body and G-Body. The G-Body is especially one hell of a smooth ride.

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Posted by [DyingCell](#) on Sat, 18 Aug 2007 03:33:07 GMT

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Posted by [superj69](#) on Sat, 18 Aug 2007 03:36:46 GMT

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ROLFMAO i cant beleive you posted in this thread and NOT the one that says PORN XD

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Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Sun, 19 Aug 2007 08:11:10 GMT
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I don't know about that, but what I do know is that my lawnmowers engine is bigger than half the vehicles' engines in England.

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...GTO is no more, nubs. G8 is coming, I don't know when, but I assume it's coming this fall along several new GM vehicles.

And rotary doesn't make it unreliable, I'd expect that POS Golf to break within days though.

Everyone knows Land Rover and Volkswagen have a shit reliability score.

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Buy the Challenger with the optional engine. It starts at 30,000,(optional 32,000) will be available soon, optional engine 425 horses handles decently and is around your price range.

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That can only be said for some Audis (Yes, Audi is part of the VW group) and BMW.

Mercedes tops VW but... Yeah. :V

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they are!

you know im wandering how many of the people that have given you advice have drivers license and how many cars have they driven. the more cars you drive the more opinions you have about whats good and whats not.

the more cars you own the more you know about what kind of make is reliable and what isnt. so i guess what im trying to say is asking about what car you should get on a ren forum is prob not the best idea anyways. since there are going to be those that never owned or have driven a car and are giving you opinions about what car you should get and be stuck with for the next few years or more!

also i would like to take an opportunity to give you some more advice lol. whatever car you are leaning towards purchasing read the reviews about it. when i was buying my car i read quite a few reviews and at first i didnt believe some of the stuff they said and dismissed it. one of which was that the heater block isnt very well made. and umm i regret it now!

i still have warranty so its not that bad but i have already completely replaced the heater block once and fixed the one that was put in once more. and now i got cold air when i turn ac and when the dial is at the very end of the cold once i move it a millimeter its almost hot air and if i move it more its full hot air blowing out! its fucking bs but im tired of bringing it in. plus since i live in north canada i dont really need cold air all that much lol.

but i think you get my point. read the advice of the actual owners of the cars you are interested in.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)

Posted by [Aprime](#) on Tue, 21 Aug 2007 23:22:24 GMT

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They WERE reliable, unfortunately something went horribly wrong with Volkswagen and although they have redeeming qualities, they fail horribly when it comes to reliability nowadays.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)

Posted by [Goztow](#) on Wed, 22 Aug 2007 06:48:02 GMT

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Aprime wrote on Wed, 22 August 2007 01:22They WERE reliable, unfortunately something went horribly wrong with Volkswagen and although they have redeeming qualities, they fail horribly when it comes to reliability nowadays.

Have you ever owned a VW/Seat/Skoda/Audi/Porsche (VW group)?

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)

Posted by [Aprime](#) on Wed, 22 Aug 2007 07:47:29 GMT

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I haven't, but how does that change anything? Reliability reports don't lie.

By the way, Porsche != VW.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Goztow](#) on Wed, 22 Aug 2007 08:32:04 GMT
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350.000 kilometers for my father in law's last VW Passat (+/- 219.000 miles) without major costs to it. That's how I measure reliability...

Porsche is the biggest actionnary of VW. They do share parts in their cars. So you're right: VW is rather "owned" by Porsche than vice versa.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Aprime](#) on Wed, 22 Aug 2007 10:51:52 GMT
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And just how old is it?

My uncle had an early 90's Jetta and it was great, too.

(guess which company has the largest number if recalls this year, by the way)

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Goztow](#) on Wed, 22 Aug 2007 11:15:09 GMT
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So because they have one year where they have more recalls, they have stopped being a reliable company?

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Aprime](#) on Wed, 22 Aug 2007 12:26:16 GMT
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I was just pointing that out.

VW doesn't make vehicle as reliable as it used to, get over it. :V

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Goztow](#) on Wed, 22 Aug 2007 14:48:54 GMT

Aprime wrote on Wed, 22 August 2007 14:26I was just pointing that out.

VW doesn't make vehicle as reliable as it used to, get over it. :V

!=Aprime wrote on Wed, 22 August 2007 01:22They WERE reliable, unfortunately something went horribly wrong with Volkswagen and although they have redeeming qualities, they fail horribly when it comes to reliability nowadays.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)

Posted by [Starbuzz](#) on Wed, 22 Aug 2007 18:03:28 GMT

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Aprime wrote on Wed, 22 August 2007 07:26I was just pointing that out.

VW doesn't make vehicle as reliable as it used to, get over it. :V

Maybe you should look into WHY a car is having reliability problems instead of reading numbers/stats from reliability reports.

The reliability problems that affected Volkswagen from 2005 onwards were all on Volkswagens that were manufactured in South America and Latin America. It was a problem with the production line in those countries...obviously someone screwed up big time. The problem has since been rectified by VW.

But unfortunately, VW's that are sold in North America are made in South/Latin America. Therefore, VW's reliability record and profits went down over the past 2 years. Since then they are on the way back up to the top and will dominate (as normal).

You are entitled to your opinions but I hope you learned something now and won't make half-ass statements about one of the most bullet-proof car makers in all of history.

P.S. My dad's Passat wagon (bought in 2002) has had NO problems whatsoever. Other than the usual replacment of worn out lightbulbs and changing oil, there is not a single flaw or problem and I don't think there ever will be. VW's are as strong as tanks FYI.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)

Posted by [Aprime](#) on Thu, 23 Aug 2007 01:03:26 GMT

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Okay, I had a pretty large reply to what you said but I pressed backspace and shit happened.

None of Volkswagen vehicles destined to the US/Canada market is made (yet) in Southern America, only Mexico, Germany and Portugal.

2 vehicles are made in Mexico, being the Jetta and the New Beetle.

The New Beetle is plagued with issues, the Golf/Rabbit has been since Mark 4 was launched and so is the Jetta, of course I can't comment on this model year but they still had issues last year.

My uncle owned a Mark 2 Jetta, which was also made in Mexico, and it was pretty bulletproof - he got rid of it in 2002.

So yes, something went horribly wrong not too long after we moved into this new century.

The Passat... Um, based on what I read it's either hit or miss when it comes to its reliability.

Touareg is *fine* and Eos... Kinda hard to tell since it's sold in such small numbers.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Blazer](#) on Mon, 03 Sep 2007 02:38:50 GMT
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Just posting a follow-up. After test driving a Dodge Charger RT as well as a 300C, I ended up getting this:

You can read more about it on my blog: <http://www.the-ownage.com/?p=536>

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Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [z310](#) on Mon, 03 Sep 2007 03:00:38 GMT
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I like that. Good choice.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Mon, 03 Sep 2007 03:19:56 GMT
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I'm not a big fan of front-wheel drive, nor Nissan's, but it has the creamy smooth VQ engine, so it'll be one great cruiser, especially on the highway.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Blazer](#) on Mon, 03 Sep 2007 03:28:57 GMT
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Yeah and the CVT is a bit weird to get used to, as it never shifts, it just revs up and goes and goes and goes

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Romaner](#) on Mon, 03 Sep 2007 03:51:37 GMT
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congrats man, really fine choice. i had my sights set on it as soon as it came out this year, i think this is its first year right?

but my insurance would go through the roof if i get a 2 door before i turn 25

nissan make fine cars... a bit expensive though huh? lol

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Blazer](#) on Mon, 03 Sep 2007 09:22:21 GMT
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Yeah it just came out. As for expensive, eh, \$490/mo isn't too bad, considering I didn't even haggle much over the price. I'm sure I could have gotten a better deal if I had another 2 hours to wear them down, but the process of buying a car takes long enough as it is, lol

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Aprime](#) on Mon, 03 Sep 2007 22:44:51 GMT
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Eh, Nissan.

You never really know what to expect with them (Altima got recalled because of an issue with the air filter that can cause it to burst into flames (with the right conditions, of course)). I'm curious to know why you turned down both of Chrysler's offerings.

So, fuck the NOS kit I guess, eh (it's a lease and it has a CVT)?

... Time? Dude, you'll be spending three years in the car, those two hours you'd spend bothering them would be well worth it.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Blazer](#) on Tue, 04 Sep 2007 12:04:05 GMT
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I turned down the Charger because I didn't like how close the center console was to the seat...it felt like I was sitting crammed up against a brick wall. The 300C was luxurious and plenty powerful, but it just seemed like too big of a car for me, and the price on it would have been \$45k....fuck that I could get a BMW for that much

Since the Nissan is just a lease, and I got the super-covers-everything warranty, I could give a flying fuck what breaks or is defective on it, as they will have to fix it for free

I'm quite pleased with the Altima Coupe so far. It has plenty of power, and gadgets galore. I smile everytime I walk up and get in and press the button (intellikey), and it greets me with "Blazer has connected" (Bluetooth pairing).

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Aprime](#) on Tue, 04 Sep 2007 12:32:51 GMT
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Yeah, they make great cars for people like *us*, except they're taking notes from the French, so.
:V

I respect what they do, but they have some issues they need to sort out, especially with lower-end cars.

Wish my Wave would have Bluetooth. I bought my cellphone thinking I'd get myself in a near-fully equipped Versa, but then I had a talk with one of the dealer's mechanics... :!

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Tue, 04 Sep 2007 22:18:36 GMT
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All this talk of new cars is getting me antsy. My big MotherTruck'er needs something else to occupy garage space with.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [luv2pb](#) on Wed, 05 Sep 2007 01:37:39 GMT
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He bought the Altima ...

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Crimson](#) on Wed, 05 Sep 2007 03:24:41 GMT
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Speaking of cars... now Blazer is trying to get me a new car... and now that my minivan needs a new engine, it's looking more and more tempting.

Yes, that's right... my 2005 Dodge Grand Caravan, has yet another problem on its list.

- 1) Something has been clunking around inside the driver's-side sliding door for months and they said they fixed it...
- 2) The brake pads were gone by 10,000 miles (ok, I drive a little over the speed limit and brake harder than most women) but every set of pads since then has been horrendously loud and squealing.
- 3) Since my last set of brake pads, there is a strange high-pitched whining/humming sound coming from the back end when I turn the wheel towards the left while moving at any speed.
- 4) The service department for the dealership SUCKS. Horrible customer service, and they don't even DO everything they say they're going to do. These dipshits actually disassembled my entire gas tank system before discovering that the "problem" I described wasn't a problem at all, but a new Federal regulation for 2005. (I wasn't even asking them to fix it anyway - long story)
- 5) New NAV disks for my GPS (new road updates) are \$200 what the fuck!
- 6) They don't mention that ongoing maintenance is going to cost several hundred dollars for stuff that sounds relatively simple. (I bought a new car with a warranty because my dad is a mechanic, which means his own family's cars suffer)
- 7) The paint job sucks ASS - I had to get the liftgate handle repainted because the sprayer at the car wash took off a quarter-sized chunk of paint when the car was only a few months old.
- 8) The DVD screen is TINY and last I checked, there was no way to upgrade it.
- 9) I need a new engine. I started noticing a tick-tick-tick sound when I started the car for the last several weeks and this weekend it got louder. I took it to my dad and he said "you need a new engine". Apparently some rod is doing that. Apparently my car was low on oil and I NEVER GOT A WARNING LIGHT before serious damage happened to the engine.

So, with all that in mind, I am pretty tired of this car. So, once I get the new engine in this car, it will essentially be at 0 miles again and I'm going to trade it in and get my ass on a lease. I had an outstanding interest rate and after over 3 years I'm just barely coming close to maybe not being upside-down on the damn thing. I'm just one of those people who's going to want to be in a new

car every 3 years or so and I will always be making car payments so long as I am at this standard of living... so I'm going to lease it up. I'm looking at the new Nissan Quest minivan since they actually did a pretty nice job with Blazer... I'm just waiting for them to get a fully-loaded one in because I'm not going back to base models when I'm used to backup sensors, GPS, DVD player, and leather seats. Plus Blazer's bluetooth thing is fucking awesome and the Intellikey is, too... and the fully loaded Quest allegedly has those things, and a backup camera too. :)

I just need to get past the hurdle of this new engine. I am daring them to deny my warranty for it...

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Wed, 05 Sep 2007 05:21:42 GMT
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I'd avoid the Quest, to be honest. It's a decent van, but reliability has been inconsistent. I'm not a big fan of it's styling, but that is subjective.

The new Chrysler vans debut soon, and they look like they will continue Chrysler's dominance of the market. However, I'm not a huge fan of Chrysler quality, and sounds as if you aren't either. Of course, if you like to be a bit badass, the Dodge Magnum with the 3.5L V6 or the HEMI is a great vehicle, and is based on a Mercedes platform. You do sacrifice space, and you get some bigger blind spots in exchange for the 'cool' factor though.

General Motors has also released some attractive new tall wagons, which the industry calls 'crossovers'. The Saturn Outlook and GMC Acadia would be in a similar price range as a Nissan Quest, and are better vehicles all around. The Saturn is cheaper, and exhibits a different styling flair, and the GMC is geared to a more upmarket buyer. Plus, both engines run an efficient 3.6L V6 engine that has smooth performance, and is decent at the pumps, thanks to it being mated to a six-speed automatic transmission.

As for your current van, I suggest you find a Mopar forum and take your story there. These guys are the biggest and they may be able to help you find a solution. If anything, they may be able to arm you with any Technical Service Bulletin's, and other information on your van, especially its engine, which I am guessing is the pushrod 3.8L. Ignore the forum n00bs (it's a Mopar forum) and see if anyone can provide you with some insight.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Romaner](#) on Wed, 05 Sep 2007 05:34:16 GMT
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i have a question to you crimson, and blazer. (or whoever else leases their cars) i have never been able to understand why it is a good idea to lease cars? i mean when you buy a vehicle you could make your payments to be for the same time period as the warranty which is usually like 3-5 years. and after that once the warranty is up and you have finished paying it off you could trade it in and get another car... as with a lease you are paying almost the same price, you have the same warranty (or is it under warranty for as long as your lease?) and after your lease is up they

give you the option of either buying the car for pretty cheap price, or moving on to a different car.

is there anything that i have missed or dont know? because to me it seems that it is better for you to buy the car rather than lease it. since in the end you end up having it rather than paying a little less and not owening it when the lease is up.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Aprime](#) on Wed, 05 Sep 2007 13:48:43 GMT
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Yeah, the Outlook and Acadia are massively awesome, you should check them out.

Check out Hyundai's offerings as well, they have this year's best minivan and Hyundai's new cars are known to be reliable. I think CUVs (if you really need to go large) are the way to go, though.

I wouldn't count on Chrysler for anything. Sure, their new GC looks bundled with a ton of useful features, but based on your experience and the experience of the majority of Chrysler minivan owners, avoid them at all costs.

A vehicle like the Caliber should do OKAY in terms of reliability, as it was developed in partnership with Mitsubishi, but the rest... Chrysler has a lot to learn, and let's just say that the old DaimlerChrysler marriage didn't exactly improve its situation, either.

Ah, almost forgot: The Ford Edge and/or CX-7 should be on your list, as well. They're both extremely reliable and if you can wait for the 08 models, you'll have the chance to equip it with Sync, which should prove to be a much better gadget hub than what Blazer got.

As for the lease thing: there's a cost advantage (I don't know about you, but here, it's about 150-200 less per month than financing, even with 0% interest), a service advantage (as opposed to financing, they rarely let you down - they can't actually, considering the financing division of say, company XYZ will look after you), and when it's a vehicle that depreciates rather quickly/sharply, you're better off giving the burden related to selling the car to the financing company. Such can't be said for Toyota, yet - leasing with them is totally advantage-less and you're really, really better off financing it (no cost advantage whatsoever and they traditionally retain their value better than domestics (as stated, this situation is prone to change)), and if your next vehicle turns out to be from the same company, you usually get a pretty sweet deal if you lease another car from them (brand loyalty can financially pay off, sometimes)... That pretty much covers it... Oh yeah, since it costs less it allows you to get a much better car than you could usually afford (for instance: I got a 20K car (it's fully equipped and cars are generally overpriced here, don't ask me why) which, in reality, I couldn't afford, but having the opportunity to lease it made it affordable.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)

Posted by [AoBfrost](#) on Wed, 05 Sep 2007 13:53:09 GMT

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People who lease cars are sometimes smart, I have 3 neighbors which all lease their cars and buy a new car every year or two, one of them leases a new car usually fancy ones too, I guess it's like paying for car payments but cheaper, and you can switch cars easily unlike owning a car, to buy a new car when you own one that's working fine is silly, because then you have 2 good cars, but then to "switch" your car for another by leasing, it's easier.....I dunno, for me, I rather buy and own the car, but some people like to try out every car on the market, or every model of their favorite company.....nothing wrong with that.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)

Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Wed, 05 Sep 2007 16:47:37 GMT

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I totally forgot about the Ford Edge. It's a bit smaller than other crossover's, but like Aprime mentioned, it'll have 'Sync' which is really a jack-of-all trades media integration system.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ford_Sync

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)

Posted by [Crimson](#) on Wed, 05 Sep 2007 17:35:30 GMT

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Leasing is for people who always want to be driving a new car and can afford to always have a car payment. You'll never own a car outright, but you'll get into new cars more often than owning them. You also shouldn't lease if you drive more than 12,000-15,000 miles each year.

Sure, it's not SENSIBLE, but not everyone wants to drive a car into the ground and deal with costly repairs once the warranty is up and the mileage gets high. Leasing puts you in a new car with a warrant every few years.

Compare this:

I bought my car for an original loan amount of something like \$32k. This was a \$719/month payment for a 6 year loan. (I actually got a pretty good deal overall considering I have about \$2000 upside-down on my previous car, I purchased extra warranty extensions, and once you add in all the taxes and licensing fees, the car's sticker price was \$32k, so I got then to take a good chunk of it off in negotiation.

Anyway, I refinanced about 18 months ago to bring my payment down to \$641/month. Now I've had the car since May 2004 and I currently owe about \$20k on it. The Blue Book price, if I bought the car from a dealership (meaning it would be dent-free and inspected/fixed and certified) is about \$18k. So I'm still upside-down after 39 months of payments.

But if I LEASED for 39 months (which is a strange, but common lease term, and the same one Blazer got) then I am guaranteed NOT to be upside-down AND I can turn the car in and start over

with a new one. The only way you could still owe money on a lease return is if you turn it in damaged or go over your allowed miles.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Romaner](#) on Wed, 05 Sep 2007 19:32:21 GMT
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and thats exactly it. since you had a dodge its a domestic vehicle and it depreciates greatly. so buying it might prove to be a bad choice since even the warranty on them is relatively low. and if you dont drive much i guess you are fine since like you said you have a set milage limit or you have to pay extra for going over.

however it only seems as a good alternative when buying a domestic car. if you go imports then it will probably not work for some brands. like toyota, honda, mitsubishi and perhaps some german makes that keep their value good. i mean if it keeps its value then why not buy it since 3-4 years later its still a pretty good and relatively new car, and it will still keep some value so you could trade it in. and imports have better warranty, for example the mitsu here have 5year, 100k (kilometers not miles) warranty which is the best i have seen. and they hold their value pretty good.

in 2005 i bought a 2003 galant and it was 13.6k\$ cdn after the extended warranty and all the taxes and whatnot it was about 18k. now if i go to check for what they sell them its still 12-14k depending on milage. and i only have 85k kilometers on mine so its about 13k so it kept its value relatively well and im going to pay it off in 2 more years and by then it will probably be around 9k or hopefully more. so it will make a nice downpayment on my next car. now if i was to lease for these 4 years i would probably have had a nicer car since like you said i would be able to afford a better car due to a lower payment. however in 2 years time i would have nothing to trade in... and they would take this car from me aswell.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Crimson](#) on Wed, 05 Sep 2007 19:44:18 GMT
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Well, when you lease you are essentially paying for the expected depreciation of the car. There is an option at the end of the lease to purchase it for a set price. So, if the car is worth more than what it was expected to depreciate to, you can buy it out and own it.

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Romaner](#) on Wed, 05 Sep 2007 20:36:59 GMT
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but wouldnt you be paying twice for it? or would they actually sell it to you cheaper then what they calculate it to be worth, just because you paid for a depreciation that didnt actually happen at that rate?

im confused lol

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Aprime](#) on Thu, 06 Sep 2007 02:37:14 GMT
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You pay for the car's "depreciation", which is in not an indication of how it would fare on the used car market.

As I mentioned: domestic brands *TRADITIONALLY* (there are some exceptions to this rule and things should change within a couple of years, now that non-domestics are covering a much greater part of fleet sales and all) depreciate faster than their import cousins, this reality pretty much... Uh, goes away when you sign your papers - you'll be paying the expected devaluation of the car (which seriously isn't realistic at all... At least in my case) by the manufacturer, sometimes it can be realistic, sometimes not, depending on the interest rate and the buyout price... Yeah.

Just don't lease a truck (guess why :V).

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Blazer](#) on Fri, 07 Sep 2007 08:54:09 GMT
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Here are some pics I took:

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Starbuzz](#) on Fri, 07 Sep 2007 09:34:34 GMT
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Nice! 1 question: is it automatic or manual transmission?

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Fri, 07 Sep 2007 16:11:52 GMT
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Starbuzz wrote on Fri, 07 September 2007 10:34Nice! 1 question: is it automatic or manual transmission?

Neither. It's a Continuously Variable Transmission' or CVT.

It has no gears or 'steps' and allows the engine to stay in it's optimal powerband. However, driving one is weird for a while, because it doesn't shift.

Nissan has pursued this type of transmission most successfully, whereas other brands have either given up, or scaled back on their use.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Continuously_variable_transmission

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [luv2pb](#) on Fri, 07 Sep 2007 21:15:24 GMT
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Blazer did you keep the mustang?

Subject: Re: What new car to buy (for me)
Posted by [Blazer](#) on Sat, 08 Sep 2007 09:54:31 GMT
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As said it is CVT, so you never feel or hear it shift. However, it does have a manual xtronic mode, where you can shift up and down 6 gears, and it feels like "normal" triptronic shifting then. For the most part I just leave it in D

@luv2pb: Yep still have the stang. I'm basically going to give it to genlkozar.
