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

Posted by [AoBfrost](#) on Mon, 06 Aug 2007 19:29:23 GMT

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Crimson wrote on Mon, 06 August 2007 13:11 Say what you want about Toyotas, but BOTH of the Toyotas I have owned have been EXTREMELY reliable. About 3 years ago, I traded in my 1997 Toyota Rav4 for a 2005 Dodge Grand Caravan which was brand new with 9 miles on it. I'm not very impressed with my minivan with its random issues, but it has ALWAYS got me from A to B without a problem. I'm not thrilled about how poorly it's holding its value, though. It seems rather pathetic that I could buy my minivan now with DVD player and GPS Navigation system, leather seats, ALL the bells and whistles, for like \$15k. And it's a 2005 model in 2007.

It was fun to buy new for once but until I completely don't give a shit about money, I think I'll stick to used... certified with warranties, lease returns.

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.

Quote:Toyota's keep their value very well here in Europe. They're one of the more reliable brands as well (and not cheap).

Quality wise toyota is good, price wise i'd say they are cheap, here in ohio, you can buy a yaris for only 10 thousand with auto transmission if your lucky, other wise it will be 11-12 thousand, still very cheap for a small sedan that gets 40+ miles to a gallon of gas. I'd rather buy this than a hybrid just because if it will last for several years, the engine itself it made to run of gasoline, but hybrids run off half gas half battery, I have read online about a few people who when their battery dies, it is very expensive to replace, even though the yaris gets 40mpg unlike hybrids that get 50-60mpg it will probably last longer because it doesnt rely on the battery like hybrids do, those batteries dont last forever.

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