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