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

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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.

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