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

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