

Consumer Corner

Best New Family Vehicles For 2008

(NAPSA)—When it comes to the family car, every household has different needs. Where color and style once primarily determined what car to buy, now third-row seats, infinite storage space, rear-seat entertainment systems, number of cup holders and safety features top the wish lists for this band of shoppers. With a proliferation of new models hitting the roads this year, offering even more family-friendly features, choosing the best group hauler can be a daunting task for the family decision makers.

After driving and reviewing many 2008 family-haulers, all of which qualify in varying degrees as safe, roomy and affordable, the expert editors of Kelley Blue Book's kbb.com, the leading provider of new- and used-vehicle information, selected this year's Best New Family Vehicles. The editors of Kelley Blue Book's kbb.com announced their picks for this distinguished honor after evaluating each on factors such as resale value, fuel efficiency, capability and, most importantly, family friendliness.

Half of kbb.com's 2008 Best New Family Vehicles list is made up of three-row crossover vehicles,



Three-row crossovers, like this Mazda CX-9, have become the quintessential family vehicle.

Kbb.com's 2008 Best New Family Vehicles

Vehicles listed in alphabetical order by brand

- 2008 Chevrolet Malibu
- 2008 Chevrolet Tahoe
- 2008 Dodge Grand Caravan
- 2008 Ford Taurus X
- 2008 Honda Odyssey
- 2008 Hyundai Veracruz
- 2008 Mazda CX-9
- 2008 Saturn Outlook
- 2008 Subaru Outback
- 2008 Toyota Highlander



which have come to represent the standard for family vehicles in 2008 by combining SUV-like functionality with car-like ride and

handling. The rest of the list is comprised of a range of vehicles that includes a sedan, a wagon, an SUV and two minivans.

“Each of the models on the kbb.com 2008 Best New Family Vehicles list represents the best package of what families really look for when choosing a new car: kid-friendly options combined with the value, safety and capabilities that parents require,” said Jack R. Nerad, executive editorial director and executive market analyst for Kelley Blue Book's kbb.com. “As Americans spend more and more time in their vehicles each year, auto manufacturers are increasingly providing great family vehicles across multiple segments. In 2008, the three-row crossover vehicle has succeeded the wagon of the '70s, the minivan of the '80s and the SUV of the '90s as the quintessential family vehicle.”

For more information on each of the 2008 Best New Family Vehicles from Kelley Blue Book's kbb.com, visit www.kbb.com/family08. For new-vehicle pricing, reviews, video reviews, car-buying advice and more, visit Kelley Blue Book's Web site at www.kbb.com.