

Crossover SUV Takes Top Honors In Its Class



The Mazda CX-9 crossover SUV, winner of Motor Trend's 2008 Sport/Utility of the Year Award, offers cutting-edge safety technology, including front, side and three-row side-curtain air bags, ABS, dynamic stability control, traction control and roll-stability control.

(NAPSA)—Beating one of the toughest fields in recent memory, the Mazda CX-9 crossover SUV has been named Motor Trend's 2008 Sport/Utility of the Year. And according to the judges, it was a unanimous decision, with the CX-9 topping 11 other contenders in its class.

The Mazda CX-9 was designed and engineered specifically for the North American market and consumer. It is powered by a 273-hp, 3.7-liter V-6 engine and a six-speed Sport AT automatic transmission with manual-shift mode.

The CX-9 is available in three trim levels—Sport, Touring and Grand Touring—and in either front- or all-wheel drive. The vehicle seats up to seven passengers in three rows and offers cutting-edge safety technology, including front, side and three-row side-curtain air bags, ABS, dynamic stability control, traction control and roll-stability control, all as standard equipment.

It is one of the safest vehicles on the road, too, having recently received the highest possible rat-

ings in frontal and side-impact crashes by the government's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. In addition to receiving a five-star frontal and side-impact crash-test rating, the CX-9 received four-star rollover resistance ratings.

About The Award

To judge contenders for the award, Motor Trend's editorial staff conducted exhaustive off-road, street and track testing, and carefully considered essentials such as driving performance, safety and features. Sport/Utility of the Year is not a comparison test. Each contender was evaluated against three simple criteria: superiority (engineering, design, utilization of resources); significance (its impact on the market); and value (what buyers get for their money versus the competition).

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