

car buying Safety Tips

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Can we be absolutely sure we will safely make it to our destination? Do we really know how safe our vehicles are? How many of us actually take the time to research our vehicles' safety record?

It is best to do this research before purchasing your next vehicle. The National Highway Transportation Safety Administration researches and tests various vehicles and releases their findings to the public. The main crash test

program uses a five-star rating system to indicate what happens to the occupants when two identical vehicles traveling at 35 miles per hour collide head-on. Dummies are used to determine the many factors and stressors that are placed on those inside the vehicles. These tests use a five-star system where five is the highest rating (least chances of injury) and one is the lowest (greatest chances of injury).

Further information may be found by visiting www.nhtsa.dot.gov and the Department of Transportation (DOT) Auto Safety Hotline at 888-DASH-2-DOT. New and used vehicle purchases are important investments that we all make. Why not put your money into a product that provides the greatest margin of safety — it will be one of the best investments you may ever make and the returns are priceless! ▶

How do we know the cars we buy are safe?

