Road Test Results

Performance

- Acceleration: 10.2 sec (3%) for 0 to 60 mph
- Transmission: 4% (39 mpg)
- Fuel Economy: 4% (39 mpg)
- Crosstrek's Overall Mileage: 29 mpg
- CR's City Mileage: 35 mpg
- CR's Highway Mileage: 29 mpg
- Annual Fuel Cost: $990

Comfort/Convenience

- Engine noise
- Seat short on lower-back support
- Plug-in hybrid offers limited electric propulsion and battery range

Survey Results

Reliability History

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The Crosstrek is Subaru's pseudo-SUV; it's essentially an Impreza hatchback with a raised ride height and some rugged visual cues. Since it's based on the already-good Impreza, it has that model's smooth ride, good fuel mileage, easy-to-use controls, and roomy rear seat. As a result, it's ranked at the top of our subcompact SUV standings. Subaru also offers a plug-in hybrid version, which contributes to the Crosstrek's appeal, but doesn't deliver enough of a mileage improvement to make it a good value.

Best Version to Get

For the best value, we think the 2.0 Premium is the right choice for most buyers. Eyesight is a worthwhile option that can be had on all trim levels except for the 2012 model. The plug-in hybrid version is based on the Limited trim and comes more richly equipped with a power driver's seat, leather seats, a color display on top of the dashboard, keyless access, and automatic climate control.

Notable changes:

- The Crosstrek was redesigned for 2018. It has a raised ride height and similar abilities and functionality to a small SUV.
- New for 2019 is a plug-in hybrid model, which can cover 17 miles of all-electric driving.
- Updates for the 2020 model year include an available rear-seat reminder system, standard automatic door locks, and standard automatic climate control.

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