Road Test Results

Performance

- **Acceleration**: 8.9 sec
- **Braking**: 
- **Transmission**: 
- **Ride**: 
- **Noise**: 

Survey Results

Reliability History

Owner Satisfaction

CR Road Test Results

Subaru loyalists will be pleased that the redesign for 2020 Legacy doesn't stray far from the previous model, and that a host of improvements helps it rank among the top midsized sedans. The Legacy is sensible, comfortable, quiet, and easy to live with in almost every way, plus it comes with all-wheel drive, a unique standard feature in the class.

One of the first things you'll notice when driving the Legacy is its superbly smooth ride. Its suspension soaks up bumps and potholes with an uncanny fluidity that's better than some luxury sedans cost three times as much. The cabin is fairly quiet though the standard four-cylinder engine can get boisterous when pushed. The upheaved turbocharged engine has a quieter demeanor.

The Legacy tackles corners with restrained levels of body lean, feeling controllable, driver-friendly nature.

Best Version to Get

Whether opting for the standard 2.5-liter or 2.4-liter turbo (XT) engine, we would gravitate toward the Limited trim level to get the more supportive leather seats, including a power front passenger seat. Shoppers opting for the lower Premium trim should make sure to choose the optional package with blind spot and rear cross traffic warning systems.

Notable changes:

The Legacy was new for 2020, and it is based on Subaru's latest platform. It also shares many components with the Outback. An optional 250-hp, 2.4-liter four-cylinder turbocharged engine replaces the previous six-cylinder option. Starting with the 2021 model year, steering responsive headlights, which are designed to swivel according to steering input to give added visibility in corners, are standard on all trims. Changes for 2022 include standard blind spot warning and reverse automatic braking.

To read the full road test, visit www.consumerreports.org/cars/subaru/legacy/2022/road-test

CR Recommended

2022 Subaru Legacy

Make & Model | Overall Score | Road Test Results | Survey Results | Highs | Lows
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2022 Honda Accord | 89 | 31 | 1-2 | 1-2 |
2022 Subaru Legacy | 87 | 28 | 1-2 | 1-2 |
2022 Toyota Camry | 84 | 32 | 1-2 | 1-2 |
2022 Hyundai Sonata | 82 | 31 | 1-2 | 1-2 |
2021 Mazda6 | 81 | 28 | 1-2 | 1-2 |
2022 Kia K5 | 80 | 31 | 1-2 | 1-2 |
2021 Honda Clarity | 79 | 30 | 1-2 | 1-2 |
2022 Nissan Altima | 77 | 28 | 1-2 | 1-2 |
2022 Volkswagen Passat | 75 | 28 | 1-2 | 1-2 |
2021 Chevrolet Malibu | 73 | 29 | 1-2 | 1-2 |
2021 Toyota Mirai | Not Tested | NA | NA | NA | NA

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- **Recommended vehicles**: Vehicles that are the top performers in their class, with high marks across the board.
- **Tested vehicles**: Vehicles that meet the thresholds in their category.
- **Not Tested vehicles**: Vehicles that do not meet the thresholds in their category.

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- **Equal**: Vehicles that perform as expected in our tests.

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