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CR Recommended	Make & Model	Overall Score	Road Test Results		Survey Results		Highs	Lows
			Road-test score	Overall mpg	Predicted reliability	Owner satisfaction		
✓	**2022 Mini** Cooper Countryman	83	82	25	⏫	ⓘ	Agile and fun to drive, looks and feels like nothing else, comfortable front seats, roomy rear seat.	Ride might be overly firm for some, not particularly quiet, controls require a learning curve.
✓	**2022 Buick** Encore	72	69	23	⏫	🔽	Compact dimensions make it easy to maneuver and park; relatively quiet cabin and comfortable ride, particularly for the class.	Underpowered, mediocre fuel economy, restricted rear visibility, manual-only seat recline, active saftey systems are optional.
✓	**2022 Lexus** UX 🌿	71	71	37	ⓘ	ⓘ	Fuel economy.	Controls, tight interior, rear seat.
✓	**2022 Volvo** XC40	71	71	24	ⓘ	🔼	Interior abience, comfortable front seats.	Stiff ride, controls, annoying gear selector, engine noise.
✓	**2022 Buick** Encore GX	69	67	26	🔼	🔽	Strong mid-range acceleration, fuel economy, braking, infotainment system.	Engine noise and vibration, rear seat.
	2022 Audi Q3	67	84	23	🔽	⏬	Handling, braking, front seat comfort.	Loud engine, rear visibility, no heated steering wheel offered.
	2022 BMW X2	66	77	25	ⓘ	🔽	Handling, responsive engine and transmission, fit and finish, front-seat comfort.	Visibility, ride, road noise, blind spot warning unavailable.
	2022 BMW X1	64	74	26	ⓘ	🔽	One of the least-expensive BMWs, impressive fuel economy, practical-sized interior, with decent rear seat and cargo space.	Short on sporty verve expected from a BMW; surprisingly loud due to road noise; stiff ride; front deats have a short buttom cushion, reducing thigh support; blind spot warning not available.
	2022 Mercedes-Benz GLA	61	74	27	🔽	🔽	Acceleration, braking, fuel economy, fit and finish.	Controls, rear and side visibility.
	2022 Cadillac XT4	50	78	23	⏬	⏬	Handling, transmission, braking, fit and finish, front-seat comfort.	Engine noise, ride, visibility.
	2022 Jaguar E-Pace	50	69	21	🔽	🔽	Handling, braking.	Uneven power delivery, ride, visibility, controls.
	2023 Alfa Romeo Tonale	Not Tested	NA	NA	NA	NA		

HOW TO READ THE RATINGS

Recommended vehicles, indicated with a check mark (✓), are the models with the highest Overall Scores that meet the threshold in their category.

Make + Model reflect the vehicle we tested and its engine displacement.

Overall Score reflects a vehicle's performance in our road tests; the latest results from the reliability and owner satisfaction sections of CR's exclusive Annual Auto Surveys; the availability of frontal crash prevention systems with forward collision warning, automatic emergency braking, and pedestrian detection, along with blind spot warning; and, if available, results from government and insurance-industry crash tests.

Survey Results reflect findings from CR's Annual Auto Surveys, completed by Consumer Reports members.

Predicted reliability is our determination of how well a model will hold up, based on the problems that members reported in CR's Annual Auto Surveys, which include data on around 420,000 vehicles.

Owner satisfaction is based on the percentage of surveyed owners who said they would definitely buy the same car again. We use a model's latest three years of data to determine the prediction, provided it hasn't been redesigned or significantly updated. In cases where we have insufficient survey responses, or when a model is all-new or redesigned, we use our expert judgment based on brand track record and similar models to predict reliability and owner-satisfaction ratings.

Road-Test Results include CR's test findings that we feel are the most relevant. We buy and test between 50 and 60 vehicles each year, driving them for thousands of miles and putting them through more than 50 tests and evaluations. The results of these tests make up our road-test score. Some tests, such as those for braking and fuel economy, are measured with instruments; categories such as seat and ride comfort, noise, and fit and finish are graded by our experts. The Usability rating is a combination of our testers' assessments of the ease of performing everyday driving tasks, as well as cockpit ergonomics and interface design. The energy consumption of electric vehicles is expressed in a miles-per-gallon equivalent rating (MPGe). Energy consumption for plug-in hybrids is listed in electric and gas modes.

Highs and lows give a quicksummary of a model's notable strengths and weaknesses.

Why Some Vehicles Are Not Rated Certain models have been redesigned or extensively freshened since our last test, or are new. All are scheduled to be included in future road tests. Models include the Alfa Romeo Tonale.

What Our Ratings Symbols Mean

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