Window Stickers: A Guide to Vehicle Safety

If you're shopping for a new car, this sticker should look familiar. But, beginning with 2012 models, you'll see star ratings from the new 5-Star Safety Ratings System. It's simple—*More Stars. Safer Cars.* Five stars is the highest safety rating, one is the lowest.

NHTSA: At the forefront of safety.

For more than 30 years, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has been crash testing vehicles to ensure your safety. We've raised the bar once again by introducing a rigorous, new

standard for measuring vehicle safety. New safety ratings for a sample of 2011 models will be available at SaferCar.gov, but not displayed on window stickers until 2012.

The window sticker will display either stars or description ratings to communicate the new test results.



GOVERNMENT SAFETY RATINGS

Driver



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Did you know?

- 1. Every new vehicle sold in the United States must display a window sticker known as the Monroney label.
- 2. The Monroney label contains a variety of information about the vehicle, including a section that displays 5-Star Safety Ratings.
- 3. These ratings tell you how the vehicle performed in NHTSA's 5-Star Safety Ratings tests, including a full-frontal crash test, a side crash test, and a rollover test.
- 4. Since the new and old ratings are based on different test conditions, test dummies, and injury criteria, 2010-prior ratings and 2011-future ratings **should not** be compared.



Safety starts here.

