

# THE FIRST CAR LIST

Making sure your first car is safe doesn't mean having to spend a lot of money. All of the used cars on the list below are rated 4 or 5 stars for safety and range in cost from as little as \$2,000 up to around \$14,000 second-hand.

Size	Make	Model#	Year	Crashworthiness* (number of stars)	Likely to harm another road user† (number of stars)	Price from^
Small	Ford	Focus LS/LT	05-07	5	Not available	\$11,400
Small	Volkswagen	Golf	04-07	5	Not available	\$14,000
Small	Ford	Focus LR	02-05	4	4	\$6,600
Small	Holden	Astra TR	96-98	4	4	\$3,200
Small	Honda	Jazz	02-07	4	5	\$7,100
Small	Mazda	3	03-07	4	4	\$13,300
Small	Peugeot	306	94-01	4	5	\$3,500
Small	Subaru	Impreza	01-07	4	5	\$7,500
Small	Toyota	Yaris	05-07	4	Not available	\$10,000
Small	Volkswagen	Golf	95-98	4	Not available	\$4,000
Small	Volkswagen	Golf	99-04	4	5	\$5,900
Small	Volkswagen	Bora	99-04	4	5	\$6,200
Medium	BMW	5 Series E39	96-03	5	Not available	\$9,300
Medium	Mazda	6	02-07	5	5	\$9,500
Medium	Honda	Accord	99-02	5	Not available	\$5,600
Medium	Peugeot	406	96-04	5	Not available	\$3,700
Medium	Saab	9000	86-97	5	5	\$2,400
Medium	Audi	A4	95-01	4	Not available	\$4,000
Medium	BMW	3 Series E46	99-06	4	4	\$10,500
Medium	BMW	5 Series E34	89-95	4	Not available	\$3,700
Medium	Ford	Mondeo	95-01	4	4	\$2,900
Medium	Holden	Vectra	97-03	4	4	\$3,800
Medium	Mercedes-Benz	C Class W202	95-00	4	4	\$3,900
Medium	Peugeot	405	89-97	4	4	\$2,400
Medium	Peugeot	505	82-93	4	Not available	\$1,800
Medium	Saab	900/9-3	94-02	4	5	\$4,200
Medium	Subaru	Liberty	99-03	4	4	\$5,000
Medium	Subaru	Outback	99-03	4	4	\$7,300
Medium	Subaru	Liberty	03-07	4	5	\$12,500
Large	Holden	Statesman	99-03	5	Not available	\$6,700
Large	Holden	Caprice WK	99-03	5	Not available	\$7,500
Large	Mitsubishi	Magna TL-TW	03-05	5	Not available	\$7,600
Large	Mitsubishi	Verada KL-KW	03-05	5	Not available	\$10,600
Large	Ford	Fairlane AU	99-02	4	4	\$5,200
Large	Ford	LTD AU	99-02	4	4	\$6,600
Large	Ford	Falcon BA-BF	02-07	4	3	\$7,300
Large	Holden	Commodore VY/VZ	02-07	4	3	\$6,700
Large	Mercedes-Benz	E Class W124	86-94	4	4	\$4,400
Large	Mercedes-Benz	S-Class W126	82-92	4	Not available	\$5,500
Large	Honda	Legend	86-95	4	Not available	\$2,600
Large	Toyota	Cressida/MkII	89-93	4	4	\$3,000
Large	Toyota	Avalon	00-05	4	3	\$5,500
Large	Toyota	Camry	02-06	4	3	\$6,200
Large	Volvo	850	92-05	4	3	\$3,600
Large	Volvo	S70	92-05	4	3	\$4,200
Large	Volvo	V70	92-05	4	3	\$5,300
Large	Volvo	C70	92-05	4	3	\$11,600
Large	Volvo	700 series	84-92	4	4	\$2,000
Large	Volvo	900 series	84-92	4	4	\$3,000

For #, \*, † or ^ see next page.

## SAFE CARS SAVE LIVES

Australian research estimates that if all young drivers killed (or seriously injured) in crashes over the past five years had been driving the safest vehicle of the same age as the one they crashed in, more than 500 young deaths (and serious injuries) could have been prevented each year.

## SAFETY RATINGS EXPLAINED

'The First Car List' is based on the *Used Car Safety Ratings*, which uses a five-star rating system to determine a car's ability to protect a driver in a crash. These ratings, developed by the Monash University Accident Research Centre, are based on the analysis of actual records of more than three million crashes on Australian roads.

### # PROHIBITED VEHICLES

Probationary drivers are banned from driving certain vehicles.

Before purchasing a vehicle you are urged to check whether probationary drivers are allowed to drive it.

To find out if the vehicle is prohibited for probationary drivers, visit the VicRoads website at [vicroads.vic.gov.au/ppv](http://vicroads.vic.gov.au/ppv)

### \* CRASHWORTHINESS

The higher the number of stars, the less harm the vehicle will do to you and your passengers in a crash.

The crashworthiness ratings are:

1 star = The vehicle will do significantly more harm to the occupants than average.

2 stars = The vehicle will do more harm to the occupants than average.

3 stars = The vehicle will do average harm to the occupants.

4 stars = The vehicle will do less harm to the occupants than average.

5 stars = The vehicle will do significantly less harm to the occupants than average.

### † LIKELY TO HARM ANOTHER ROAD USER

The higher the number of stars, the less harm the vehicle will do if it hits another road user.

The likely to harm ratings are:

1 star = The vehicle will do significantly more harm to other road users than average.

2 stars = The vehicle will do more harm to other road users than average.

3 stars = The vehicle will do average harm to other road users.

4 stars = The vehicle will do less harm to other road users than average.

5 stars = The vehicle will do significantly less harm to other road users than average.

For some vehicles the likely to harm information is not provided. In these cases there is not enough data available to calculate a rating, so the level of safety for other road users is unknown.

### ^ PRICE FROM

The information on vehicle prices is supplied by [Redbook.com.au](http://Redbook.com.au).

The price is based on Redbook's estimated retail price of average quality cars (or, for older cars, good quality) with average kilometres. This information is accurate as at April 2010 and excludes registration, taxes and other on-road charges.

## LIGHT COMMERCIAL VEHICLES

'The First Car List' has been developed for people in the market for personal transport.

It does not include light commercial vehicles.

## FURTHER READING

Along with safety and affordability, there are many points you need to check when buying a car. For more information from VicRoads, the TAC, RACV and Consumer Affairs, visit [arrivealive.vic.gov.au/firstcar](http://arrivealive.vic.gov.au/firstcar)

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