



Five Top Issues To Look At When Buying A Car

1. Purchase price plus interest
2. Projected cost of repairs for make and model
3. Fuel consumption
4. Insurance cost
5. Environmental impact

For more information and tips on buying a vehicle, check out these websites:

www.greencars.com (American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy) Transportation mission- Foster innovative technologies, programs, and policies for increasing motor vehicle fuel economy, reducing emissions, and enhancing overall transportation system efficiency.

www.bettersuv.org (Public Citizen) Details the dangers and cost associated with SUV's. From the roll over rate to the high fuel costs, bettersuv.org calls on automakers to increase safety standards and fuel efficiency in the popular selling vehicle. Also see Public Citizen's "How Clean is Your Car" report at <http://www.citizen.org/documents/ACFC8C.doc>

<http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/NCAP/Index.html> (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration) Browse through categories of cars, trucks, SUVs, and more to learn how a particular vehicle fared in test ratings.

<http://www.fueleconomy.gov/> (Environmental Protection Agency) Find and compare cars gas mileage (MPG), greenhouse gas emissions, air pollution ratings, and safety information for new and used cars and trucks.

www.consumerreports.org (Consumers Union) Find a vehicle, research safety and fuel efficiency and more! This site lists top vehicle picks, good and bad car designs, and kid-friendly cars.

www.consumersdigest.com- Not quite up and running, but later this year you'll be able to browse online!

http://www.hwysafety.org/vehicle_ratings/sfsc.htm- (Insurance Institute for Highway Safety) Discusses the important safety differences in automobiles. According to the site, some vehicle characteristics are inherently safer than others, and many automakers offer safety features beyond the required minimums.