

consider to be unsafe vehicles. It's worth a look BEFORE you buy that SUV.

Consumer Reports Car Reviews

A free, quick-loading, quick search service on new and used vehicles.

Auto Nation Vehicle Reviews

Good site for reviews and trade-ins. But we don't recommend stopping and shopping unless you've compared their products and services to others.

Popular Mechanics Buyer's Guide

Loads slowly, but worth the minute wait. Just about everything you want to know on the new car of your dreams and then some.

Road Tests by Motor Trend

Can't help but hear that booming voice that says: MOTOR TREND CAR OF THE YEAR! Need we say more? Plug in your information where they tell you to and you can find out how your car choice tested.

Autopedia

If we had 100 thumbs among us, we'd give Autopedia 100 thumbs up. It's not a pretty site -- get it? -- but it's the best all-around auto information and advice we've found. Objective, comprehensive, brutally honest. If you can't find an answer here, then we'd have a tough time telling you where you could.

Edmunds Buyers Guide

Edmunds is one of those highly respected auto know-how institutions. They offer general advice on buying, leasing, trade-ins, etc. They also have a relatively easy search program for prices on new and used cars.

Auto Site

This is a good tool after you've decided what car it is you want to buy and before you hit the pavement to go shopping and haggling. They give you monthly sales volumes on specific cars. That's a good thing to know if you want to gauge how easy it's going to be to negotiate the final price. You can also find prices and rebates on the car you want.

Rebate vs. Interest Rate Calculator

Will a good interest rate be better than a cash-back rebate? Or vice versa? Figure it out for yourself with this Bank Rate Monitor calculator.

Extended Warranty Warnings and Quotes

If you absolutely must get yourself an extended warranty on a car, then at least visit Auto Buying Tips. They tell you what the different warranties are and exactly how to shop for one and exactly why you should or shouldn't buy.

Used Car Classifieds: TraderOnline

Used car classified ads you can search by zip code and make/model of the car you're looking for. We offer it as a used-car pricing gauge.

Best Auto Loan Rates

Bank Rate Monitor offers a complete list of local and national interest rates on auto loans.

Insurance Quotes

Insure.com is our favorite insurance website for quotes, fair and complete information on all insurance news and views. Get an auto insurance quote here.

CarFax Lemon Report

About the only lemon check around. And even when they tease you with a free lemon "check," what you're ultimately after is CarFax's \$15 report, which may list a long history of problems with the car you're interested in, or it may just tell you the car has a clean history. CarFax serves an important role in the auto-buying process, but it's a really dirty advertising trick to call something "free" and deliver nothing more than a cryptic message.

Leasing Tips from the Federal Reserve Board

Not quite sure why the Federal Reserve Board is into schooling us on leasing autos, but they do a pretty darn good job of it. It's a clean, comprehensive tutorial on leasing, and as impartial as it's going to get.

Leasing Tips from Fighting Chance

See the note above on this car buying service. Fighting Chance offers information for sale at prices we think are worth the dough if you're really serious about saving yourself money on auto buying and leasing.

Car Care Council

The Car Care Council has some pretty tough standards on maintenance and repair of automobiles, primarily to keep highways safer and car care costs down. So, you can't go wrong reviewing the Council's extensive library of supplemental articles. It's pretty decent reading even if you're not a car nut!

Automotive Recalls

Alldata offers a huge database of automobile recalls and Technical Service Bulletins (TSBs). It is quick and comprehensive and our first choice on recall research.

National Institute for Service Excellence (ASE)

These are the folks who provide the ASE stamp of approval. Their list is small state by state, but it's a good starting point if you're trying to find a mechanic who meets ASE standards.

Finding a Certified Mechanic: AAA

Finding the names of repair shops certified by the American Automobile Association is a lengthy process. First plug in your zip code at the AAA website and it'll take you to your local AAA branch and then you're on your own trying to find the list.

Repair Advice from Family Car

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mechanic are more than just common sense.

Better Business Bureau

Searchable news and consumer alerts from the Better Business Bureau. The BBB offers advice and resources on preventive measures you can take before you buy or hire. They also have recourse resources if you think you've fallen victim to shoddy services and products.

Better Business Bureau: New Car Complaint Form

Got a complaint about a new car? Take it to the Better Business Bureau at this link.

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