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#### CONSUMER

# **Databases** (Library card required)

• EBSCO - a collection of databases including Masterfile which provides access to over 1700 magazines including Consumer Reports. To search Consumer Reports only, type "Consumer Reports" in the "Publication" field in the database.

## **Recommended Websites**

- Automotive
- Consumer Information
- General
- · Real Estate (Sales or Rentals)



#### **Automotive**

- Automobile Magazine Online... Provides buyers guide for new and used vehicles, with reviews.
- Autonet.ca ... Car buying and selling in Canada with evaluative information for
- Autopedia ... A consumer info site with links to sources about cars, SUVs, minivans, motorcycles, boats and RVs.
- BCAA ... Trave information.
- Buying a car...tips & links from ICBC.
- Canadacar.com..a Canadian site for consumers shopping for a new or used
- Canadiandriver.com ... Award-winning automotive magazine with over five thousand pages of automotive consumer information and links to new and used Canadian car listings.
- Carbuyingtips.com ... Extensive car buying info emphasizing how to avoid trouble with links to Carcost Canada and Carfax vehicle history reports.
- CarFax.com ...vehicle history reports
- CarProof.com ...vehicle history reports
- Car Buyers Guide ... Information for current and potential car owners, with many articles and resources.
- Lemon-Aid ... Phil Edmonston's site, with the Lemon-Aid books, and completely Canadian. [19]
- Nadaguides.com... Quotes, reviews and pricing of new, used cars, RVs, Boats, motorcycles.
- The Old Car Manual Project ... A digital collection of manuals, schematics, photos, and brochures for vintage automobiles with extensive links to sites with restoration information.
- Vancouver Car Net ... Search for new and used cars with links to Vancouver car dealerships. 1

#### **Consumer Information**

• BPCPA Business Practices & Consumer Protection Authority of BC...a not for profit organization which delivers consumer protection services and enforces BC's consumer protection laws. 🛂

#### Popular Websites

- Academic Resources
- Business & Investing
- Careers
- Consumer
- Countries, Environment, Geography & Travel
- Education
- Encyclopedias & Dictionaries
- Health
- History, Biography & Genealogy
- Law, Government & Statistics
- Libraries
- Literature & Books
- Magazines & Newspapers
- Phone Directories
- Science
- Search Engines & Email
- Seniors

Magazines & Newspapers **Encyclopedias & Dictionaries** 

Databases A to Z Good Reads **Homework Helpers** eBooks & eAudio Community Services in

Citizenship Information Search Engines & Email

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- Consumer Information...Homepage of Strategis, an Industry Canada site that provides business directories, profiles, trade and consumer information, and economic projections and conditions by sector.
- Consumer Reports.
- Consumer Search...Source for product research, including consumer product reviews, analysis, ranking and evaluation, best of lists for electronic, house and home, software, sports, personal finance and automotive products.
- Consumer World...Offers buying advice, information on discount travel, personal finance tips and consumer education topics.
- Craig's List...free classified ads (employment, housing, personals, for sale, wanted, services, community events, and resumes) and forums sorted by various topics.
- Equifax for your credit report.
- Marketplace (CBC)...Provides consumer fact sheets on cars, personal finances, "green consumerism" and other topics, product warnings and recalls.

#### General

- Buy and Sell.
- Canadian Consumer Information Gateway ...from the government of Canada.
- Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC) ...from CPIC, where you may search the entire national database of over 185,000 stolen vehicles, licence plates, boats, boat motors, firearms and bicycles.
- CFSON: Centre and the OmbudsNetwork provides consumers with single-window access to high-quality complaint resolution services in the banking, life and health insurance, general insurance, securities and mutual funds industries.
- Consumer Price Index "The Daily."
- Equifax Canada ...Obtain your credit report.
- Financial Services OmbudsNetwork... Provides access to complaint resolution services for consumers of financial services. As well as providing its own services to consumers, this site also provides access to resolution services provided by financial institutions and industry associations.
- Live Manuals ... "Features LiveManuals simulations and interactive user manuals
  of popular and cutting edge consumer electronics on the market".
- New Housing Price Index: May 2003 ...The New Housing Price Index (1997=100).
- Office of Consumer Affairs...Canadian government site with information on current consumer issues and laws as well as practical advice for consumers in the "Canadian Consumer Handbook".
- Office of Energy Efficiency from Natural Resources Canada.
- Scam Alert ... Web page from the RCMP with scams and frauds to watch out for.

### Real Estate (Sales or Rentals)

- bcclassified.com ... Classified ads from over 50 community newspapers, including the Surrey Leader. To search, Select Region, Choose City, then choose Rental or Real Estate.
- Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation... Provides information on all aspects of housing in Canada, including home ownership, renting, and financial assistance.
- Classifieds: from Canada.com ... Classifieds from the Vancouver Sun and Province. Select Real Estate Rentals, or Real Estate Sales for listings.
- MLS (Multiple Listing Service) Online ... Select Fraser Valley for Surrey listings.
- Real Estate Weekly...Provides real estate listings for Greater Vancouver and the Fraser Valley.
- Realtylink...Master database of real estate listings in Greater Vancouver.
- VanNet Classifieds ...Classified ads from community newspapers, including the Surrey Now. Select Search Ads, then Rental or Real Estate for listings.

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