

	engine	transmission	brakes	handling	ride	driver comfort	ergonomics	features and amenities	fit and finish	styling	value	fun to drive	OVERALL RATING*	
CHRYSLER PT CRUISER	7	8	8	7	8	8	8	4	9	9	9	7	87	2nd
FORD FOCUS ZX5	7	7	7	8	7	6	7	7	8	8	8	7	82	4th
MAZDA PROTEGÉ5	8	9	9	9	8	9	9	6	9	9	9	10	92	1st
PONTIAC VIBE	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	9	8	8	7	7	81	5th
SUZUKI AERIO SX	8	8	7	7	8	7	7	5	7	6	8	7	78	6th
TOYOTA MATRIX XRS	9	7	9	8	7	7	7	6	8	8	7	8	85	3rd

HOW IT WORKS: Editors rate vehicles from 1 to 10 (10 being best) in each category, then scores are collected and averaged, resulting in the numbers shown above.

* The overall rating is not the total of those numbers. Rather, it is an independent judgment (on a 1-to-100 scale) that includes other factors—even personal preferences—not easily categorized.