Best Cars for Making It to 200,000 Miles

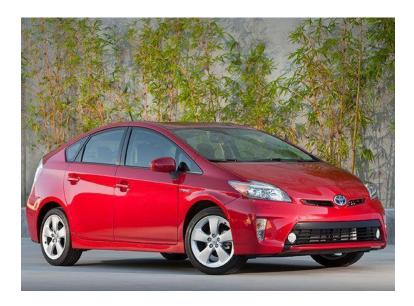
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Almost any car can make it to 200,000 miles if you're willing to throw enough money at it. But that doesn't mean that keeping it is a good idea. A less expensive and more hassle-free way to go is to simply buy a safe and reliable model in the first place, and properly maintain it for the long haul. Just follow the maintenance schedule in your owner's manual, take care of minor problems as they arise, keep it clean, and you should be good to go.

The models listed below are all safe bets. Of the 1.1 million vehicles represented in our annual subscriber survey, these are the ten cars, SUVs, and minivans respondents most often reported as having more than 200,000 miles. As a bonus, all happen to be models that were Consumer Reports recommended when new. That means they're not just reliable, but they scored well in our road tests.

—Jim Travers



Toyota Prius

Base MSRP price range: \$24,200 - \$34,905

With seating for five, hatchback versatility, rock-solid reliability, and an amazing 44-mpg overall in our tests, there's a lot to like about the Prius. That's why it's a top-scorer in our Ratings, and a perennial favorite in our owner satisfaction surveys. And those owners like to drive them, with more examples on the far side of 200K than any other model in our survey.



Toyota Camry

Base MSRP price range: \$22,970 - \$31,370

Spacious, quiet, and comfortable, the Camry is one of the most reliable sedans you can buy. It may not pack a lot of excitement, but it makes a nice place to be while the miles roll up. All

powertrain choices are pretty bullet proof, but the four-cylinder Camry is the one most often past 200K, combining reliability with being the biggest selling car in America.



Honda Odyssey

Base MSRP price range: \$28,975 - \$44,600

If you've got a crowd with places to go, there's no better bet than the Odyssey. The cavernous and versatile interior has room for up to eight passengers and a whole lot of gear, several storage cubbies, and is very child seat friendly. Comfortable on the highway, the Odyssey gets bonus points for more responsive handling than you'd expect from a minivan.



Honda Pilot

Base MSRP price range: \$29,870 - \$41,620

Another family favorite, the Pilot offers a spacious interior with room for eight, and the security of all-wheel drive. Second- and third-row seats fold into the floor for more cargo room, and the

powertrain is as smooth as it is reliable. A redesigned Pilot arrives soon. If its track record is any indication, the new one should be up for going the distance.



Toyota Corolla

Base MSRP price range: \$16,950 - \$22,955

One of the longest-running nameplates in the business, the Corolla also makes an excellent choice for the long run. Its compact dimensions and good fuel economy make it an excellent choice for commuting, running errands, or road trips, and ironclad reliability means you won't be seeing much of your mechanic.



Honda Accord sedan (4-cyl.)

Base MSRP price range: \$22,105 - \$35,055

A smooth, reliable powertrain and good fuel economy are good qualities in a car you're going to keep for a while, and the Accord checks in with both. Add to that a relatively spacious, quiet interior and responsive handling, and it adds up to a winning formula for going the distance.



Honda CR-V

Base MSRP price range: \$23,445 - \$32,895

Combiningcompact exterior dimensions with a spacious interior, all-wheel-drive, decent fuel economy and an aversion to spending time in the shop or by the side of the road, the CR-V comes close to universal appeal. Lots of our readers like them enough to really rack up the miles.



Toyota Sienna

Base MSRP price range: \$28,600 - \$46,150

A traveling companion you can really rely on, the Sienna has plenty of room for families and cargo, and the ride is comfortable and composed. The engine is strong and smooth, and fuel economy is decent for its size. The Sienna is also the only minivan available with all-wheel-drive.



Toyota Highlander (V6)

Base MSRP price range: \$29,665 - \$50,240

Another popular choice with families, the Highlander offers a comfortable ride, quiet, roomy, and well-finished cabin, and a smooth powertrain that's good for many miles of hassle-free driving. With virtues like that, it's no wonder the Highlander has long been one of our top-Rated midsized SUVs. The Hybrid version gets you even further on a tank of gas.



Honda Civic (non-hybrid)

Base MSRP price range: \$18,290 - \$29,390

Like a good citizen, the compact Civic sedan goes about its business without complaint, rolling up the miles and staying out of trouble. A reliability champ, the Civic is also easy on gas and more fun to drive than some competitors. Stick with the basic gas four-cylinder for better

reliability than the hybrid which had high incidence of hybrid battery problems with some model years.

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