

## NHTSA Plans to Crash Test 77 Models Next Year

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration plans to wreck 77 vehicles next year. It's all in the name of safety, though. The 41 cars, 21 SUVs 5 vans and 10 pickups will be subjected to front and side crash tests.

When the tests are completed by the spring of 2006, consumers will have access to frontal crash test ratings for about 83 percent of all 2006 offerings and side impact safety information for about 69 percent.

The agency also will provide rollover ratings for 18 passenger cars, 25 sport utility vehicles, four vans and nine pickups. Together with vehicles already tested, NHTSA will provide rollover safety information for approximately 81 percent of the model year 2006 U.S. passenger vehicle fleet.

"Consumers in the market for a new or used vehicle will have access to the latest in safety ratings," said Jacqueline Glassman, Acting Administrator for NHTSA. "The agency's crash test program is a great source of impartial safety information".

NHTSA uses a ratings system of from one to five stars for vehicle-to-vehicle comparisons.

For consumers shopping for a used vehicle, safety ratings for previous model years also are available. A complete listing, as well as additional information on the government safety ratings program, is available at the web site at [www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov) or by calling NHTSA's toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline, (888) 327-4236.

The list of vehicles to be rated in 2006 follows.

### 2006 Vehicles Selected for NCAP Frontal, Side and Rollover Tests, including Carry-over

Make	Model	Body Style	Frontal	Side	Rollover
BMW	3 Series	4dr PC	Yes	Yes	Yes
Buick	Lucerne	4dr PC	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cadillac	CTS	4dr PC	Yes	Co	Co
Cadillac	DTS	4dr PC	Yes	Yes	Yes
Chevrolet	Aveo	4dr PC	Co	Yes	Co
Chevrolet	Cobalt	2dr PC	Co	Yes	Yes
Chevrolet	Colorado	PU	Yes	Co	Co
Chevrolet	Colorado	4dr PU	Yes	Co	Co
Chevrolet	Express Passenger 1500	Van	Yes	N/A	Yes
Chevrolet	HHR	SUV	Yes	Yes	Yes
Chevrolet	Impala	4dr PC	Yes	Yes	Yes
Chevrolet	Monte Carlo	2dr PC	Yes	Yes	Yes

Chevrolet	Trailblazer EXT	SUV	Yes	N/A	Yes
Chevrolet	Uplander	Van	Co	Co	Yes
Dodge	Caliber (2007)	4dr PC	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dodge	Caravan-SWB	Van	Co	Co	Yes
Dodge	Dakota Quad Cab	4dr PU	Co	Yes	Co
Ford	Expedition	SUV	Co	N/A	Yes
Ford	Explorer	SUV	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ford	Freestar	Van	Co	Yes	Co
Ford	Fusion	4dr PC	Yes	Yes	Yes
Honda	Civic Coupe	2dr PC	Yes	Yes	Yes
Honda	Civic Sedan	4dr PC	Yes	Yes	Yes
Honda	Element	SUV	Co	Co	Yes
Honda	Odyssey	Van	Co	Yes	Co
Honda	Pilot	SUV	Co	Co	Yes
Honda	Ridgeline	4dr PU	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hummer	H3	SUV	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hyundai	Accent	4dr PC	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hyundai	Azera	4dr PC	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hyundai	Sonata	4dr PC	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hyundai	Tucson	SUV	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jeep	Commander	SUV	Yes	N/A	Yes
Kia	Rio	4dr PC	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kia	Sedona	Van	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kia	Sorento	SUV	Co	Co	Yes
Lexus	ES330	4dr PC	Yes	Co	Co
Mercedes-Benz	ML-Class	SUV	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mitsubishi	Lancer	4dr PC	Yes	Co	Co
Nissan	Armada	SUV	Yes	N/A	Yes
Nissan	Frontier	4dr PU	Co	Co	Yes
Nissan	Frontier	PU Excab	Yes	Yes	Yes
Nissan	Murano	SUV	Yes	Co	Co
Nissan	Titan	4dr PU	Co	N/A	Yes
Nissan	Titan	PU Excab	Yes	N/A	Yes
Nissan	Xterra	SUV	Co	Co	Yes
Pontiac	G6	2dr PC	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pontiac	Grand Prix	4dr PC	Yes	Co	Co
Saab	9-2X	4dr PC	Yes	Yes	Yes
Scion	xB	4dr PC	Yes	Yes	Yes
Subaru	B9 Tribeca	SUV	Yes	Yes	Yes
Suzuki	Grand Vitara	SUV	Yes	Yes	Yes
Toyota	4Runner	SUV	Yes	Co	Co
Toyota	Prius	4dr PC	Yes	Co	Co
Toyota	RAV4	SUV	Yes	Yes	Yes

Toyota	Tacoma	4dr PU	Yes	Yes	Yes
Toyota	Tacoma	PU	Co	Co	Yes
Toyota	Tundra	4dr PU	Co	N/A	Yes
Toyota	Tundra	PU	Co	Co	Yes
Volkswagen	Passat	4dr PC	Yes	Yes	Yes

The following nine (9) SUVs will have both 4x2 and 4x4 versions tested for rollover resistance: Chevrolet Trailblazer EXT, Ford Expedition, Ford Explorer, Hyundai Tucson, Kia Sorento, Nissan Armada, Nissan Xterra, Suzuki Grand Vitara, and Toyota RAV4.

Co = Carry-over results from previous model year

Yes = NCAP Test will be conducted on this MY2006 vehicle.

N/A = Exempt from FMVSS No.214 - Side Impact Protection

4dr = four door

2dr = two door

PC = Passenger Car

SUV = Sport Utility Vehicle

PU = Pickup Truck

SWB = single-wheel base