



Small cars

Space innovators

When space is at a premium, being able to use it to the maximum is a virtue. That's just one of the reasons why the VW Polo is the winner for the second year running in this competitive category.

This class is not just about little boxes on wheels: the range of styling includes the subtly rounded Citroën, the four-square, solid-looking Colt and the much more appealing new version of the Mazda2. They all bear witness to the sheer variety on offer at the economical end of the market.

Nor is it about bog-standard, basic automobiles: the judges were impressed in many cases by the range of equipment on offer and by the level of sophistication presented by some of the leading candidates.

In the last analysis, though, it seems sheer practicality is the key to this class, and this is another area where Yaris, Mazda2 and, most of all, Polo all laid class-leading foundations.



RATINGS

Well above average	10
Above average	8
Average	6
Below average	4
Well below average	2

IMPORTANCE WEIGHTING

Critical (C)	1.00
High (H)	0.80
Medium (M)	0.40
Low (L)	0.20



Comparative table

	Volkswagen Polo TD (d)	Polo Match (p)	Mazda Mazda2 Neo	Toyota Yaris YRS	Mitsubishi Colt ES	Suzuki Swift	Hyundai Getz SX	Honda Jazz GLi	Citroen C3 Exclusive	Ford Fiesta LX	Hyundai Accent S	Fiat Punto Dynamic (p)	Punto Dynamic (d)	Kia Rio EX	Peugeot 207 XT (p)	207 XT HDi (d)	Proton Savvy	Holden Barina	Smart ForTwo	WEIGHTING
VALUE FOR MONEY																				
Pricing	45	7	7	7	7	7	6	4	7	6	53	7	23	8	8	5				C
Cost of depreciation (\$)	35	7	7	7	7	6	6	4	7	6	53	7	23	7	8	5				M
Running & repair costs	66	4	6	7	6	8	5	4	7	7	55	7	21	7	7	2				C
Fuel consumption	82	4	6	7	4	6	6	5	4	4	58	4	86	7	4	8				C
Warranty	55	4	4	9	4	8	4	5	4	8	44	4	55	4	4	4				M
Standard features	86	5	6	4	6	5	5	8	3	5	77	3	99	2	3	4				M
DESIGN & FUNCTION																				
Safety	65	7	7	6	7	5	6	7	5	5	77	4	88	3	3	7				C
Security	88	8	5	5	5	6	2	8	6	5	66	5	44	4	4	5				H
Environment	77	7	7	7	7	7	7	10	7	7	107	7	78	7	7	9				C
Comfort	77	7	5	5	6	4	7	5	7	5	55	5	77	5	3	2				M
Space	66	6	5	7	6	6	8	5	7	7	55	6	55	4	6	1				L
Practicality	88	6	8	4	7	7	7	6	6	8	88	9	77	3	7	4				M
Ergonomics	99	8	7	6	7	5	9	4	7	6	44	5	55	5	5	3				M
Build and finish quality	88	8	7	6	7	6	9	5	6	6	44	6	66	4	4	6				H
ON THE ROAD																				
Performance	84	8	6	7	6	6	5	6	7	6	43	7	76	3	5	1				M
Ride	88	7	5	6	7	6	6	8	6	6	55	6	77	6	5	2				M
Handling	88	9	6	6	7	5	7	7	10	5	77	5	77	7	4	3				M
Braking	77	7	7	6	6	6	7	7	5	6	66	6	77	6	4	5				H
Smoothness & quietness	55	8	6	5	6	5	5	5	6	5	53	6	56	3	2	1				L
OVERALL AVERAGE	677	654	632	628	619	618	609	607	605	588	582	574	570	539	507	486				
	611									551	563									
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