LARGE CARS

About the category

- The manufacturer's price is between $28,000 and $50,000.
- Vehicles must have six cylinder engines.
- Traditional family car with durability for long distance driving.
- Tough driveline capabilities for towing.

SCORES	
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

Large cars

LOCALLY MADE LARGE cars bearing the brunt of petrol volatility and changing buyer tastes. Their sales might have taken a hit, but there is nothing wrong with them. Indeed, the local sixes are truly world class.

Toyota's Aurion is a convincing package with comfort and economy its main strengths and the bold Holden Commodore looks great and is a good drive, especially in SS trim.

Ford's Falcon has always been a quality car, but the company made a major step forward with the FG model introduced in mid-2008. It is clearly the best handling car of the bunch and its turbo six engine is an absolute ripper.

The Territory also sneaks into the segment as it is a rear-drive model and is a credible family car especially with its seven seats.

The locals have faced increasing competition from imported models, with the new Thai-built Honda Accord arriving with a lot of standard gear and the choice of four and six-cylinder engines.

AUSTRALIA'S BEST CARS

COMPARATIVE TABLE

	W **Ford** Falcon XT (p) Falcon XT Egas	F **Toyota** Aurion AT-X (p)	F **Honda** Accord V6 (p)	**Holden** VE Commodore Omega (p) VE Commodore Omega (Dual)	**Ford** Territory TX (p)	**Nissan** Maxima ST-L (p)	**Hyundai** Grandeur Limited (p)	Weighting
VALUE FOR MONEY								
Pricing	**7** 6	**7**	**6**	**7** 5	**6**	**7**	**2**	C
Cost of depreciation ($)	**6** 5	**7**	**7**	**6** 4	**9**	**8**	**1**	H
Running & repair costs	**8** 5	**8**	**2**	**8** 6	**8**	**3**	**4**	C
Fuel consumption	**4** 10	**6**	**5**	**3** 10	**1**	**3**	**3**	C
Warranty	**4** 4	**4**	**4**	**4** 4	**4**	**4**	**8**	H
Standard features	**5** 4	**5**	**7**	**4** 3	**4**	**6**	**10**	H
DESIGN & FUNCTION								
Safety	**10** 9	**9**	**8**	**8** 8	**8**	**8**	**8**	C
Security	**8** 8	**4**	**4**	**9** 9	**2**	**3**	**9**	H
Environment	**6** 6	**8**	**8**	**6** 6	**5**	**6**	**6**	C
Comfort	**9** 9	**7**	**8**	**7** 7	**10**	**6**	**5**	C
Space	**9** 9	**7**	**8**	**8** 8	**10**	**6**	**6**	C
Practicality	**6** 6	**8**	**8**	**6** 6	**9**	**9**	**9**	C
Ergonomics	**9** 9	**8**	**8**	**7** 7	**8**	**6**	**7**	M
Build and finish quality	**7** 7	**7**	**8**	**8** 8	**6**	**7**	**6**	H
ON THE ROAD								
Performance	**10** 5	**9**	**9**	**8** 7	**6**	**8**	**7**	H
Ride	**8** 8	**8**	**8**	**7** 7	**7**	**6**	**5**	M
Handling	**9** 8	**8**	**7**	**8** 8	**6**	**6**	**5**	H
Braking	**7** 7	**7**	**7**	**7** 7	**6**	**6**	**5**	H
Smoothness & quietness	**8** 5	**8**	**8**	**6** 6	**7**	**7**	**7**	M
OVERALL RATING	**729**	**708**	**673**	**658**	**642**	**603**	**586**	
	687			656				
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