

Mid-size cars over \$28,000

THIS CLASS IS like a huge smorgasbord, with something for everyone no matter what their taste.

Luxurious European saloons, sporty fun machines, spacious economical models and green crusaders — they're all here.

All-new offerings from Japanese brands have added even more spice to the segment with a fresh Mazda6 and Accord Euro offering

modern styling and even better value. They join the new Ford Mondeo and the Volkswagen Jetta which have earned a good reputation for their quality, interior space and positive driving experience. The latter two have the advantage of offering diesel engines, which are proving to be increasingly popular with Australian motorists.

The new Peugeot 308 hatch arrives with a

great diesel under its bonnet, while Holden is widening its appeal with diesel versions of the Epica sedan and front-drive Captiva crossover wagon.

Premium customers are looked after, too, with cars like the BMW 1-Series, the Mini Cooper, Audi A3 and Volvo C30.

Model	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Weighting	
Holden Astra CDTi (d)	9	9	7	3	2	3	3	6	3	8	5	5	6	7	10	H
Peugeot 308 XSE (p) 308 XSE HDi (d)	10	9	8	1	1	2	2	5	2	9	4	4	3	4	8	M
Renault Laguna Expression (d)	8	8	7	2	2	5	5	9	3	7	3	1	7	3	6	M
Mercedes-Benz B180 CDI (d)	6	4	7	6	8	6	1	10	6	10	9	2	6	3	4	H
Volvo S40 D5 (d) S40 LE (p)	4	5	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	M
Toyota Prius Hybrid (ph)	4	7	6	6	6	8	8	2	6	2	4	5	5	5	4	H
Mercedes-Benz A170 Elegance (p)	9	9	9	10	8	10	10	9	9	7	8	7	8	8	8	C
Honda Civic Hybrid (ph)	2	2	2	8	6	7	7	6	6	3	3	3	8	8	1	H
Alfa Romeo 147 JTD (d) 147 Twinspark (p)	7	7	7	7	7	6	10	7	9	9	7	7	7	7	6	C
Renault Scenic II Expression (d) Scenic II Dynamique (p)	5	6	6	7	6	6	6	5	6	6	7	7	4	4	5	H
Holden Epica CDX (d)	6	6	6	6	7	6	6	6	6	4	4	7	7	8	5	M
Dodge Caliber SXT (d) Caliber SXT (p)	7	8	8	7	9	7	7	6	9	6	6	6	9	8	7	M
SAAB 9-3 Linear TiD (d) 9-3 Linear T (p)	5	5	5	6	7	7	7	7	7	8	4	4	4	4	5	H
Fiat 500 Lounge (d)	6	6	6	6	8	7	7	7	8	7	7	7	6	6	5	C
Holden Captiva SX (d)	7	6	6	7	8	6	6	4	5	3	7	4	6	5	6	H
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	48	48	49	49	49	50	50	50	51	51	51	52	52	53	53	