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Volvo C30 Earns Top Safety Pick From IIHS

According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS), crash tests demonstrate that occupant protection in all kinds of vehicles is improving. However, IIHS doesn't routinely test vehicles in every size/type category. Emphasizing vehicles for family use, the Institute usually crash tests 4-door models. To evaluate the extent to which automakers are extending crashworthiness improvements to 2-door cars, the Institute recently conducted front, side, and rear tests of 2009 coupes including the Chevrolet Cobalt, Ford Focus, Honda Civic, and Scion tC, all small models, plus the midsize Volvo C30.

The Volvo C30 and the Ford Focus are best in group of 5: Earning good ratings in all 3 of the Institute's tests and equipped with optional electronic stability control, the Focus qualifies as a 2009 **Top Safety Pick** among small cars. Also earning this award is the midsize Volvo C30. Seven small cars and 10 midsize moderately priced models now earn the award, the Institute's top safety designation. The list of winners makes it easier for consumers to zero in on vehicles in each class that afford the best overall crash protection.

Read more about the crash tests at <http://www.iihs.org/>.

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