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Two additional models earn awards in latest IIHS ratings

ARLINGTON, Va. — Two more vehicles, the 2026 Hyundai Palisade and the 2026 Toyota Prius, qualify for the highest award from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

The Palisade notches a 2026 *TOP SAFETY PICK+* award thanks to improved performance in the moderate overlap front crash test. The Prius, which earlier earned the lower-tier *TOP SAFETY PICK* award, jumps to “plus” status based on a new result in the updated vehicle-to-vehicle front crash prevention evaluation.

New ratings for 14 other models that do not qualify for either award are also available.

To qualify for either award this year, vehicles need good ratings in the moderate overlap front, small overlap front and side crash tests and acceptable- or good-rated headlights across all trim levels.

For *TOP SAFETY PICK*, the only other requirement is an acceptable or good rating in the pedestrian front crash test. To earn the “plus,” vehicles need a good rating in that evaluation as well as an acceptable or good rating in the updated vehicle-to-vehicle front crash prevention evaluation that was introduced last year. Qualifying front crash prevention systems must be standard for either award.

Only Palisades built after November 2025, when Hyundai made changes to the rear seat belt buckles, qualify for *TOP SAFETY PICK+*. Vehicles built earlier don’t earn either accolade due to an acceptable rating in the moderate overlap test.

The Prius earned a *TOP SAFETY PICK* when the first batch of 2026 winners was announced in March. At the time, it missed out on the “plus” because it had not undergone the updated vehicle-to-vehicle front crash prevention test. With the results of that evaluation now available, all 2026 models qualify for the “plus.”

Two additional IIHS evaluations — seat belt reminders and LATCH ease of use — are not part of the award criteria but are included in the table below. Consumers may wish to factor them into their purchase decisions.

COMPLETE RATINGS FOR 16 RECENTLY TESTED VEHICLES

	Small overlap front	Moderate overlap front	Side	Headlights	Front crash prevention: vehicle-to-vehicle 2.0	Front crash prevention: pedestrian	Seat belt reminders	LATCH ease of use
2026 TOP SAFETY PICK+ 2026 Hyundai Palisade Midsize SUV Built after November 2025	G	G	G	G	G STANDARD SYSTEM	G STANDARD SYSTEM	G	G +
2026 TOP SAFETY PICK+ 2026 Toyota Prius Small car	G	G	G	A	G STANDARD SYSTEM	G STANDARD SYSTEM	G	G +
2026 Audi A3 sedan Midsize luxury car	G	G	NOT RATED	A	G STANDARD SYSTEM	G STANDARD SYSTEM	P	G
2026 BMW 3 series Midsize luxury car	G	A	NOT RATED	A	M STANDARD SYSTEM	G STANDARD SYSTEM	M	G
2026 BMW i4 Midsize luxury car 		G	NOT RATED	M P	P STANDARD SYSTEM	G STANDARD SYSTEM	M	G
2026 Chevrolet Equinox Small SUV	A	G	G	G	A STANDARD SYSTEM	G STANDARD SYSTEM	G	G
2026 Ford Maverick crew cab Small pickup	G	M	G	G A	A STANDARD SYSTEM	G STANDARD SYSTEM	NOT RATED	A
2026 Ford Ranger crew cab Small pickup	G	M	A	A M	NOT RATED	NOT RATED	G	P
2026 Honda Ridgeline crew cab Small pickup	A	P	G	M	P STANDARD SYSTEM	P STANDARD SYSTEM	NOT RATED	A
2026 Kia K4 hatchback Small car	G	M	G	A	A STANDARD SYSTEM	G STANDARD SYSTEM	A	NOT RATED
2026 Jeep Compass Small SUV	G	P	M	A	M STANDARD SYSTEM	A STANDARD SYSTEM	M	M

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2026 Nissan Frontier crew cab Small pickup	G	G	A	A M	P STANDARD SYSTEM	A STANDARD SYSTEM	G	M
2026 Toyota 4Runner Midsize SUV Built after January 2026	G	M	G	G A	G STANDARD SYSTEM	G STANDARD SYSTEM	G	G +
2026 Toyota Corolla sedan Small car	G	M	G	G	G STANDARD SYSTEM	G STANDARD SYSTEM	G	G +
2026 Toyota Land Cruiser Midsize SUV	G	M	G	G M	G STANDARD SYSTEM	G STANDARD SYSTEM	G	A
2026 Toyota Sequoia Large SUV	G	M	G	G P	M STANDARD SYSTEM	G STANDARD SYSTEM	NOT RATED	G

Note: Small overlap front and moderate overlap front ratings should be compared only among vehicles of similar weight. The other ratings listed here can be compared across vehicle categories.

G Good **A** Acceptable **M** Marginal **P** Poor

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