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INDUSTRY INSIGHTS:

Let's Pull Off the Rose-Colored Glasses

- Jack R. Nerad, vice president, executive editorial director and executive market analyst, Kelley Blue Book's KBB.com

Even the devastation of Superstorm Sandy has not put a damper on the rosy predictions that the United States auto market has not only come back, but it also is poised for an even more robust future. While we at Kelley Blue Book happily acknowledge that the American market isn't in the absolutely desperate Depression-like state it was in in 2009, we don't think it is quite time to pull out the paper hats and noisemakers.

Yes, the seasonally adjusted annual sales rate (SAAR) did hit 14.9 million units in September, and yes, even with Sandy literally blowing out a potentially hot sales weekend in the Northeast, the sales rate in October still came in at well over 14 million. But that doesn't mean we are on the fast track to a 16-plus million unit SAAR in 2013 or even 2014. In other words, we are still a long way from what could be regarded as a full recovery in the U.S. auto sector. Certainly many signs are positive, but there are still storm clouds dotting the horizon that could affect the American car market.

First, we have the obvious signs of a full-on recession in Western Europe. Instead of biting the bullet and solving the debt crisis, various European governments have kicked the can down the road for more than a year as some European economies, like Greece, Italy and Spain, have crumbled before our eyes. Sadly the situation could get worse before it gets better, and now the European downturn has been accompanied by a downturn in China as well. With Europe and Asia sneezing, there is more than a chance that we in America will catch their cold.

At the same time, another storm cloud on the horizon is the looming "fiscal cliff," which is essentially a potential Sandy-like Superstorm of tax increases and deep government spending cuts that could kick in. Since the "fiscal cliff" scenario was created because the U.S. government couldn't get together to solve the budgetary issues earlier, one has to wonder if America will be able to solve the massive challenges this time around.

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- JACK R. NERAD

The fiscal cliff is certainly no laughing matter. If what has already been enacted as law actually takes effect on January 1, the Congressional Budget Office has estimated that the combined result would mean a 4-percentage point cut in gross domestic product (GDP) next year, which would be more than enough to send America reeling into recession. It also predicts that unemployment, which is already too high to generate much positive movement in the economy, would go up nearly 1-percentage point. Bid a quick good-bye to a 14-million-unit SAAR.

So while it appears that happier days are on the way, and they might well be, we still have some stern challenges to face before we can rest easy knowing the U.S. economy is on the right track. Certainly we are not at the bottom of the Great Recession, but we haven't quite climbed out of the hole yet either.

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[2013 Acura TL](#)

Despite a subtle reshaping last year, the 2013 Acura TL retains its rather distinct, some might even say polarizing, exterior. For Acura purists, however, it's what's underneath the skin that counts. Acura is masterful at packing a lot of content into its cars, helping a fully loaded model stay thousands less than a comparable BMW or Audi...

To read the latest Consumer Reviews & Ratings on this vehicle, click [here](#).

[2013 Acura TSX](#)

The 2013 Acura TSX will appeal to anyone looking for a luxury mid-size car at a non-luxury price. Often overlooked, the TSX has classy styling and appointments that reflect the high levels of comfort, refinement and convenience we have come to expect from the Acura brand...

[2013 Audi A4](#)

Four years after its last major redesign, the Audi A4 gets a mild freshening for 2013. And that's plenty to keep it competitive in the tough entry-luxury sports-sedan class. With tasteful styling inside and out, efficient and powerful engines and generous interior space, the A4 Sedan and its high-sport cousin, the S4, offer buyers refinement, comfort and performance at a realistic price...

To read the latest Consumer Reviews & Ratings on this vehicle, click [here](#).

[2013 Audi A5](#)

The 2013 Audi A5 is one of the last great luxury-performance coupes, big enough on the inside to comfortably fit two adults, but sophisticated enough on the outside to convey a sense of style and exclusivity you won't get from a Mustang or Camaro. Sportier versions include the supercharged S5 and the lightning-quick RS 5 complete with a 4.2-liter V8 producing 450 horsepower...

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[2013 Audi A6](#)

Audi is on a tear, with striking new models generating record sales. The 2013 Audi A6 sedan, redesigned last year, exemplifies Audi's strategy of going after BMW and Mercedes-Benz by confidently sticking to its own path. While the BMW 5 Series has long been the obvious choice for enthusiasts, and the Mercedes-Benz E-Class is the preferred ride for those seeking more traditional luxury, Audi's A6 strikes a unique balance: technology and design, performance and efficiency...

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[2013 Audi A7](#)

The 2013 Audi A7 and S7 follow the oxymoronic “4-door coupe” concept launched by the Mercedes-Benz CLS and brought to the middle class by the Volkswagen CC. Audi expanded the category with the sleek A7, which sports a roofline reminiscent of a coupe and incorporates a useful rear hatch over a generous cargo deck...

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[2013 Audi A8](#)

Audi's approach to luxury and performance takes a decidedly subtle route, choosing to impress with substance and style rather than flash and shameless self-promotion. Nowhere is this philosophy more evident than in the 2013 Audi A8, a luxury sedan of impeccable tailoring and sophistication but with a low-key attitude...

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[2013 Audi Q5](#)

The 2013 Audi Q5 is a compact luxury SUV that offers an impressive balance of comfort, performance, style and fuel economy. While just four years old, this 5-passenger SUV has quickly become Audi's number-2 seller behind the A4. A new – albeit pricey – hybrid variant arrives for 2013 in addition to a more powerful V6 engine or the potent-yet-efficient turbocharged 4-cylinder found in base models...

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[2013 Audi Q7](#)

Audi's 2013 Q7 is big, poised and polished, and it delivers luxury-SUV buyers a distinctive blend of capability, performance and accommodation. As part of the VW group's trinity of high-end SUVs (along with the VW Touareg and Porsche Cayenne), the Audi Q7 is built to exacting standards, and its look and feel are uniquely Audi...

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[2013 BMW 1 Series](#)

Good enough to make some 3 Series buyers think twice, the 2013 BMW 1 Series Coupe and Convertible speak to many BMW enthusiasts as well as younger buyers wanting an easier entrée into the joy of driving. And you can enjoy the 1 Series as aggressively as you care to, with an entry-level 128i offering 230 horsepower for around \$32,000 and the new up-power 135is costing about \$44,000 for its 320 turbocharged horses...

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[2013 BMW 3 Series](#)

The iconic BMW 3 may be the industry's most benchmarked vehicle. Virtually all competing automakers – most notably Audi, Mercedes-Benz, Lexus, Infiniti and Cadillac – have tried to match (or surpass) its beautifully balanced dynamics, upscale image and enthusiast appeal with luxosport compacts of their own, and some have come close...

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[2013 BMW 5 Series](#)

Vehicles with a production history of more than a few decades typically have a model generation they would rather forget. But, like a perpetual-motion machine, the BMW 5 Series just keeps gaining momentum. To meet the specific demands of the modern car buyer, the 2013 BMW 5 Series offers the most expansive lineup in the nameplate's history...

[2013 BMW 6 Series](#)

Alongside its luxury-sports sedans, crossover SUVs and 2-seat sports cars, BMW proudly offers high-priced, high-performance, low-volume 6 Series luxury sports coupes, convertibles and now “4-door coupes” for affluent buyers more interested in style and image than practicality. The first 6 Series succeeded the 3.0CSi coupe for 1977 and ran through 1989...

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[2013 BMW X6](#)

BMW's X6 SUV for 2013 isn't the best vehicle to take off-road nor does it provide the most efficient use of interior space. But, it is practical for the urban dweller who sometimes needs the additional cargo space provided by the large hatchback or the security of all-wheel drive...

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[2013 Buick Enclave](#)

As more people move away from truck-based SUVs into more manageable crossover SUVs, the 2013 Buick Enclave makes a lot of sense. Once known only for its near-luxury cars and aging customer base, Buick has transformed itself into a manufacturer of modern luxury vehicles with a uniquely American take...

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[2013 Buick Regal](#)

Buick calls its 2013 Regal a “sport-injected performance sedan” and compares it to the Acura TL, Audi A4 and Volkswagen CC. Even if the reality falls a little short of those lofty ambitions, the Regal does have a distinct import character in its feel and road manners. Using a platform from Opel – GM's European wing – gives the Regal a chance to capture younger fans. For 2013, the Regal comes in seven distinct variations: three models (base, Turbo and GS), the first two of which offer three trim levels...

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[2013 Buick Verano](#)

The 2013 Buick Verano is a compact near-luxury sedan that shares its core architecture with the Chevy Cruze. Such platform sharing has led to disappointing compromises in the past, but in this case, Buick has successfully differentiated its premium compact from Chevrolet's economy car...

[2013 Cadillac Escalade](#)

Despite a trend toward smaller, more agile and more fuel-efficient vehicles, the realm of the full-size luxury SUV seems to have missed the memo. As proof, the 2013 Cadillac Escalade shows no desire to change and no attempt to shed chrome, horsepower or price. And that's just the way Cadillac buyers like it...

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[2013 Cadillac SRX](#)

The Cadillac SRX is a 5-passenger mid-size luxury crossover SUV that competes well against rivals such as the Lexus RX, Audi Q5 and BMW X3. The 2013 SRX is defined by its angular and athletic looks, a strong engine, and the plush cabin and creature comforts expected in a Cadillac...

[2013 Chevrolet Avalanche](#)

The 2013 Chevrolet Avalanche truck is part pickup, part SUV and entirely practical. Its big, roomy cabin is virtually identical to the Chevy Tahoe and Suburban, from the second-row seat forward. Out back is a pint-size 63-inch cargo bed. A unique folding midgate bulkhead between that bed and the flip-down rear seat extends the cargo area into the cabin, providing many more options for hauling bigger loads...

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[2013 Chevrolet Camaro](#)

There was a time, not long ago, when muscle cars and high fuel prices were about as compatible as oil and water. But, despite record fuel prices, the 2013 Chevrolet Camaro and other modern muscle cars continue to defy the odds and post strong sales numbers. Boasting impressive horsepower and mpg to match, the Camaro is a spirited performer that's also reasonably practical for everyday use...

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[2013 Chevrolet Corvette](#)

The 2013 Chevrolet Corvette is more than just a performance coupe; it's an icon of American automotive engineering and a legend to countless generations. Entering its 60th year in production, the Corvette continues to obliterate its competitors both foreign and domestic by offering up the best horsepower-to-dollar ratio of any 2-seat sports car...

To read the latest Consumer Reviews & Ratings on this vehicle, click [here](#).

[2013 Chevrolet Express](#)

When it comes to moving big payloads, few vehicles are as up to the task as the full size 2013 Chevrolet Express Van. Dressed for passenger service, the Express Van crushes the largest of SUVs, providing seating for up to 15 people. Switch to the cargo van and the Express Van offers up a massive 285-cubic-foot cargo hold...

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[2013 Chevrolet Traverse](#)

As fuel prices rise and car buyers reconsider how much vehicle they really need, more people are finding themselves abandoning big, truck-based SUVs. But families continue to grow, commodities still need to be purchased, and both must be carried to and fro in some sort of personal vehicle...

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[2013 Chevrolet Volt](#)

The 2013 Chevrolet Volt electric plug-in hybrid represents a unique twist on the hybrid-car theme. Unlike the Toyota Prius Hybrid, which uses its gasoline engine to power the car and the electric drive as a supplement, the Volt runs purely on electric current...

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[2013 Fiat 500](#)

The slick and sassy 500 is anchoring both Fiat's return to the U.S. market and the company's new role as Chrysler's small-car brand. It's easy to see the 2013 Fiat 500 as an Italian Mini Cooper: They're both small cars with big personalities and they both have storied pasts dating back to the 1950s...

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[2013 Ford Expedition](#)

In a country spanning three time zones, if you hit the road frequently you'll probably want to hit it with something big. And there are few bigger U.S. offerings than those put forth by Ford Motor Company. Its largest is the 2013 Ford Expedition, available in both standard (119-inch wheelbase) and EL (131-inch wheelbase) versions...

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[2013 Ford Focus](#)

Completely redesigned last year, the 2013 Ford Focus goes through some trim level simplification on the conventional side of its lineup but carries over the Focus Electric unchanged and adds a new dimension to the family with the high-performance Focus ST version (reviewed separately)...

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[2013 Ford Fusion](#)

The 2013 Fusion marks the second generation of Ford's mid-size family sedan. What was a good-looking car to begin with has become a dazzling one now with fresh sheet metal and slightly larger dimensions. At first glance, you might think it's an Aston Martin. The Ford Fusion's positive traits are more than skin-deep...

[2013 Ford Transit Connect](#)

The 2013 Ford Transit Connect is, along with the newish Fiesta and all-new Focus, the embodiment of the company's "One Ford" product philosophy. Designed and developed for European markets, the Transit Connect combines an upright, 2-box profile and expansive interior volume with a front-wheel-drive platform almost agricultural in its execution...

To read the latest Consumer Reviews & Ratings on this vehicle, click [here](#).

[2013 GMC Acadia](#)

Although the 2013 GMC Acadia shares most of its body, powertrain and suspension with the Chevy Traverse and Buick Enclave, GMC has given its 8-passenger SUV a bit of an edge. Compared to the Enclave, the Acadia's styling is a bit more "country" than "country club," with a bold grille reminiscent of GMC's truck line and a new, more aggressive front end...

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[2013 GMC Savana](#)

Delivery services and airport shuttles and contracting businesses understand there is nothing more capable and versatile than a big box on wheels. But so will a family with kids and dogs and dirt bikes to carry around. The 2013 GMC Savana has the size and strength to do the duty, and it also rides and drives with a smoothness and civility that may surprise you...

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[2013 GMC Yukon](#)

Whether you want an SUV that's big and powerful, flashy and full-featured, or is a relatively fuel-efficient hybrid, the 2013 GMC Yukon has a good chance of fitting your needs and style. Variety is aplenty in this full-size SUV that is a sibling to the Tahoe and Suburban from GM stablemate Chevrolet. This...

To read the latest Consumer Reviews & Ratings on this vehicle, click [here](#).

[2013 Honda Accord](#)

The Accord is synonymous with Honda and has been known for nearly four decades as a reliable, comfortable, pragmatic way to move families. What began as a 2-door hatchback in 1976 has grown into today's full-size sedan and coupe. For 2013, the Honda Accord has been revamped inside and out, entering its 9th generation and marking 30 years of being built in America...

[2013 Honda Insight](#)

Although it hasn't knocked off the public's darling hybrid, the Toyota Prius, Honda's Insight is staking out a space of its own. The 2013 Honda Insight hybrid offers a sleek and modern 5-door hatchback design, intriguingly advanced powertrain technology and a sub-\$20,000 price tag...

[2013 Honda Pilot](#)

Many SUVs have a tendency to excel in certain areas and struggle in others, but the 2013 Honda Pilot strikes the right balance between value, performance and utility. The Honda Pilot offers the 8-passenger seating capacity of a full-size SUV while retaining the fuel economy of a mid-size model...

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[2013 Honda Ridgeline](#)

Though Toyota and Nissan jumped headlong into the compact/mid-size pickup-truck market, Honda took a decidedly different approach. Rather than bringing another body-on-frame pickup to the market, Honda created a unit-construction crew-cab configuration based on its popular Pilot SUV...

[2013 Hyundai Azera](#)

Inside and out, the all-new-last-year Hyundai Azera is, in 2013, arguably the best-looking car in the large-sedan class. It's also among the most powerful and most fuel-efficient. It offers the best features (many of them standard) and still qualifies as a terrific value. If only it drove better...

[2013 Hyundai Genesis](#)

Hyundai has successfully created a line of high-end performance-luxury sedans that are gaining traction with the public. The 2013 Hyundai Genesis sedan is a powerful, well-equipped, mid-size luxury 4-door sedan that on paper is every bit the equal (and, in some cases, the better) of similar models from Mercedes-Benz, Lexus, Acura and BMW...

[2013 Infiniti EX](#)

Those who decry the 2013 Infiniti EX37 as a watered-down miniature version of the sporty FX obviously haven't spent much time behind the EX's wheel. Based on the G37 platform, the EX delivers sedan-like handling, remarkable agility and what might be considered a rarity in this segment, a smooth ride even over rough or broken surfaces...

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[2013 Infiniti FX](#)

When introduced in early 2003 the Infiniti FX brought to the market an over-the-top look that was unlike any sport-utility-type vehicle previously available, stressing as it did sporting performance and expressive style over the utility of passenger and cargo accommodation...

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[2013 Infiniti M](#)

As the flagship sedan from Nissan's prestige division, the 2013 Infiniti M delivers A-list levels of luxury, style and performance, with an accent on performance. On the value front, the Infiniti M offers a host of upscale features as standard issue along with more standard horsepower than its BMW 5 Series, Mercedes-Benz E-Class, Lexus GS and Audi A6 competitors...

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[2013 Jaguar XF](#)

Jaguar's XF, when first introduced in 2009, signaled the brand's determination to attract younger buyers and transform public perception. Several years and many enhancements later, the 2013 Jaguar XF is finally a full-fledged player in the competitive mid-size luxury-sedan segment...

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[2013 Jaguar XJ](#)

Jaguar automobiles have been cultural icons for nearly a century, and while the brand once suggested old-fashioned eccentricity, the 2013 Jaguar XJ boasts contemporary design, impeccable craftsmanship, modern amenities and sparkling performance...

[2013 Land Rover Range Rover Evoque](#)

Land Rover's rugged-yet-luxurious Range Rover line has long appealed to the well-heeled and adventurous elite. But with rising gas prices and ever-more-stringent environmental standards, even the mighty Range Rover needs to adapt. Attracting younger fans to the fold won't hurt either...

[2013 Land Rover Range Rover Sport](#)

Slightly smaller than the larger and more expensive Range Rover, the 2013 Land Rover Range Rover Sport offers the former's engine options as well as many of its luxury features. Designed to be a driver's SUV, the Range Rover Sport features a stiff suspension and big wheel-and-tire combo that, to our surprise and delight, is amazingly competent both on and off road...

[2013 Lexus CT200h](#)

The 2013 Lexus CT 200h is a tidy, upscale sports hatchback that shares key underpinnings and systems with the Toyota Prius, including the 1.8-liter engine and hybrid electric drive architecture. It makes an intriguing bundle: modest acceleration, yes, but willing road manners, sophisticated styling, a luxurious interior and a prestigious badge, together with great fuel efficiency...

To read the latest Consumer Reviews & Ratings on this vehicle, click [here](#).

[2013 Lexus GX](#)

As one of the few luxury SUVs utilizing a traditional boxed ladder frame, the 2013 Lexus GX 460 strikes an unusual and very appealing balance between serious off-road capability and civilized daily driving manners...

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[2013 Lexus IS](#)

While it has a tendency to fly under the radar, the 2013 Lexus IS continues to be a formidable contender in the ultra-competitive luxury sports-sedan category. With the standard IS250 and sporty 306-horsepower IS350 at its core, the IS lineup also offers a hardtop convertible and a high-performance IS F variant designed to compete head-to-head with BMW's M3...

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[2013 Lexus LS](#)

Lexus says that of the 6,000 parts that make up the flagship LS sedan, 3,000 have been changed for the 2013 model update. Of those many new parts arguably the most important is the spindle-shaped grille; a simple but profound addition that trumpets a newfound sense of style for the traditionally conservative LS...

[2013 Lincoln MKS](#)

Although it shares the same platform with the new Taurus, Lincoln's MKS for 2013 is taking aim squarely at the best luxury cars on the market. Lincoln plans to tackle the competition by offering more advanced suspension, engine and electronic features, as well as styling that moves the MKS out of the realm of boring and overly cautious design...

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[2013 Lincoln MKT](#)

The 2013 Lincoln MKT proves you can't always judge a car by its sheetmetal. This big SUV's exterior is highly stylized, maybe too much so, but inside, this 3-row people-hauler offers excellent accommodations that can seat up to seven in supreme comfort...

To read the latest Consumer Reviews & Ratings on this vehicle, click [here](#).

[2013 Lincoln MKX](#)

The 2013 Lincoln MKX is a refined and luxurious mid-size SUV based on the Ford Edge. Introduced in 2007 and revamped in 2011, it faces newer and better competitors in this popular segment, which include the Lexus RX, BMW X3, Cadillac SRX, Audi Q5, Mercedes-Benz GLK, Infiniti FX and Volvo XC60...

To read the latest Consumer Reviews & Ratings on this vehicle, click [here](#).

[2013 Lincoln Navigator](#)

America's first full-size luxury SUV, the 8-passenger Lincoln Navigator paved the way for many challengers such as the Cadillac Escalade, Infiniti QX56, Lexus LX 570 and Mercedes-Benz GL. Big and capable, the Navigator can now add "high-tech" to its list of superlatives thanks to the addition of Lincoln's smartphone-integration software, Sync Applink...

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[2013 Mazda MAZDA2](#)

Small cars are big news because today's petrol misers are loaded with style and features never before seen on entry-level models. Long well-regarded overseas for its attractive looks, frugal fuel use and appealing features, the 2013 Mazda2 hatchback is now working its magic on Americans...

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[2013 Mazda MX-5](#)

Living legends are hard to come by these days, especially in the cookie-cutter world of modern mobility. But there are a few standouts, cars that remain true to their original concept even as they evolve to keep up with the times. The 2013 Mazda MX-5 Miata convertible is one such car...

To read the latest Consumer Reviews & Ratings on this vehicle, click [here](#).

[2013 Mazda MAZDA3](#)

The 2013 Mazda3 is a compact car with a lot of soul. Available as a 4-door sedan or 5-door hatchback, the Mazda3 stands out for its fun-to-drive nature, value and fuel economy. The last got a big boost with the recent introduction of Mazda's Skyactiv engine technology, which enables this car to attain up to 40 mpg while not sacrificing its lively driving manners...

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[2013 Mercedes-Benz CLS](#)

Hailed as the first "4-door coupe," the Mercedes-Benz CLS for 2013 carries on as the segment's most attractive 4-door coupe – in rear-wheel (RWD) or all-wheel-drive (AWD) forms. No longer alone in the segment it created, the CLS has many imitators but few real rivals...

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[2013 Mercedes-Benz E-Class](#)

In the 2013 E-Class, Mercedes-Benz has created a vehicle that is many things to many people. In Sedan form, it's an elegant coach for the business elite, a car that says, "I've arrived, and I have room for three of my friends." In Coupe form, the E-Class makes for a stunning and sporty variant of the Sedan...

[2013 Mercedes-Benz GL-Class](#)

The 2013 GL-Class is Mercedes-Benz's version of a big SUV. This 3-row, 7-passenger vehicle aims to be the S-Class of sport-utility vehicles, and it largely mimics that flagship sedan's traits with a library-quiet cabin, pothole-absorbing suspension, and power on demand. 2013 marks the second generation of the GL, bringing a redesigned exterior and interior, and a host of high-tech safety features...

[2013 Mercedes-Benz GLK](#)

The 2013 GLK-Class is the junior member of the Mercedes-Benz SUV family. Like its larger siblings - the Mercedes M-Class and GL-Class - the compact GLK offers modern styling, upscale amenities and advanced safety features, just as one would expect from a luxury-branded vehicle...

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[2013 Mercedes-Benz S-Class](#)

For 2013, the Mercedes-Benz S Class sedan continues to redefine the meaning of motorized transportation, elevating the automobile to the type of status symbol more commonly reserved for vintage works of art or designer labels. As one would expect of a luxury leader, the S-Class is offered in a variety of flavors, beginning with the entry-level S550...

[2013 Mitsubishi Lancer](#)

The extensive line of 2013 Mitsubishi Lancer sedans, Evolution rally cars and Sportback hatch/wagons is collectively the sportiest in the profoundly competitive compact-car segment. There are turbochargers, all-wheel drive (AWD), innovative transmissions and stiff suspensions up and down the line...

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[2013 Mitsubishi Outlander](#)

As one of the larger vehicles in its segment, the 2013 Mitsubishi Outlander strikes a satisfying balance between compact and mid-size SUVs. The Outlander differentiates itself from the competition with an array of optional tech features along with aggressive styling, generous cargo space and available (if snug) seating for seven...

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[2013 Mitsubishi Outlander Sport](#)

In creating the 2013 Outlander Sport SUV, Mitsubishi borrowed more than just the name from its Outlander SUV, it also liberated a good deal of the chassis and suspension. Designed to compete with the smallest of compact SUVs such as the Mini Countryman and Nissan Juke, the Outlander Sport brings all the excitement and style of its rivals...

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[2013 Nissan 370Z](#)

There is much to like about the 2013 Nissan 370Z Coupe and Roadster. From the point of view of a committed driving enthusiast, the 370Z is near perfection, with a sweet-singing V6 engine teamed to a slick-shifting manual transmission, glued-to-the-road handling and a functional, great-looking cockpit...

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[2013 Nissan GT-R](#)

From a company known for its innovative electric cars and sporty but affordable family sedans, the 2013 Nissan GT-R appears more like a 370Z on steroids. Far more than just some generic coupe with a big engine stuffed under the hood, the GT-R is a bona fide performance machine, engineered from the ground up to deliver an adrenaline rush on par with the fastest Porsche 911 or Audi R8...

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[2013 Nissan Juke](#)

In the 2013 Juke compact SUV, Nissan has created something really quite extraordinary. It's a small SUV – smaller than a CR-V or RAV4 – that is part people-carrier, part off-road dune buggy and part sports car. The Juke can accommodate four people, or its rear seats can be folded to form a fairly large and level cargo floor...

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[2013 Nissan Quest](#)

Minivans always struggle with a perceived lack of sex appeal but the 2013 Nissan Quest makes a pretty good case for being considered cool. With a profile that is tall yet muscular, the Quest has a decidedly masculine feel, yet its interior is designer chic, which should hold strong appeal to everyone...

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[2013 Nissan Sentra](#)

Completely redesigned for 2013, the excellent new Nissan Sentra feels less like a compact car and more like a downsized mid-size sedan. The look is substantial and mature, the interior is refined in look and feel, and from front to trunk it's downright roomy...

[2013 Porsche 911](#)

Porsche continues the serial updating of its iconic 911 sports car; for 2013, the all-wheel-drive Carrera 4 models migrate to the new platform – designated 991 – introduced last year on the rear-drive Carrera. This seventh-generation architecture advances the ongoing refinement of the 911's signature rear-engine layout, with a longer wheelbase, improved roadholding, new technology and better fuel efficiency...

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[2013 Porsche Panamera](#)

That Porsche even decided to build what to many looks like a 4-door 911 in the first place is shocking enough, but that the 2013 Panamera sports sedan comes in no less than eight different trims puts a serious exclamation mark on the term “doubling down.” Whether it is the GT model with its modest 300-horsepower V6...

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[2013 Scion iQ](#)

If it's true that Americans don't like small cars, someone didn't tell the good folks at Scion. Along with the Mini Cooper, Fiat 500 and Smart Fortwo, the 2013 Scion iQ subcompact joins a growing gang of tiny commuter cars, perfect for those who live in big cities where speeds rarely break 30 mph and time behind the wheel is counted in minutes, not hours...

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[2013 Scion tC](#)

Scion is Toyota's youth-oriented division and the tC coupe has historically been its best-selling model. The car's appeal lies in spirited styling, lots of features, surprisingly good audio systems for the price and freedom to personalize the car...

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[2013 Scion xD](#)

The 2013 Scion xD hatchback may have been designed with younger buyers in mind, but it seems to hold wide appeal amongst all age ranges. Its sleek hatchback design is more versatile than a small sedan's, capable of providing maximum interior space for humans or cargo...

[2013 Subaru Tribeca](#)

While it's true there are dozens of 7-passenger vehicles on the market, you won't find many that offer as advanced an all-wheel-drive (AWD) system as the 2013 Subaru Tribeca. Subaru's Symmetrical All-Wheel Drive is a proven system loved by those whose daily drive is often accompanied by snow, rain or even dry curving roads...

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[2013 Subaru XV Crosstrek](#)

In the automotive world, downsizing has long been synonymous with downgrading. While this notion is often far from true, most of today's compact SUVs have swollen to near mid-size proportions, which in turn spawned a new series of small SUVs that actually live up to their namesake...

[2013 Suzuki SX4](#)

The versatile 2013 Suzuki SX4 comes in three distinct flavors. The SX4 Crossover is a 5-door hatchback equipped with Suzuki's 3-Mode Intelligent All-Wheel-drive (i-AWD). The Sportback shares the Crossover's same body and interior, but is fitted with front-wheel drive, a sport suspension and a lower profile...

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[2013 Toyota 4Runner](#)

The 2013 Toyota 4Runner is the last of its kind, meaning it has shunned the move toward a car-based chassis and retains the same rigid body-on-frame design that, 28 years ago, spawned the original 4Runner. This important distinction means that the 4Runner remains capable of towing heavy loads as well as venturing over rough and rugged terrain...

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[2013 Toyota FJ Cruiser](#)

Toyota's 2013 FJ Cruiser is a tribute to the legendary FJ40 Land Cruiser sold worldwide between 1960 and 1984. We like the FJ because it shuns the trend to move to a more car-like (and less capable) unit body. You won't find any cushy air suspensions or luxury trimmings inside the FJ Cruiser...

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[2013 Toyota Highlander](#)

Toyota's 2013 Highlander crossover SUV continues to impress with its abilities, features and resale value. The vehicle that basically invented the segment, the Highlander established its beachhead and never let go. No longer the smallish tall wagon that it was originally, the 2013 version (still just the second generation) has grown considerably in size and sophistication...

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[2013 Toyota Matrix](#)

In the 2013 Matrix, Toyota has created a compact wagon that is part economy car, part mini-SUV and part go-kart. The Matrix's tall seating position and available all-wheel drive (AWD) appeal to those who might gravitate toward a small SUV, but can't afford the cost or the fuel...

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[2013 Toyota Sienna](#)

The 2013 Toyota Sienna is a large people mover with impressive tech and safety features, good fit and finish and a strong engine. These add up to make the Sienna a confident competitor to its longtime rival the Honda Odyssey as well as the revamped Nissan Quest. The 2013 Sienna now comes standard with a relatively fuel-efficient V6 and can be had in 7- or 8-passenger configurations...

[2013 Toyota Tundra](#)

Nowhere is brand loyalty more prevalent than in the full-size pickup category. Deep-seated entrants like the Chevrolet Silverado, Ram 1500 and the best-selling Ford F-150 continue their dominance over the segment whereas relative newcomers, namely the 2013 Toyota Tundra, struggle to gain market share...

[2013 Toyota Yaris](#)

In the subcompact category, Toyota's Yaris had fallen behind newer, edgier competitors such as the Honda Fit, Ford Fiesta and Mazda Mazda2, so Toyota completely revamped the car last year. The 2013 Toyota Yaris hatchback pursues younger buyers with its suite of high-tech audio and communications features, attractive styling and the well-established Toyota reputation for reliability and resale value...

[2013 Volkswagen Beetle](#)

The 2013 Volkswagen Beetle is the kind of car you buy not because you need it, but because you absolutely want it. It's a "boutique" car – one that delivers heavily on style, image, emotional appeal and ownership that transcends mere transportation...

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[2013 Volkswagen EOS](#)

The dream of owning a convertible versus the reality of owning a convertible is often as far removed from one another as red states are from blue. Leaks, wind noise and the lack of security are the major headaches, which is why VW created its 2013 Eos convertible with a retractable hardtop...

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[2013 Volkswagen Jetta](#)

The 2013 Volkswagen Jetta continues to hit on all the proverbial cylinders in both sales and the sheer variety of forms in which it is offered. After a major redesign of the sedan in 2011 and the return of the sporty GLI version in 2012, the Jetta's stable grows again in 2013 with a hybrid version that is estimated to deliver up to 45 mpg...

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[2013 Volkswagen Passat](#)

Last year, Volkswagen completely reinvented the Passat mid-size sedan, and aimed it straight at the heart of American shoppers. Bigger, conservatively styled, with lots of standard equipment and a lower price, the Passat retained its German driving feel even though VW now builds it in Chattanooga, Tennessee...

[2013 Volkswagen Touareg](#)

The name is quirky (from a nomadic North African tribe) but behind the 2013 Volkswagen Touareg's badging is one of the more compelling packages in today's 5-door, all-wheel-drive (AWD) lineup. With its rigid body structure, supple suspension, strong engines and tasteful appointments, VW's Touareg provides an unusually rewarding driving experience for something called an SUV...

[2013 Volvo C70](#)

Retractable-hardtop coupes are nothing new; they've been part of the automotive landscape for over 80 years. But only recently have engineers created a practical model that is both affordable and safe. Once such example can be found on the 2013 Volvo C70 convertible, a sleek coupe that looks even sleeker with its top neatly hidden away...

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[2013 Volvo XC60](#)

The 2013 Volvo XC60 plays in the highly competitive segment of smaller luxury SUVs, facing off against the Lexus RX, BMW X3, Audi Q5, Mercedes-Benz GLK and Cadillac SRX. But like Volvos always have, the XC60 sets itself apart with safety. The XC60 is the only SUV in its class to earn a perfect 5-star rating – in all seating positions and all crash scenarios – in the government (NHTSA) crash tests...

New-Car Sales Expected to Surpass 15 Million Units in 2013, According to Kelley Blue Book Analysts

Credit Conditions, Replacement Demand and Redesigns to Promote Slow, Steady Growth, Highest SAAR in Five Years

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