Kelley Blue Book Announces 2026 Consumer Choice Award Winners

Honda Completely Sweeps Non-Luxury Brand Awards for First Time, Lexus Headlines Among Luxury Brands

ATLANTA, April 8, 2026 /PRNewswire/ -- Understanding the specifics of consumer perception is vital for automakers, especially considering they are vying for one of the largest purchases the average consumer will ever make – a new vehicle. The adage "perception is reality" is largely proven in this case by the fact that car buyers' perceptions undeniably influence realities like vehicle purchase decisions, brand loyalty and overall automaker success. Recognizing automakers' outstanding achievements in creating and maintaining brand pillars that earn the attention and enthusiasm of new-car shoppers, Kelley Blue Book, a Cox Automotive brand, today announces the winners of the 2026 Consumer Choice Awards.

"Honda is an absolute standout this year in Kelley Blue Book's Consumer Choice Awards, sweeping all of the non-luxury brand wins along with the top EV/hybrid brand honors," said Vanessa Ton, senior research and market intelligence manager at Cox Automotive. "This data-driven award sweep demonstrates new-car shoppers' high opinions of Honda on everything from trust and value to styling, performance and more. Meanwhile, Lexus dominates among luxury marques, snagging the overall luxury brand award and two additional luxury wins for trust and value. These Japanese automakers' first-class engineering, innovation and quality are leading the way. For truck shoppers, Ram claims the top spot."

Kelley Blue Book's Consumer Choice Awards are based on annual new-car shopper perception study data. Award categories are calculated among in-market luxury and non-luxury new-vehicle shoppers who plan to purchase within the next 12 months, including truck and electric vehicle/hybrid shoppers.

2026 Kelley Blue Book Consumer Choice Winners: Non-Luxury Brands

Honda	Best Overall Brand
Honda	Most Trusted Brand
Honda	Best Value Brand
Honda	Best Performance Brand

Honda	Best In-Vehicle Experience Brand
Honda	Best Car Styling Brand

2026 Kelley Blue Book Consumer Choice Winner: Truck Brand

Ram	Best Overall Truck Brand

2026 Kelley Blue Book Consumer Choice Winner: EV/Hybrid Brand

Honda	Best Overall EV/Hybrid Brand

2026 Kelley Blue Book Consumer Choice Winners: Luxury Brands

Lexus	Best Overall Luxury Brand
Lexus	Most Trusted Luxury Brand
Lexus	Best Value Luxury Brand
Mercedes-Benz	Best In-Vehicle Experience Luxury Brand
Mercedes-Benz	Best Car Styling Luxury Brand
Porsche	Best Performance Luxury Brand

The 2026 Kelley Blue Book Consumer Choice Awards are based on consumer automotive perception data from Kelley Blue Book's Brand Watch study. Kelley Blue Book's Brand Watch is an online brand and model perception tracking study, which taps into more than 12,000 in-market new-vehicle shoppers annually on KBB.com. The highly comprehensive study offers insight into how shoppers perceive crucial factors driving their purchase decisions and captures brand/model familiarity and purchase consideration among new-car shoppers.

For more information about the 2026 Kelley Blue Book Consumer Choice Awards, visit https://www.kbb.com/awards/consumer-choice-awards/.

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